



Whoever follows me

Will never walk
in darkness (Jn. 8:12)



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Pentecost 5

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.

Sunday family worship...9:00 A.M.

Today's Worship

"I am the way and the truth and the life" (Jn. 14:6).

Greeting and prayer:

Opening hymn 726: *Evening and Morning*

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

C: Amen.



P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

L O R D , H A V E M E R C Y *Kyrie*

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

G L O R Y T O G O D I N T H E H I G H E S T *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

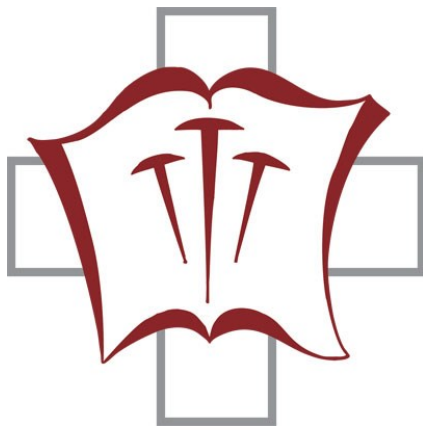
C: Amen.

Old Testament lesson: Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?



I WILL PRAISE YOU

Antiphon

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -
joice and be glad! This is the day the
Lord has made, let us re - rejoice and be glad!

Psalm Tone

I will praise You, for You have answered me, *
And have become my salvation.

I will praise You, for You have answered me,*
And have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.*
This was the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Antiphon

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*
We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD, and He has given us light;*
Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise You;*
You are my God, I will exalt You.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

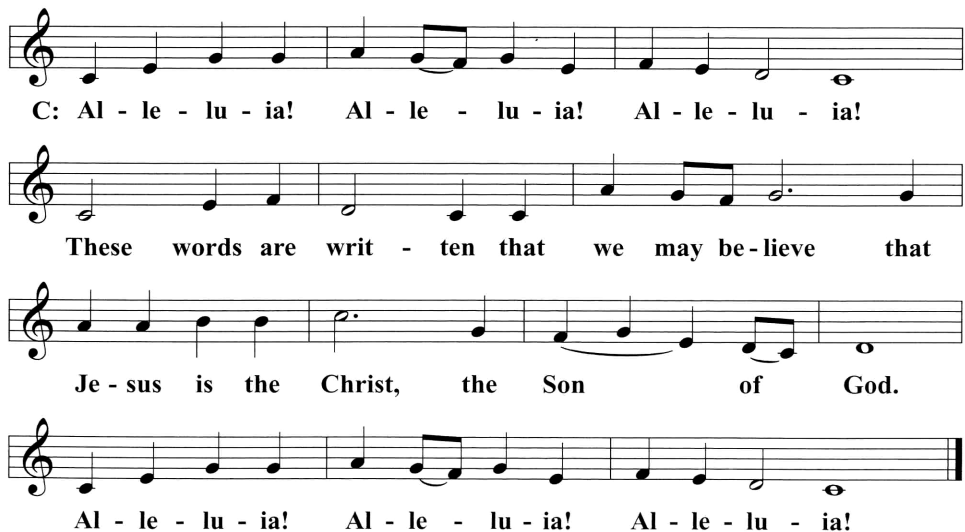
Antiphon

Epistle lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed

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 is seated 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 526: *You Are the Way; through You Alone*

Sermon: John 14:1-11

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip?”

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves."

Jesus is the Map
I. To heaven
II. To the Father



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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering

Hymn 816:1: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

*From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*



Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722: *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

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 718: *Jesus, Lead Thou On*

Announcements

Thank you!

We thank Mr. Erik Nelson for conducting the service today while Pastor Eichstadt is attending the CLC Convention in Eau Claire.

Summer Bible class series

“All Scripture is God-breathed” (2 Tim. 3:16), and therefore every book and verse of the Bible are important for us to read and hear. However, there are certain chapters which speak to the heart of saving faith and to our lives as God’s children. They serve as a foundation or starting point for understanding the rest of Scripture. This Wednesday we’ll begin a ten-part series on these important chapters in the Bible. This week we’ll focus on the first three chapters of Genesis which teach us about the origin of all things, the institution of marriage, and why things are the way they are now. Everyone is welcome to join the study either in-person or via Zoom: Meeting ID: 820 2398 3181 Passcode: 408974.

Save the date...

The Bd. of Property is heading up a work day this Saturday, June 29, beginning at 8 a.m.

There are a number of projects to tackle which will need at least several people, including replacing rotted wood on the front exterior of the church, repairing gutters, and reinforcing the playground equipment. Check the cupboard doors in the hall for a more complete list.

The July-September Activity Committee will meet after church next Sunday, June 30.

New on the “free shelf”

More items have been placed on the “free shelf” in the copy room: Several devotion books, Luther’s Table Talk, Sing the Faith CD (Small Catechism set to music), DVD: Luther and the Reformation.

There’s still room!

Even though the VBS signup sheet was filled, there is still plenty of room for additional students. More adult helpers are also welcome. An additional signup sheet has been added to the bulletin board. VBS will be held July 15-19. Flyers to share with neighbors, friends, etc. are on the hall counter. Help yourself to a yard sign to put on your lawn. If you still have a sign from last year, return it for updating.

Time to renew

Subscriptions to *The Lutheran Spokesman* expire with the June issue. The renewal sheet is on the bulletin board. The cost is \$15 due by June 30. It’s a good way to receive devotional and topical articles, as well as to stay up to date on news around the synod. It also makes a great gift.

Congregational finances

May offerings were \$2,856 below budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds decreased by \$6,608. For the fiscal year which ends at the end of June, offerings are \$34,354 under budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds has decreased by \$21,252. For several months offerings were keeping pace with the budget, but recently there has been a shortfall. May the Lord provide us with the means and the generous hearts to support his work among us. It is good to remember, too, that even when vacations take us away from a Sunday service, the weekly expenses are still there.

Help for the “helpers”

The CLC Mission Helper team will be using Messiah as a staging area before heading overseas to East Africa via Chicago. Several drivers are needed to drive the team to Chicago on Monday, July 8, and then pick them up on Friday, July 26. A light lunch will be served on Monday, July 8, and a sendoff devotion around 2:00. Speak to Mr. Quade if you are able to help.

Firecracker Four

The village has asked if we could provide a water table for the July 4th Firecracker Four race as we have done for many years. A signup sheet for volunteers is posted on the bulletin board. It is always a lot of fun to either hand out water or run the race. It is also a good way to show our support for the community.

CLC news

Calls: *Pastor Sam Rodebaugh* of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO has returned the call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.

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.

ManUp! Weekend: Registration is open for the 2024 ManUp! Weekend, which will be held on September 26-29, 2024, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend 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 31 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on and after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the ManUp! website: <http://www.manup.clclutheran.org> and clicking on the registration form. Sign up today, and spread the word!

Bible Readings:

6/23	Job 1-3; Acts 7:1-19
6/24	Job 4-6; Acts 7:20-43
6/25	Job 7-9; Acts 7:44-60
6/26	Job 10-12; Acts 8:1-25
6/27	Job 13-15; Acts 8:26-40
6/28	Job 16-18; Acts 9:1-22
6/29	Job 19-20; Acts 9:23-43



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Vaughn Morris

June Slideshow
Dave Albrecht

Cleaning Team 6/28-7/5

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K. Nelson
J/B Mueller
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J. Schaser

<i>Fruits of Faith</i>	<i>Last Week:</i>	<i>To Date:</i>
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$11,525.27	\$400,712.18
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,380.21	\$433,750.70
Over (Under) Budget:	\$3,145.06	(\$33,038.52)
Kinship:	\$100.00	\$2,557.56
ILC building fund:	\$25.00	\$1,170.00
MSAF:	\$25.00	\$2,049.75
Other (Spokesman, etc):	\$35.00	\$35.00

*includes 6/1-6/15 e-giving: \$4,910.27
Attendance Last Sunday: 127