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Pentecost 10



We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 136 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 737 *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*

LSB 737

THE INVOCATION

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

(LSB p. 184; TLH page 15)

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

C **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (LSB p. 186; TLH page 16)

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God speaks to us.

First Reading

Psalm 119:105-112 (Responsive) (NIV 84)

- P** Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.
C **I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.**
- P** I am afflicted very much;
C **Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.**
- P** Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
C **And teach me Your judgments.**
- P** My life is continually in my hand,
C **Yet I do not forget Your law.**
- P** The wicked have laid a snare for me,
C **Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.**
- P** Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever,
C **For they are the rejoicing of my heart.**
- P** I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes
C **Forever, to the very end.**

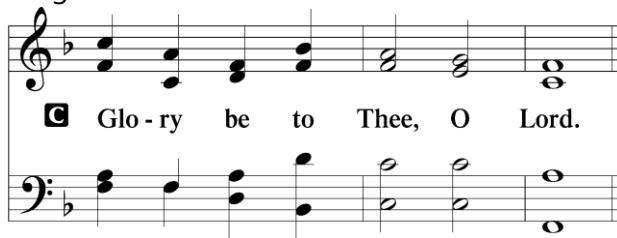
THE GRADUAL

*When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing “Hallelujah!”—meaning “Praise the Lord!”
(LSB p. 190; TLH p. 20)*

- P** Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



P The second reading is from Romans 8:28-32.

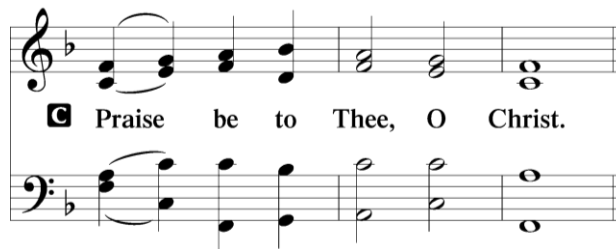


Second Reading

Romans 8:28-32 (NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

P Here ends our second reading.



Installation of Church Officers

Board of Trustees – James Schaser

Board of Elders – Dave Albrecht

Board of Education – Sam Lisak

Board of Property – David Hein; Austin Williams (1 year term)

THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (LSB p. 191; TLH p. 22)

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: 712 *Seek Ye First*

LSB 712

Sermon Text: Matthew 13:44-52 (NKJV)

⁴⁴ " Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ " Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶ "who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ " Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ "which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.

⁴⁹ "So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰ "and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." ⁵¹ Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." ⁵² Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

Sermon Theme: (Buried?) Treasure

- † To what did Jesus compare the great **"treasure hidden in a field"** (v. 44) and the **"pearl of great price"** (v. 46) in these parables?

- † What exactly is **"the kingdom of heaven"** (sometimes the Bible also refers to it as **"the kingdom of God"**)?

- † What is one important way in which we can **"treasure"** God's Word and His **"kingdom of heaven"**?

Application: How would our lives look differently if we daily valued this **treasure** above everything else in our lives?

THE OFFERTORY

(LSB p. 192-193; TLH p. 22-23)



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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sermon Hymn: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

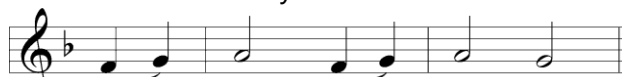
THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the Sacrament, the Lord's Supper, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. (LSB p. 194; TLH p. 24-25)

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly fitting, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!"
(LSB p. 195; TLH p. 26)

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

THE 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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor)

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

PAX DOMINI

Latin: "The Peace of the Lord." (LSB p. 197; TLH p. 28)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross. (LSB p. 198; TLH p. 27)

Music notation for the 'THE AGNUS DEI' chant, consisting of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.' The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and slurs.



THE DISTRIBUTION

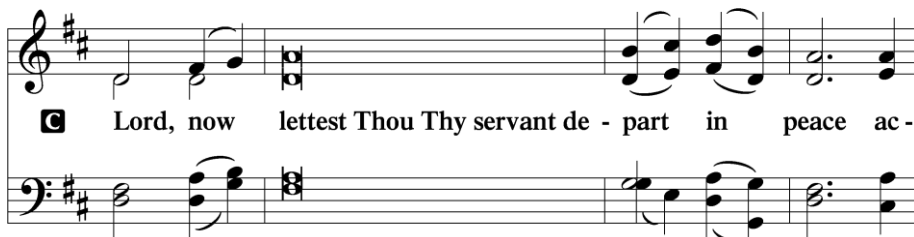
✙ For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our usher.

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us today! The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world, "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Communion Hymns: 622 LSB; 635 LSB; 632 LSB

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)
(LSB p. 199-200; TLH p. 29)



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26). (LSB p. 202; TLH p. 31)

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 654 Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

(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:
8/2/26

Worship w/ Communion – 9am

Volunteers Needed - Moving furniture off of carpet areas after worship

This Week:

Tuesday – **Board of Education – 6pm**

Wednesday - **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)

Thursday – **Board of Property – 5:30pm**

Church Cleaning: Team #1 (8/1-8/7); Team #2 (8/8-8/14)

Next Sunday: **Worship – 9am**
8/9/26

In Your Mailbox – ILC Gymnasium Building Fund Update

Volunteers Needed to Move Furniture After Worship Today – The carpets in the church building will be cleaned on Wednesday this week. We are in need of volunteers after the worship service to move furniture off of the carpeted areas and on to the tiled flooring (which was professionally cleaned on Thursday). Thank you!

Annual Voter's Meeting Summary from Last Sunday's Meeting – 7/26/26

Membership

- a. Rose Schierenbeck was removed from membership at her request.
- b. Caleb and Annie Arndt were transferred to Messiah from Messiah, Eau Claire, WI.
- c. Jordan & Brittany Albrecht and family were transferred to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ.
- d. David Traub was transferred to Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI at his request due to relocating to the Baraboo area.

Reports

- a. Elders – Ted Quade thanked the congregation for their generous support of Kinship. He also thanked Mike Gescheidle and Pastor Luke for transporting the Mission Helpers back from O'Hare on Saturday (7/25).
-Brittany Albrecht will continue to serve as secretary remotely, with Bethany Ackerman assisting with in-person duties.
- b. Education – We have one non-member student in our school this year, a 2nd grade girl. Pastor will be conducting a Bible information class with the student's mother to summarize the Biblical teachings of our church and school. It was noted that tuition for non-member students is \$2000 per year, plus books and fees.
-Principal Tiefel acquired a Google voice number for school use (414-563-RAMS). This can forward calls directly to the principal's cell phone.

Elections

- a. **Trustees** – James Schaser (outgoing: Caleb Gerbitz)
- b. **Elders** – Dave Albrecht (outgoing: Ted Quade)
- c. **Education** – Sam Lisak (outgoing: Jason Bailey)
- d. **Property** – David Hein; (outgoing: Fred Goodrie & Jordan Albrecht)
Austin Williams (1 year term)

Unfinished Business

- The Council moved proposed changes to financial reporting module in the bulletin. Going forward offering information will be updated twice per month in order to reflect the total offerings from the plate and online donations. The offering information will continue to be included in the bulletin each week, with the time period of the offerings received printed at the top of the table. The motion was carried.

New Business

- a. The Council moved that we increase the congregation's retirement contribution for each called servant by ten dollars, effective January 1, 2027. This will keep us in line with CLC Mission Code. The motion was carried.
- b. The Council moved that we increase Pastor Bernthal's vacation from three weeks to four weeks. The motion was carried.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We are continuing our study of **1 Peter**. To join online please click on Pastor Luke's Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>



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!

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 David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, 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 St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN. <> Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia, has **received** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor David Reim has also **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED



School is just around the corner, and we'd love to have you involved! All are encouraged to explore volunteer opportunities and join us as they are able.

Scan the QR code to sign up or see Mr. Tiefel for more information!







ILC FACILITIES EXPANSION

« NEXT BIG STEP »

2026 CONVENTION DECISIONS

- REOPEN ACCEPTANCE OF CEF LOANS TO \$7 MILLION
- INCREASE DONATION BALANCE FROM \$2.6M TO \$3.6M
- BEGIN CONSTRUCTION WHEN FUNDING AVAILABLE







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A person's heart plans his way, but the Lord determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9

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Bible Readings:

8/2	2 Kings 8:1-15 Psalm 35 Matt. 17:22-18:6
8/3	2 Kings 8:16-29 Psalm 36 Matt. 18:7-20
8/4	2 Kings 9:1-13 Psalm 37:1-22 Matt. 18:21-35
8/5	2 Kings 9:14-29 Psalm 37:23-40 Matt. 19:1-15
8/6	2 Kings 9:30-10:17 Psalm 38 Matt. 19:16-30
8/7	2 Kings 10:18-11:3 Psalm 39 Matt. 20:1-16
8/8	2 Kings 11:4-12:3 Psalm 40 Matt. 20:17-34



SCAN FOR
ONLINE
OFFERING

August Ushers

Andrew Albrecht
Kyle Ackerman
Ethan Gurgel

August Slideshow

Caleb Gerbitz

**Cleaning Team
8/8-8/14**

Team 2
D/K Mueller
BJ Nelson
K. Nelson
J/B Mueller
D. Griffen
J. Schaser

Fruits of Faith

July 16-31:

General Offerings:
Budgetary Needs:
Over (Under) Budget:
MSAF:
ILC Building Fund:
MDF:
ILCSAF:
Kinship:

\$12,277.78
\$17,880.00
(\$5,602.22)
\$25.00
\$300.00
\$90.00
\$100.00
\$1,271.80

Attendance Last Week (7/26): 95
Norm Mackensen Memorials: \$75.00 (Kinship)
Ray Zechel Memorials: \$740.00

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