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Pentecost 13

Good morning! We appreciate your joining our worship family, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak to the pastor beforehand. He will be happy to provide you with the information you would want and need.

Sunday family worship...9 a.m.

Today's Worship

"In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord" (1 Peter 3:15).

Greeting and prayer:

Hymn 949: Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship

Invocation:

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

C Amen.

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.



Announcements

More than hymns!

The new hymnals are in the pews. Hymns will also continue to be printed on the bulletin inserts. Besides the hymns, the hymnal contains a wealth of other material for our devotional lives. Inside the front cover are prayers which can be used before and after the service, as well as prayers for the Lord's Supper. Many more prayers for the Christian life are found on pages 305-318. The Nicene Creed, Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer are printed inside the back cover. Take some time to explore the book. The hymnal is a valuable resource for church and the home. Hymnals for home use may be purchased for \$30. See Pastor or add your name to the list on the bulletin board if you would like to buy one or more. A limited number are on hand, and more can be ordered.

A world in turmoil

The prophet Habakkuk wrote, "But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him" (Hab. 2:20). If the holy God is in His temple ruling over all things, what does it mean when the world around us is in such a state of upheaval? How is God protecting His people? We'll consider these and other aspects of God's rule in Wednesday's Bible class. You're welcome to join us either in person or via Zoom: Meeting ID: 889 4780 7981. Passcode: 648513.

Fall schedule begins next Sunday

Please note the schedule change: Services will be at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible class will resume Sep. 25.

Final photo shoot

Next Sunday, Sep. 11, will be the final photo shoot for the new church directory. If you have not signed up yet or if you missed your earlier appointment, please plan to stay for a few minutes after the service next Sunday. No appointment needed. We would like to have everyone represented in the directory.

Mission Festival in two weeks

Our annual Mission Festival will be held on Sunday, Sep. 18. Pastor Rob Sauers, Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, will be our guest speaker. Services will be at the usual times: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., with a special mission presentation at 9:15 a.m. A potluck meal will follow second service. A signup sheet for food is posted on the cupboard doors in the hall.

Missed a service?

Sunday services are streamed and archived on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/5n84v2uu> or just follow the link on the Messiah website. Podcasts of the sermon are also online. Search for *Messiah HC sermons* on Spotify, Amazon Music, Stitcher, etc. Or go to the podcast app of your choice, copy and paste: <https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/1891821.rss>.

Pastor's vacation

Pastor and Sue will be on vacation Sep. 8-13. Lay services will be held next Sunday. If needed, Pastor can be reached at 414-688-4517.

CLC news...

Pastoral calls: Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.

Anniversary: You're invited to the 80th Anniversary Observance of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church at 2100 16th St. SW, Austin, MN on September 25th 2022. Special service begins at 3:00 p.m. Dinner and anniversary program follow at 4:00. God willing, the service will feature two sons of the congregation: Pastor Michael Eichstadt, as guest speaker, and Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, guest liturgist. Please RSVP to Pastor Ted Barthels at tedbarthels@gmail.com by Monday September 19 so that dinner plans can be finalized.

Looking Ahead...

•Tuesday:
11:00 A.M: New Perspective service, Franklin.

6:00 P.M: Bd. of Property.

6:30 P.M: Bd. of Education.

7:30 P.M: Sunday school teachers (Zoom).

•Wednesday:
6:30 P.M: Bible class.

7:30 P.M: Choir.

•Next Sunday:
Fall schedule: Services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.

•September 18th:
Mission Festival.



September Ushers

Cleaning Teams 9/10-9/16

1st Service:	T. Koch B. Naumann	Church:	Plockelman, Davis, A. Mueller
2nd Service:	J. Marita A. Marita	School:	Whiting, Lillo

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$15,159.00	\$78,451.00
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,784.00	\$79,056.00
Sunday School:	\$0.00	\$7.00
Over (Under) Budget:	\$6,375.00	(\$605.00)
Missions:	\$10.00	\$1,300.00
MDF:	\$65.00	\$595.00
Benevolence Fund:	\$300.00	
Attendance Last Sunday: 132		

Bible Readings:

9/4	1 Sam 20 1 Cor 2 Lam 5 Ps 36
9/5	1 Sam 21-22 1 Cor 3 Ezk 1 Ps 37
9/6	1 Sam 23 1 Cor 4 Ezk 2 Ps 38
9/7	1 Sam 24 1 Cor 5 Ezk 3 Ps 39
9/8	1 Sam 25 1 Cor 6 Ezk 4 Ps 40-41
9/9	1 Sam 26 1 Cor 7 Ezk 5 Ps 42-43
9/10	1 Sam 27 1 Cor 8 Ezk 6 Ps 44

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Nunc Dimittis

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
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 without end. A-men.

Prayer

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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

C Amen.

Closing hymn 583: God Has Spoken by His Prophets

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C 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 in the stead and by the command of my 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.

Gloria

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.

Kyrie

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

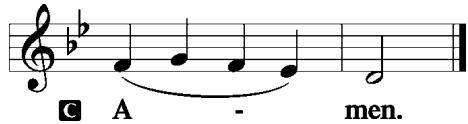
P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

The Collect prayer:

P: Let us pray:

Lord our God, You have graciously bestowed on us the gift of faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen our faith so that we may fight the good fight of faith in times of trial, winning those daily struggles and anticipating the final victory that awaits us by Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:1-13

The trials of believers are not signs of God's anger, but evidence of His fatherly, loving discipline.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

¶ Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Hallelujah!



5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Distribution hymn 632: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Distribution hymn 631: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need

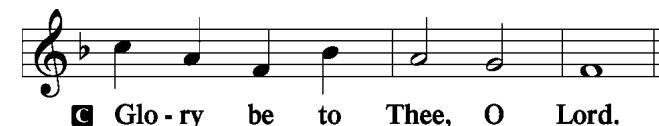
Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee and roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

Gospel Lesson:

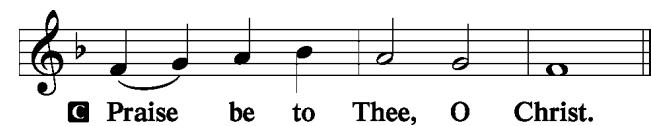
P The Gospel lesson is recorded in Luke 12:49-53.



When Jesus' word is rejected in disbelief, it causes division rather than peace.

"I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

P This is the Word of the Lord.



Choir: My Ransom

What fear can overtake my vision? What doubt can overcome my faith?
 What strife can silence all my singing? Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom.

What thief can steal my heart's possession? What pow'r can overwhelm my soul?
 What shame can silence my confession? Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom.

And what unspeakable mercy has emptied heaven's reserve?
 And what Redeemer so worthy has covered sin with such love?
 And what unsearchable riches, far beyond human words!
 Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom.

What lie can sever what is certain? What storm can wash away my hope?
 What threat of death can take my freedom? Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom.

And what unspeakable mercy has emptied heaven's reserve?
 And what Redeemer so worthy has covered sin with such love?
 And what unsearchable riches, far beyond human words!
 Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom.

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
 Lord, Your wounds have paid my ransom.

Nicene Creed

C 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 850: God of Grace and God of Glory

Sermon: Jeremiah 23:23-29

"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal?

Agnus Dei

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, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



Prayer of the Church

Pastor: plain type

Cong: underlined, boldface type

Dear Lord of faithful love and promise, **who wants all people to be saved in Christ:** We thank You for the example and encouragement of that great cloud of witnesses, those believers who have gone before us and have run the race of faith with steadfast endurance. **We praise You for giving them the strength to keep their eyes on Jesus despite persecution and many other trials.**

We pray that You would grant us, our loved ones, and all believers in the world today the same grace to persevere in the faith until we join the saints before Your throne in glory. **Preserve us from the idol of popularity and making the approval of others our goal in life.** Keep us growing in faith and love for You and our neighbor. **Lead us to appreciate the importance of daily Bible study and time spent with one another around the Word in worship services, school, and Bible classes.**

Help us to see Your loving purposes even in the hard truths of Your Word. **Protect us from sinful pride which would reject Your Word.** Bless our reception of Jesus' body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Sacrament. **Cause this miraculous gift to lift our spirits and give us new confidence to live for You and witness to others of the love of Christ crucified.**

On this Labor Day weekend, we thank You for the blessing of work by which You give productive meaning to our days and provide for our earthly needs. Forgive our complaints about the work You have given us. **May we gladly offer our help to those who are unable to work due to age or illness.**

In the week ahead, bless us in the roles You have appointed for us. In our work, play, and other activities, may we always seek first Your kingdom and righteousness. **In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hymn 655: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the Preface response. It consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note, followed by an eighth note, a quarter note, an eighth note, and a quarter note.

C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the Preface response. It consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note, followed by an eighth note, a quarter note, an eighth note, and a quarter note.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Musical notation for the Preface response. It consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note, followed by an eighth note, a quarter note, an eighth note, and a quarter note.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom people of faith before us believed in spite of persecution, and who has now fulfilled all Your gracious promises. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. It consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody starts with a half note, followed by a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note.

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

Continuation of musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. It consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody continues with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note.

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.

Lord's Prayer

P 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...

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - men.

Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

The Problem With Popular Preaching

- I. It is made up of dreams people want to hear.
- II. It rejects the Word people need to hear.



Cong:

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.

Offering