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Pentecost 18

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.

Choir: 8 a.m. Family worship: 9:00 A.M. Sunday School/Bible Class: 10:15

Today's Worship

"For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." Luke 11:10

Greeting and prayer:

Opening hymn 981 (p. 8): *To Your Temple, Lord, I Come*

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

C: Amen.

Note of Appreciation

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Thank you so much for the wonderful farewell you gave us! The program brought back a flood of fond memories of our Christian partnership over the years. The German meal was fantastic. The gift of the downsized woodcut from the back wall of the sanctuary is perfect. We're checking out all the walls in our home for just the right spot. The financial gift was beyond generous and greatly appreciated. We used part of it to replace furniture we weren't able to bring along. Thank you, as well, for the conversations during and after the meal. With help from the congregation here, we unloaded the U-boxes on Wednesday. Everything arrived in great condition. Thank you to all who packed the boxes for us. Please keep us in your prayers as we will remember you in ours.

Yours in Christian love,
Pastor and Sue



Bible Readings:

9/22	Song of Sol 6-8; Galatians 1
9/23	Isaiah 1-3; Galatians 2
9/24	Isaiah 4-6; Galatians 3
9/25	Isaiah 7-9; Galatians 4
9/26	Isaiah 10-12; Galatians 5
9/27	Isaiah 13-15; Galatians 6
9/28	Isaiah 16-18; Ephesians 1



SCAN FOR
ONLINE
OFFERING

September Ushers

Bryon Nelson, Sr.
Josh Serba
Christian Starr

September Slideshow

Jordan Albrecht

Cleaning Team 9/27-10/4

S/E Lisak
J/K Gerbitz
J/K Rodebaugh
J/H Barthels
J/S Serba

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$6,151.40	\$76,219.77
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$94,284.19
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$2,419.89)	(\$18,064.42)
Kinship:	\$400.00	\$1,231.96
ILC Building Fund:	\$150.00	\$400.00
CDSIF:	\$280.00	\$2,760.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 125

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[Jesus said]

“If you ask me for
anything in my name,
I will do it.”

John 14:14

Announcements

Thank you!

We thank Pastor Tiefel for sharing the Word of God with us today in church and Bible class.

Parsonage Progress

Thank you to those who have spent time completing projects so far from filling nail holes, buying supplies, to sanding and refinishing stairs. Let's keep the momentum going! Please see the signup sheet on the cupboard doors or speak with a Board of Property member today if you have questions.

Member Update

Tom (414-379-2035) and Kathy (414-529-5296) Behr
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Looking Ahead...

Tuesday:
6:30 P.M.: Ladies Group.
October 1:
6:15 P.M.: Technology.



Please e-mail secretary@messiahhc.org with updates or changes for the membership directory. Copies are available on the counter in the Narthex.

Pantry Shower for the Bernthal's

There will be boxes in the kitchen starting September 29. If you have any questions about items needed (non-perishable food items, household supplies, gift cards, etc.), please reach out to Lisa Lisak.

Activity Committee Meeting

The October-December committee (Group 4) is asked to meet in the kitchen on September 29, at 10:15.

CLC Call News

Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Emeritus Mark Gullerud **has been called and has accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA beginning October 15, 2024. <> Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD has **received** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD. <> Pastor Timothy Daub has also **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.<> Pastor Zachary Sippert will be **installed** at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN on September 29, 2024. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze has **received and accepted** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO following Pastor Timothy Wheaton's retirement on September 29, 2024.

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

Old Testament lesson: 1 Kings 17:1-16 EHV

Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word."

Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there."

So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.

After some time the stream dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you."

So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, "Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink."

When she went to get it, he called to her, "Please bring me a piece of bread."

She said, "As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die."

Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground."

Hymn 981: To Your Temple, Lord, I Come

1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of
5 While I lis - ten to Your Law, Fill my

is my wor - ship home. This earth has no
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful
love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your
soul with hum - ble awe Till Your Gos - pel

bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.
Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.
bring to me Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

6 While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear You speaking from the sky.

7 From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

Hymn 785:1: *We Praise You, O God*

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 768: *To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray*

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 919:1-2: *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*



So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

New Testament lesson: Ephesians 4:8-16 EHV

That is why it says, "When he ascended on high, he took captivity captive and gave gifts to his people." Now what does it mean when it says "he ascended," other than that he also had descended to the lower parts, namely, the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

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 770: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Sermon: Luke 11:5-13 EHV

He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.' And the one inside replies, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give it to you.' I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

"I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

"What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Have you read completely the instructions from Jesus on prayer?

1. Be insistent.
2. Expect the perfect answer.
3. Think big, pray big
- All because Jesus is Savior.

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