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Pentecost 14

A scenic photograph of a mountain landscape with a lake, forested hills, and a small building on a hillside, serving as the background for the text.

**“BUT YOU, WHO DO YOU
SAY THAT I AM?”**

MATTHEW 16:15 EHV

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 31 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 872 *Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star*

LSB 872

Invocation

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

P In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

P Let us pray...

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness, let us praise to the Lord...

"Beautiful Savior" (with alternate lyrics v. 1-2)

***♪ Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.***

***Jesus, our Savior, We come to seek Thy face.
We come to see Thee in Thy Word.
Give us Thy blessing, Grant us forgiveness,
Fill us, O Lord, with love and grace!***

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads. We pray this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 6:2-8 (NKJV)

² And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD [Hebrew: "Jehovah" or "Yaweh"]. ³ "I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD I was not known to them. ⁴ "I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. ⁵ "And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. ⁶ "Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. ⁷ 'I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ 'And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.'"

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69 (EHV)

P The Gospel reading is from John 6:60-69.

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

⁶⁰ When they heard it [Jesus' words about being "the Bread of Life"], many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?"

⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, "Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? ⁶² What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is given to him by my Father."

⁶⁶ After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the Twelve, "You do not want to leave too, do you?"

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

"Beautiful Savior" (with alternate lyrics v. 3-4)

♪ ***We praise Thee, Savior, Here in Thy presence,
We've shared the blessings of Thy Word!
Go with us, Jesus, Bless us and keep us,
Until at last, we see Thee, Lord!***

***Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!***

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v. 2-3 – Text: Luke Bernthal

**☩ 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: 526 *You are the Way; Through You Alone*

LSB 526

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

Sermon Text: Matthew 16:13-20 (EHV)

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Sermon Theme: Survey Says...

† Do you like taking surveys? ☺

☐ Yes

☐ No

† Whether we like surveys or not, Jesus asks life's most important question in our text. **Who do you say Jesus is?**

○ How would you answer that question?

† Jesus concludes our text by giving His disciples a rather strange command:
Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ (Matthew 16:20). Why would He command such a thing?
Two good reasons for this might be:

1)

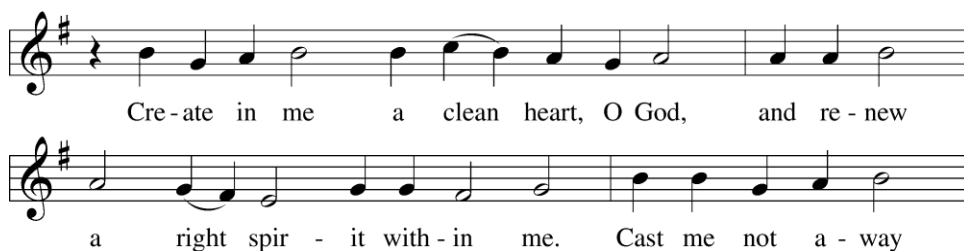
2)

Application: With whom can you share this "survey question:" **"Who do you say Jesus is?"**

P And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7 NKJV)

Offertory

LSB 956





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Sermon Hymn: 554 *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*

LSB 554

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

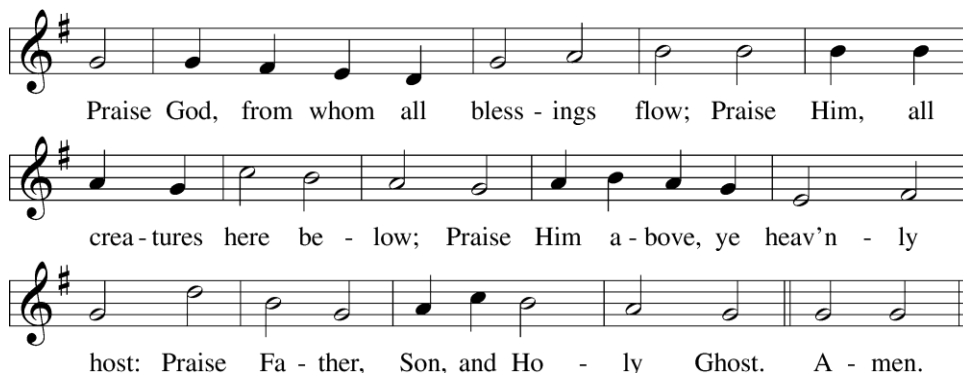
G Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine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

P 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.

The Doxology

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Closing Hymn: 686 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing *(please stand for the last verse)*

Announcements



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

Today:
8/30/26

Worship – 9am
Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting (Pastor’s Office) – **10:15am**
Activity Committee #1 (July – Sept.) Meeting (Activity Room) – **10:15am**

This week: Wednesday – **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)
Thursday – **Board of Property – 5:30pm**

Church Cleaning: Team #5 (8/29-9/4); Team #6 (9/5-9/11)

Next Sunday: **Worship w/ Communion – 9am**
9/6/26

In Your Mailbox – Messiah Calendar – *September*

Activities Committee #1 (July – September) Meeting TODAY, Sunday @ 10:15am – Following the service today (Sunday, August 30th), the activities committee members for the July-September group are asked to meet in the Activity Room. Thank you!

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting TODAY 8/30 – Sun. School Starts 9/13 -

We will be having our first Sunday School teachers' meeting after the worship service **TODAY, Sunday, August 30th at 10:15am**. If you are interested in teaching, or co-teaching—or even if you are only available as an occasional substitute, please speak with Sam Lisak, our Sunday School Superintendent (414-712-8060 cell; sjlisak@gmail.com), or with Pastor Luke.

Wedding Invitation – Ethan Gurgel and Miranda Fleischer – Sat. 9/5 @ 3pm – Eau Claire

The congregation is invited to attend the wedding ceremony of Ethan Gurgel and Miranda Fleischer on Saturday (9/5) at 3pm in Eau Claire, WI at Messiah Lutheran Church. May the Lord bless their wedding and marriage, and we look forward to having Miranda join us here at Messiah!

Highlights from Church Council Meeting - Thursday 8/20

- The Council discussed the possibility of forming a Church Security Policy Committee to provide a written report on ways to increase awareness of proper reactions in the case of certain hypothetical situations.
- The Council discussed the recent CLC Convention letter on called workers and the need to support all called workers and their families.
- Property – The board is looking into the removal of one of our trees that fell on one of our neighbor's property.

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>

Church Music Volunteers Needed – We are in need of volunteers to serve in the areas of choir director and church music director, as well as additional volunteers to serve as accompanists for worship services. If you are interested in helping out in any of these areas, or if you have questions about serving in these areas, please speak with Pastor Luke, or our Elders chairman, Eric Williams (cell: 414-587-5062, or email: eandhwilliams@hotmail.com).

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 Adam Brown, Board of Property Chairman. Please join us in helping keep our property beautiful this summer, to the glory of the Lord!



Messiah Block Party – Saturday, September 12th – 6:30-8:30pm - Save the date for the annual



Block Party on September 12! Please join us for fun, music, and fellowship on Messiah's front lawn from 6:30-8:30 P.M. Bring a lawn chair and invite your friends and neighbors! If you have a firepit or yard games to loan, please contact Mandy Whiting at (262) 501-5492.

CLC Women's Retreat-West – September 18th – 20th - We currently have nearly 80 women from 22 different CLC congregations registered to attend the Women's Retreat in Oacoma, SD, the weekend of September 18th. If you would like to join us, please register by Friday, September 4th. Information can be found at: <https://womensretreat.clclutheran.net/womens-retreat-west/>

ManUp! Weekend – September 24th – 27th - 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 Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN. <> Mr. Nick Naumann has **received** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has **returned** the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison, Heights, MI.

ANNIVERSARIES Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on September 13, 2026. Pastor Neal Radichel will be the guest speaker. <> Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, WA, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on September 20, 2026. President Michael Wilke will be the guest speaker. <> Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on October 11, 2026. Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck will be the guest speaker.

Pastor Emeritus Del Maas is with the Lord - In March of this year, Del resigned from his calls serving Gift of God congregation in Mapleton, ND and St. Paul's in Ponsford, MN due to significant, undiagnosed health issues. In the afternoon of Wednesday, August 26th, surrounded by family singing and praying over him, Del was welcomed home into the eternal embrace of his Savior. The family of Del Maas is extremely grateful for the wonderful wave of comfort, support, and prayers from family and friends from around the world. We have all palpably felt the love and appreciation expressed by people impacted by Del and his ministry in the service of our Lord Jesus, and he experienced joy as we shared these expressions with him. Your continued prayers are a profound source of comfort for Jody and family. Details about final arrangements will be announced in the near future as plans are finalized. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." – Psalm 116:15. Christian condolences and encouragement can be sent to:

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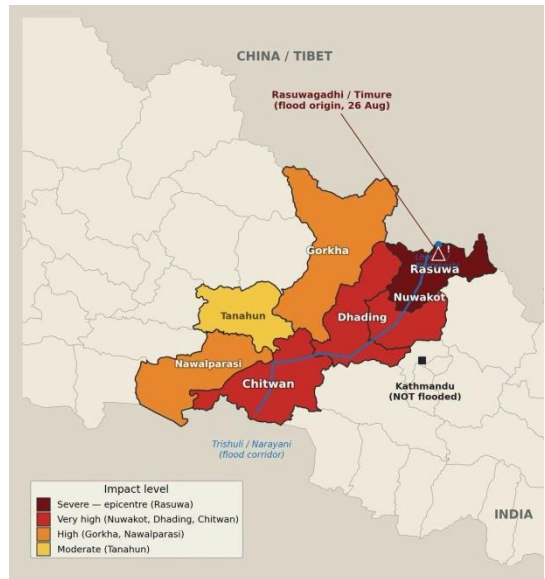
Nepal Flash Flood Disaster Update from Missionary Todd Ohlmann - The Board of Missions has approved and sent an initial Kinship Disaster Relief grant of \$3000 for the HCLCN to purchase basic first-aid supplies, medicines, drinking water, food, and tarps for temporary shelter. The names of the towns, rivers, districts, and places are familiar to anyone who has visited Nepal as a Mission Helper over the years. I can't tell you how many times I have visited the Rasuwa, Dhading, and Chitwan districts and traveled across and alongside the Trishuli River and the towns that line its banks. Please keep Nepal and especially the sheep of our Good Savior's HCLCN flock in your prayers!

The following was posted on social media with Raju's permission.

Recent catastrophic flash floods along the Trishuli and Bhote Koshi rivers have caused destruction throughout northern Nepal's Himalayan communities. Flood waters swept away infrastructure, bridges, businesses, farms, and homes, resulting in hundreds of confirmed casualties and leaving numerous residents and tourists unaccounted for as rescue and recovery continue.

The Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession Nepal (HCLCN) has congregations and church members in the Rasuwa, Dhading, and Chitwan districts. Pastor Raju and his brother Rajan, are preparing to travel to the impacted area as soon as possible. They will bring the comfort of God's word as they evaluate the damage and identify opportunities to provide humanitarian aid and relief in the name of Jesus Christ. Communication with Raju continues as we determine how CLC-Kinship can best assist affected HCLCN congregations and families.

Please keep the HCLCN and all the people of Nepal in your prayers, asking God to grant comfort to grieving families, protect relief workers, provide shelter for the displaced, and open doors for His mercy to shine through this tragedy.



Bible Readings:

8/30	Jonah 1 Psalm 62 Matt. 27:57-66
8/31	Jonah 2 Psalm 63 Matt. 28
9/1	Jonah 3 Psalm 64 Rom. 1:1-17
9/2	Jonah 4 Psalm 65 Rom. 1:18-32
9/3	Hos. 1 Psalm 66 Rom. 2
9/4	Hos. 2 Psalm 67 Rom. 3:1-20
9/5	Hos. 3 Psalm 68 Rom. 3:21-4:12

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September Ushers

Darren Mueller
Nick Blue
Jason Bailey

September Slideshow

Dave Albrecht

Cleaning Team

9/5-9/11

Team 6
M/C Gescheidle
M/J Plockelman
R/A Davis
D. Hein
L/N Schaller

Fruits of Faith

August 1-15:

General Offerings:	\$17,619.86
Budgetary Needs:	\$17,880.00
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$260.14)
CDSIF:	\$206.30
MSAF:	\$25.00
ILC Building Fund:	\$50.00
Missions:	\$100.00
Kinship:	\$245.00

Norm Mackensen Memorials: \$220.00 (Kinship)

Ray Zechel Memorials: \$765.00

Attendance Last Week (8/23): 114

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