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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 414-688-4517.

Sunday family worship...9:00 a.m.

# Today's Worship

"There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God" (Heb. 4:9).

#### Greeting and prayer:

#### **Invocation:**

P: In the name of the Father,

C: who loved us and created our world and us from nothing;

P: In the name of the Son,

C: who loved us, died, and rose again to make us children of God;

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: who in Holy Baptism changes us from dead in sin to alive in Christ. Amen.



# Hymn 906: O Day of Rest and Gladness

#### **Confession and Absolution:**

P: Before there was light, God knew each of us by name.

C: "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him."

P: Yet we have rebelled against our Creator. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

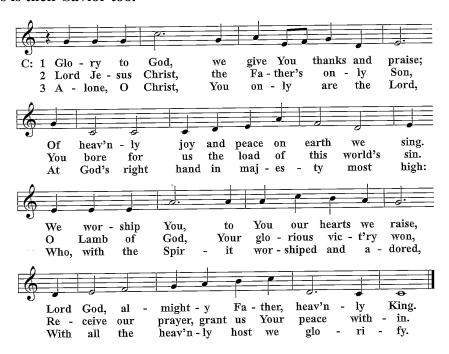
C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

P: For these sins and all sins against You,

C: we confess our guilt and ask for Your mercy because of what Jesus did for us. We plead for His blood to cover all our sins.

P: Hear the Good News! Believe with all your heart that God has forgiven all your sins because of Jesus' sacrifice for you. Receive that forgiveness in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thank You, Lord, for adopting us as Your children. Use us to tell others that Jesus is their Savior too.



#### **Prayer:**

P: Eternal God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### **Old Testament lesson:**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15....God instituted the Sabbath day to provide rest for the body and refreshment for the soul through the remembrance of his deliverance.

"'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.""

#### **Epistle lesson:**

# 2 Corinthians 4:5-12...God has placed the treasure of the gospel good news into "jars of clay."

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

#### Nicene Creed

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 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 523:** O Word of God Incarnate

#### **Sermon: Mark 2:23-28**

One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

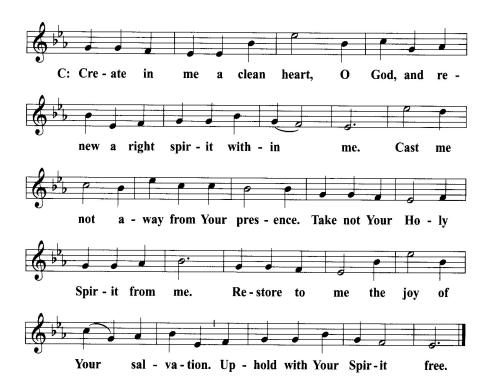
And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?"

And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

DO I HAVE TO GO TO CHURCH?

I. The obedience God's law requires
II. The rest Jesus gives





# **Offering**

# The Prayer of the Church

Hymn 684: Come Unto Me, Ye Weary



#### THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.



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, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



#### **Words of Institution**

**Distribution hymns: 627, 634, 624.** 

#### **Nunc Dimittis**

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill.
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.



P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood Be for my soul the highest good.

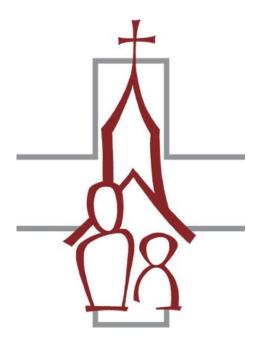


#### **Benediction:**

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 923: Almighty Father, Bless the Word



#### Announcements

## Summer schedule begins today

Our summer Sunday schedule begins today: Worship service at 9:00 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class will resume in September.

#### Delegate conference

The Great Lakes Delegate Conference gets underway tomorrow at Faith, Markesan, WI. Our two delegates: Adam Brown and Joel Gerbitz will attend along with Pastor Eichstadt and Principal Tiefel.

# Call meeting next Sunday

Pastor Andrew Schaller will conduct the service next week. A call meeting will follow the service to call a new pastor.

# Bare cupboards to fill...

Our new lower grade teacher Levi Schaller and his wife Nicole will be arriving mid-July. We would like to stock their pantry with some of the basics. There are boxes in the kitchen for donations of things such as non-perishable food items, household goods, and gift cards. Contact Lisa Lisak for more information.

#### CLC updates

Calls: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO has received a call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. Teacher Andrew Roehl of Grace Lutheran School in Valentine, NE has returned the call from Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI.

From Missionary Ohlmann: Last weekend, Cyclone Demal struck the northeast coast of India and the southern coastal areas of Bangladesh. The Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) has congregations, preaching stations, and many members in this area. Pastor Banarjee reports that fifteen homes of BLCM members have been destroyed, with an additional twenty-four homes severely damaged. Furthermore, two church buildings have been severely affected. These are some of the only Christian churches in the area. The cyclone has impacted over fifty BLCM families. These congregations mainly consist of marginalized and impoverished former Hindus who live day to day as subsistence farmers. The cyclone has destroyed this year's crops and future crops, including many established fruit trees. The CLC Board of Missions was able to respond quickly by sending immediate Kinship humanitarian aid, praying that the Lord will bless and multiply these funds for the care of the sheep in the BLCM flock. "The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works" (Ps. 145:8-9).

## Messiah youth group organizing

The Messiah Youth Group is intended as an opportunity for middle school (entering 6th Grade and up) and high school children of the congregation to gather for fun and fellowship. Events will be planned and supervised by Mr. Tiefel, Sam and Emily Lisak, and Alex and E Hannah Saunders. Those interested are asked to complete the survey found at the QR code to help with planning. Event details will be shared once dates are finalized.



#### Vacation

Pastor and Sue will be on vacation June 4-10. No Wednesday Bible class this week.

Bible Readings:		
6/2	2 Chronicles 10-12; John 13:18-38	
6/3	2 Chronicles 13-16; John 14	
6/4	2 Chronicles 17-19; John 15	
6/5	2 Chronicles 20-22; John 16:1-15	
6/6	2 Chronicles 23-25; John 16:16-33	
6/7	2 Chronicles 26-28; John 17	
6/8	2 Chronicles 29-31; John 18:1-23	



SCAN FOR ONLINE OFFERING

# June Ushers Cleaning Team 6/7-6/14 John Mueller Richard Davis Vaughn Morris B/L Blue D. Blue O. Docter I/K Stewart C/A Gerbitz June Slideshow Dave Albrecht

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:		
Budgetary Offerings:	\$3,257.05	\$372,271.33		
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$408,610.07		
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$5,123.16)	(\$36,338.74)		
CDSIF:	\$10.00	\$900.00		
MSAF:	\$300.00	\$1,999.75		
ILCSAF:	\$100.00	\$1,000.00		
MDF:	\$30.00	\$1,955.00		
Attendance Last Sunday, 79				

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# Giving Opportunities

Below is a list of the various funds and their purposes to which we can contribute and help support the proclamation of the gospel both locally and around the world.

#### CLC funds

**General fund:** Offerings to missions support the day-to-day operations of both the CLC mission program and Immanuel Lutheran College. Messiah has made missions contributions a part of our regular budget.

**Mission Development Fund (MDF):** This fund supports mission projects which are normally limited-term, such as buying Bibles and Catechisms, roofing foreign churches, and purchasing motorcycles and bicycles for pastors.

Immanuel Improvement Fund (IIF): Money in this fund is used for major campus maintenance projects, as well as other needs which are not part of the regular operating budget.

**ILC Student Aid:** This fund provides loans and grants to students in both the high school and college departments. The fund is available to all ILC students synod-wide, not just those from Messiah.

**ILC Building Fund:** Funding is needed for the construction of a new gymnasium and fine arts center.

**Kinship:** This fund supports orphans and seminary students in both Africa and India.

#### Messiah funds

**General offerings:** Offerings to the general fund support the majority of our programs, as well as maintain our buildings and property. Our CLC missions contributions also come from the general fund.

**Messiah Student Aid Fund (MSAF):** This fund directly assists families who are members of Messiah by offering tuition aid for children attending Immanuel Lutheran High School or College. Once a year the available funds are applied to the accounts of Messiah members at ILC.

Christian Day School Improvement Fund (CDSIF): Money received into this fund is used to purchase items useful to the school which are not covered by the regular budget.

**Benevolence Fund:** Funds are used to help with the material needs of others, and are distributed at the discretion of the pastor and elders.