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Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Family Worship: 9:00 A.M.

Choir: 8:00 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible class: 10:15 A.M.

Today's Worship

"I will not leave you as orphans" (In. 14:18).

Greeting and prayer

Hymn 913: O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Invocation:

- In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.



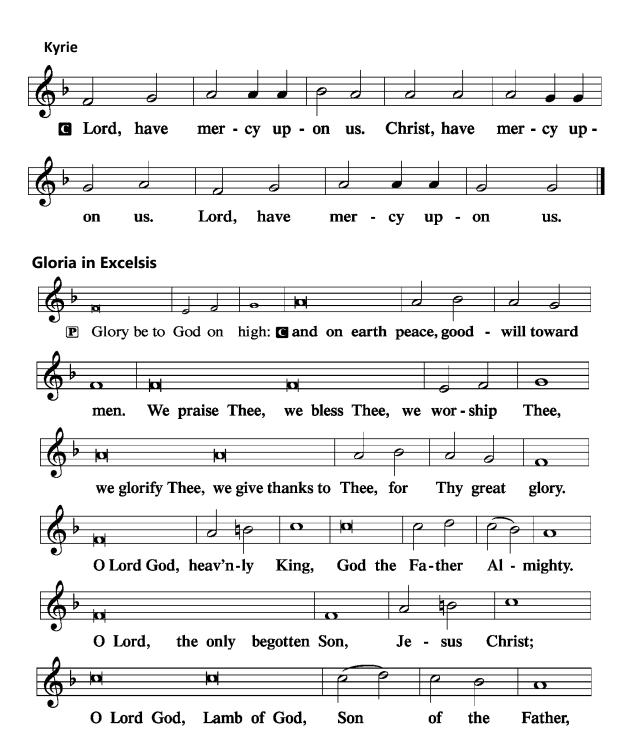
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- 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.

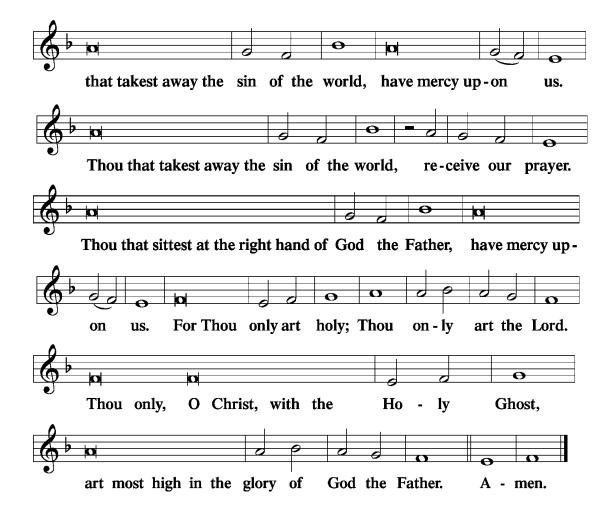






as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



The Collect prayer:

P: Let us pray:

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Lesson:

Ezekiel 37:1-14...The Holy Spirit breathes new life into spiritually dead hearts.

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia.



Second Lesson:

P: The second lesson is recorded in Acts 2:1-21



The Holy Spirit was poured out on the Apostles and through them to all the world...

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord

comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.



The Third Article of the Creed:

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Hymn 496: Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Sermon: John 14:25-27

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Rest For Restless Hearts

I. Through the peace Jesus gives

II. Through the Spirit the Father sends



Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.



Offering

Hymn 497:1: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your graces now outpoured On each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to them impart. Lord, by the brightness of Your light In holy faith Your Church unite; From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Plain type. Cong: Underlined, boldface type

Dear Lord God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier: We praise you for fulfilling your promise not to leave us as orphans. <u>You poured out your Holy Spirit upon the apostles, instructing, equipping, and emboldening them to preach the good news of salvation in Christ to all the world.</u>

We thank you, Holy Spirit, for breathing the new life of faith into our dead hearts. Through Word and Sacrament continue to teach, encourage, and remind us of what Jesus has done to save us from sin and death. **Grant us true rest with the peace of sins forgiven, your help in every trial, and the certain hope of the perfect life to come with you in heaven**.

Spirit of life, we thank you for the blessings of the past school year both here and at Immanuel in Eau Claire. Cause the faith and spiritual understanding of students and teachers alike continue to grow and produce a rich harvest of fruit in their lives.

Grant your healing to all who are sick or troubled in body or mind. Remind the lonely that you are always as near as your Word. May we as your children befriend all who are in need of help. Lord Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life. We ask your comfort especially for the family of Kent Quade, brother of Messiah member Ted Quade, whom you graciously called from this temporary life home to yourself. Assure his family that you understand their grief, hear their prayers, and will hold them close to you.

Lord, along with your greatest spiritual blessings, you give us many joys for our lives here on earth. We thank you for the priceless gifts of family, friends, and fellow Christians. We ask your blessings for Melanie Gerbitz and Emre Aydiner who will be married on Saturday. May they build their new life together on the one sure foundation of your Word.

In all our work and activities this week, Holy Spirit, go with us. **Be our counselor, helper, and guide**. May the new life you have created within us be seen in the priorities we set and in the love we show toward all people. **In Jesus' name. Amen**.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 503: O Day Full of Grace

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.



Closing hymn 853: How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Announcements

Thank you!

Special thanks to the school students and adult helpers who planted flowers around the church last week.

The Old Testament for today's world

The Wednesday Bible class will continue our study of homosexuality in the light of God's Word. This week's focus is on what the Old Testament says about homosexuality and whether it applies to today's world. You're welcome to join us either in person or via Zoom: Meeting ID: 826 5913 7548 Passcode: 910642.

Church council notes

Call meeting: Since Pastor Eichstadt has announced his retirement, a voters meeting will be held after the worship service on June 9 to call a new pastor.

Finances: April offerings were \$3,769 below budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds decreased by \$5,000. Fiscal year-to-date offerings are \$31,500 below budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds has decreased by \$14,644.

Mowing help needed: We have had ideal growing conditions for lawns, and so it is important that the church property be mowed every week. Please check the list on the cupboard doors and help out as you're able. The Board of Property is also looking for backup mowers who could be called if no one signs up for a week. Contact Ian Stewart for more information.

Save the dates!

VBS is scheduled for July 15-19. Signup sheets for students and teachers/helpers are on the bulletin board. Flyers to hand out to neighbors and friends will be available soon. Friendship Sunday, installation of Mr. Levi Schaller, and the church picnic will be held on July 21.

CLC update

Convention Prospectus: Copies of the Prospectus for June's CLC Convention are on the hall counter. The Prospectus is also available online at: tinyurl.com/2024CLCProspectus. **Lower Michigan Youth Camp:** The 21st Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 15-18 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 10. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp. Finances: General Fund – April receipts: \$84,814 VS disbursements: \$86,281. The General Fund subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, Ed/Pub, & Regents (including ILC.) ILC Operations – April receipts: \$125,253 VS disbursements: \$125,576. IIF – April receipts: \$3,672 VS disbursements: \$10,524. ILC Building Projects – April receipts: Negative \$33,327 (contributions of \$5,163 offset by a \$38,490 decrease in market value of investments) VS disbursements: \$6,395. MDF - April receipts: \$17,118 VS disbursements: \$40,440 (including a vehicle in Nepal and a motorcycle in Bangladesh for a total of \$14,500.) Kinship – April receipts: \$16,519 VS disbursements: \$1,428. ČEF – April receipts: Negative \$29,415 (mortgage payments and contributions of \$29,498 offset by a \$58,914 decrease in market value of investments) VS disbursements: \$5,474. SAF – April receipts: \$7,579 VS disbursements: \$10,255 (including student loans, grants, scholarships and tuition assistance). Reserve Fund is currently invested in a money market account until needed, typically each fiscal year-end. EduK8 Fund – April receipts: \$2,765. Balance \$46,151.

Bible Readings:		
5/19	1 Chronicles 1-2; John 7:32-53	
5/20	1 Chronicles 3-5; John 8:1-20	
5/21	1 Chronicles 6-7; John 8:21-36	
5/22	1 Chronicles 8-10; John 8:37-59	
5/23	1 Chronicles 11-13; John 9:1-23	
5/24	1 Chronicles 14-16; John 9:24-41	
5/25	1 Chronicles 17-19; John 10:1-21	

May Ushers	Cleaning Team 5/24-5/31
Jordan Albrecht Jared Barthels Mason Garvens	J/L Lisak E/J Nelson E/H Williams B/B Naumann M/A Whiting
May Slideshow Ethan Gurgel	

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$12,583.55	\$365,017.28
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$391,849.65
Over (Under) Budget:	\$4,203.34	(\$26,832.37)
Sunday School:	\$7.53	\$125.70
MSAF:	\$360.00	\$1,674.75
ILC Building Fund:	\$100.00	\$1,095.00

*Includes 5/1-5/15 e-giving: \$5,770.05 Attendance Last Sunday: 121



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