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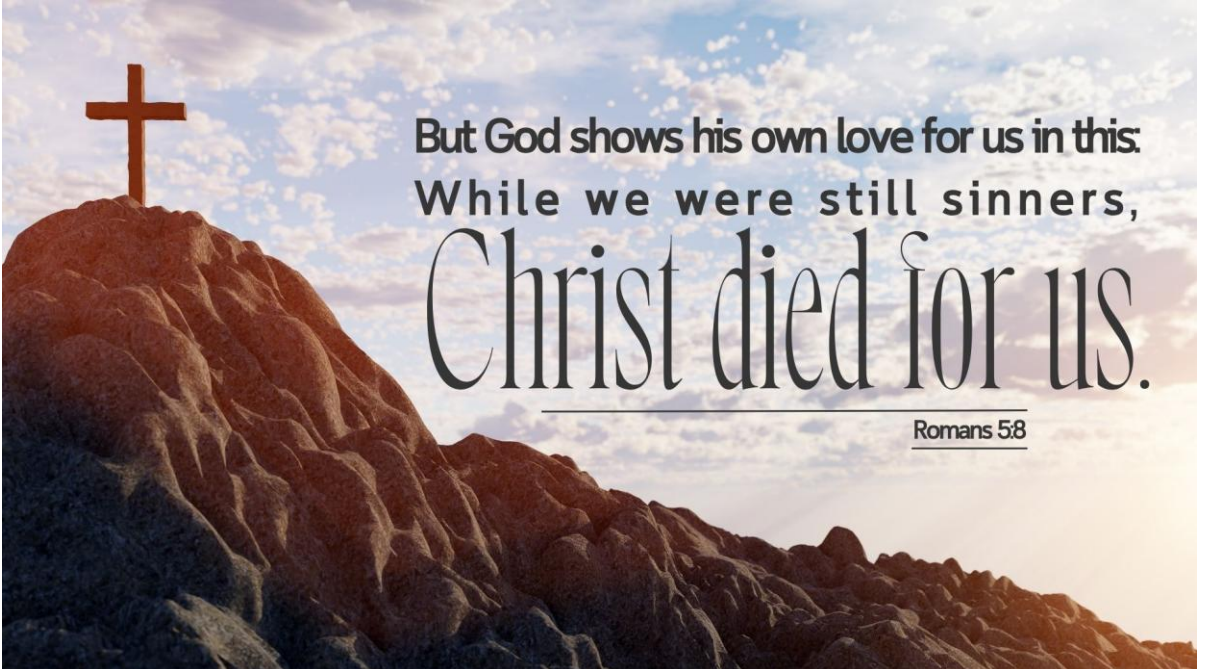
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June 21, 2026

Pentecost 4



But God shows his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 100 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 392 *God Loves Me Dearly*

LSB 392

SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

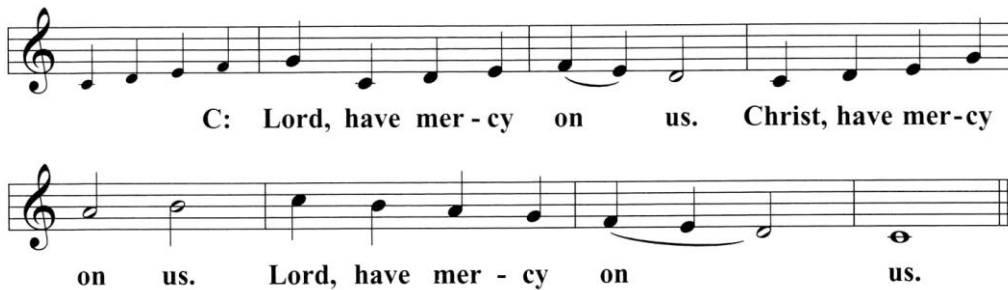
P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.* W.S. p. 13



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Gloria in Excelsis *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."* W.S. p. 13



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love.

We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Romans 5:1-5 (EHV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 100 (ESV)

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C Serve the LORD with gladness!

P Come into his presence with singing!

C Know that the LORD, he is God!

P It is he who made us, and we are his;

C we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

C and his courts with praise!

P Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**C For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:35-38 (EHV)

P The Gospel reading is from Matthew 9:35-38.

C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

³⁵ Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest."

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia and Verse

W.S. p. 14

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Alleluia!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

W.S. p. 15

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.



**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: 571 *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

LSB 571

Children's Sermon - *Children 10 years old and younger are invited to come up front.*

Sermon Text: Romans 5:6-11 (EHV)

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. ¹⁰For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. ¹¹And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

Sermon Theme: That's How Much God Loves You!

✠ What one thing about God would you say is the most incredible, the most "unfathomable"?

✠ How much does God love us according to the verses of our text? (see esp. **v. 6-8**)

Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Sermon Hymn: 744 Amazing Grace!

LSB 744

Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father *(please stand for last verse)*

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today: *Father's Day*
6/21/26 **Worship – 9am**

This Week: Wednesday – NO Wednesday Bible Study this week (Pastor at Convention)
Thurs.-Sunday – **CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI**

Church Cleaning: Team #5 (6/20-6/26); Team #6 (6/27-7/3)

Next Sunday: **Worship – 9am**
6/28/26 Conducting the Worship Service: Eric Williams, Messiah Elder



Happy and Blessed Father's Day! - to all of you who are fathers and grandfathers. What a blessing God has given us all in having Christian men like you in our lives! ***"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."***
- **Ephesians 6:4**

CLC Convention This Week – Thurs. 6/25 – Sun. 6/28 – Pastor Luke, Paul Tiefel (principal), Levi Schaller (teacher), Ted Quade and Joel Gerbitz (delegates) will be attending our church body's convention in Eau Claire this week. The Convention as well as the papers delivered are live-streamed at **ilc.edu/tv**. Please continue to pray for the work our church body, the CLC.

Activities Committee Meeting After Worship Today (6/21) –

The activities committee members for the July–September group are asked to meet in the Activity Room following the service today. (See Group 1 list on the right →).

Church Picnic Potluck Sign-Up Sheet – Sunday, July 12th –

The annual church picnic will take place on Sunday, July 12th at 12:00pm. The picnic is located at **Shelter #1 at Valley View Park in New Berlin** (5051 S. Sunny Slope Rd.). If you are able to help bring food for the picnic, please sign up on the sheets on the cupboard doors in the church hallway. Thank you!

Highlights From the Church Council Meeting – Thurs. 6/18

- The council has prepared a motion proposing changes to weekly financial reporting in the bulletin, which will be presented to the voters at the upcoming annual meeting.
- The boards will be contacting potential candidates for the upcoming board elections.

Daily Rest Subscription Sign-Up Sheet – Due TODAY! – Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the entryway if you/your family would like to receive a subscription for the coming year. **Please sign up by TODAY Sunday, June 21st.** If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Luke.

Group 1
<i>July - September 2026</i>
Ackerman, Kyle/Bethany
Behr, Tom/Kathy
Cutler, Mike/Betsy
Gurgel, Ethan
Hein, David
Koch, Tim/Gwen
Marita, John/Lisa
Mueller, Mark, Tamara
Schaser, James
Stewart, Ian/Kristen
Traub, David
Traub, Mike/Eileen
Whiting, Mark/Amanda



Firecracker 4 Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet – Saturday morning, July 4th – If you'd like to volunteer to help with our water station for the Firecracker 4 Run on Saturday, July 4th, please sign the sign-up sheet in the church entryway.

VBS – July 6-10 – 9am – 11:30am – Registration is now open for our Vacation Bible School from July 6-10 for children age 3 through 8th grade. Our theme this year will be “Making Tracks.” The sign-up sheet for student registrations is on the bulletin board in the entryway. You can also scan the QR code on the flyer, or click on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vacation-bible-school-hales-corners-wi-tickets-1988451811897?aff=oddtcreator>

We hope to see your child there! Extra flyers are available on the counter in the church hallway for handing out to friends, neighbors, or for posting in local businesses bulletin boards, etc. Please take some with you and share them!



Lutheran Spokesman Subscriptions – Due June 30th – See Sign-up Sheet on Bulletin Board –

If you'd like to renew or begin a new Lutheran Spokesman subscription, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Subscriptions are **\$20 per year** and can be paid by marking your offering envelope "Lutheran Spokesman." Please note: You need to sign up and list your address or check the "renew" box on the sign-up sheet to have the Spokesman delivered to your home.



Lawn Mowing Sign-Up Sheet – We are in need of volunteers each week to help with the lawn mowing on the church property. Please sign the sheet on the cupboard in the church hallway. If you'd like more information please speak with Fred Goodrie, Board of Property Chairman. Please join us in helping keep our property beautiful this summer, to the glory of the Lord!

Mission Helper Trip – Lunch on Wed. July 8th & Drivers Needed for Airport Run 7/8 & 7/26 -



The CLC Mission Helper Trip will once again be getting a "send-off" from us here at Messiah. We plan to host 5 mission helpers for lunch and departing devotion & prayer on **Wednesday, July 8th at noon** (after our VBS that day). We are also looking for a driver willing to drive the 5 mission helpers to O'Hare Airport in Chicago at **1pm**. We are also in need to two drivers to help with pick-up on their return to O'Hare on **Saturday, July 25th**. Please speak with

Ted Quade if you are interested in helping out with the lunch on July 8th, or if you can help with driving on either July 8th or July 26th. Thank you!

Used Verizon Smartphones for Africa - Missionary Bruce Naumann is again requesting donations of used smartphones that were previously on a Verizon plan. These are for use by pastors and pastoral students in East Africa. If you have upgraded your phone and have no use for the old one, please bring it to the office. Verizon is preferred because it will work with African cell carriers, but most others will not. A sim card is not needed. These phones are much appreciated by students and pastors in our sister African churches - thank you!

ManUp! Weekend - The 2026 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held **September 24-27, 2026**, at beautiful **Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI**. This is the 10th year of the weekend, and will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 30th for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after August 31st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Sign up today!

CLC News – Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has **received** the call to St. Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ <> Marie Muehlenhaupt has **accepted** a one year call to teach at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Teacher Rebecca Lillo has **accepted** a one year call to serve as principal at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. <> Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. <> Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Mr. Steve Sydow has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has **received** the call to St. Luke’s Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Johnathan Schnose has also **received** the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN. <> St. John’s Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has **extended** two part-time, one-year teaching calls to Lori Ruthenbeck and Lydia Buck.

RETIREMENT Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke’s Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD, has announced his **retirement** from the pastoral ministry as of June 21, 2026.

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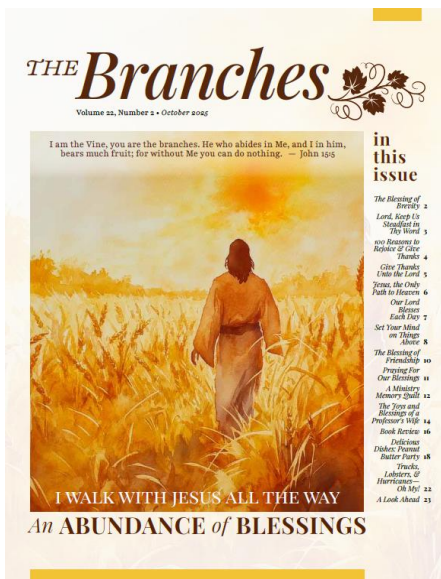
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Bible Readings:

6/21	1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 145 Rev. 19:1-10
6/22	1 Kings 18:1-19 Psalm 146 Rev. 19:11-21
6/23	1 Kings 18:20-40 Psalm 147 Rev. 20:1-10
6/24	1 Kings 18:41-46 Psalm 148 Rev. 20:11-21:8
6/25	1 Kings 19:1-18 Psalm 149 Rev. 21:9-22:5
6/26	1 Kings 19:19-20:12 Psalm 150 Rev. 22:6-21
6/27	1 Kings 20:13-25 Psalm 1 Matt. 1:1-17

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Owen Albrecht
Philip Reim

June Slideshow

James Schaser

Cleaning Team

6/27-7/3

Team 6

M/C Gescheidle
M/J Plockelman
R/A Davis
D. Hein
L/N Schaller

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings*:	\$11,019.81	\$420,254.99
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$440,845.15
Over (Under) Budget:	\$2,377.16	(\$20,590.16)
Missions:	\$24.99	\$3,634.99
MDF:	\$30.00	\$1,290.00
Kinship:	\$30.00	\$3,196.43
MSAF:	\$25.00	\$1,175.00
Spokesman:	\$100.00	\$160.00

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Attendance Last Week (6/14): 117

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