



You, O LORD,  
shall endure forever.

Psalm 102:1



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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.*

### **Today's Worship**


*Psalm 40 in pew Bible or front of hymnal.*

**Greeting and prayer:**

**Opening hymn 790: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

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

**C:** Amen.

**ALL:** Blessed Jesus, at Thy word we are gathered all to hear Thee;  
 Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear Thee,  
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

P: The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet.

**C: Him you shall hear.**

P: Lord to whom shall we go?

**C: You have the words of eternal life.**

P: The Lord Jesus said, "If you continue in My Word

**C: Then are you My disciples indeed**

P: And you shall know the Truth

**C: And the Truth shall make you free."**

**ALL: All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded.  
Thou alone to God canst win us; Thou must work all good within us.**



P: Again He said, "Search the Scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life

**C: And these are they which testify of Me."**

P: We speak not in the words which man's wisdom teaches

**C: But which the Holy Ghost teaches.**

P: Holy men of God spoke

**C: As they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**

P: All Scripture is given by inspiration of God


**C: And is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness.**

**ALL: Glorious Lord, Thyself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding;  
Open Thou our ears and heart, help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;  
Hear thy cry Thy people raises, hear and bless our prayer and praises.**



P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

**ALL: Father, Son and Holy Ghost, praise to Thee and adoration!**  
 **Grant that we Thy Word may trust and obtain true consolation**  
**While we here below must wander, till we sing Thy praises yonder.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:8-15 NKJV**

Therefore He says:

“When He ascended on high,  
He led captivity captive,  
And gave gifts to men.”

(Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

### **Choir: *Speak, O Lord***

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word;  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the Light of Christ may be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your Church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory!  
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the truth of Your Holy Word.

### **Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23 NKJV**

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

### **Confession of our Christian Faith: *Adapted from Augsburg Confession; Article III***

**Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God, assumed the human nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary. So there are two natures—the divine and the human—inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind.**

**He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit on the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin.**

**The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth according to the Apostles' Creed.**

**Hymn TLH 484 (p. 7):** *We Bid Thee Welcome in the Name*

**Sermon:** Psalm 102: 12-13, 16.

But You, O LORD, shall endure forever,  
And the remembrance of Your name to all generations.  
You will arise and have mercy on Zion;  
For the time to favor her,  
Yes, the set time, has come...  
For the LORD shall build up Zion;  
He shall appear in His glory.

**THE FAVOR OF THE ETERNAL LORD  
HAS COME UPON ZION (Pastor Bernthal & Messiah)!**

**Offering**

**Hymn 493 (p. 8):** *Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend*

**Installation of Pastor Luke A. Bernthal**

**Laying on Hands:** (a custom in our circles of blessing the brother in Christ with a Word from God)

**Hymn 681:** *Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit*

**Closing Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing hymn 586:1-4, 6:** *Preach You the Word*

# We Bid Thee Welcome in the Name

# 484

L. M.

Herr Jesu Christ, mein's  
"As Hymnodus Sacer"  
Leipzig, 1625

1 Cor. 4: 1, 2

James Montgomery, 1825, cento



1 We bid thee wel - come in the name Of Je - sus, our ex -  
2 Come as a shep - herd; guard and keep This fold from hell and  
3 Come as a teach - er sent from God, Charged His whole coun - sel  
4 Come as a mes - sen - ger of peace, Filled with the Spir - it,



alt - ed Head. Come as a ser - vant, - so He came,  
world and sin; Nour - ish the lambs and feed the sheep;  
to de - clare. Lift o'er our ranks the proph - et's rod  
fired with love. Live to be - hold our large in - crease



And we re - ceive thee in His stead.  
The wound - ed heal, the lost bring in.  
While we up - hold thy hands with prayer.  
And die to meet us all a - bove. A - men.



## Thou Who the Night in Prayer Didst Spend 493

S. S. S. S. S.

Luke 6: 12 ff.

*Christopher Wordsworth, 1862, cento, alt.*

St. Petersburg

*Dimitri S. Bortniansky, 1822, ad.*

1 Thou who the night in prayer didst spend And then didst  
 2 Oh, may Thy pas - tors faith - ful be, Not la - b'ring  
 3 Oh, may Thy peo - ple faith - ful be And in Thy  
 4 So may we when our work is done To - geth - er

Thine a - pos - tles send And bidd'st us pray the har - vest's Lord  
 for them - selves, but Thee! Give grace to feed with whole - some food  
 pas - tors hon - or Thee And with them work and for them pray  
 stand be - fore Thy throne And joy - ful hearts and voic - es raise

To send forth sow - ers of Thy Word, Hear and Thy cho - sen  
 The sheep and lambs bought by Thy blood, To tend Thy flock, and  
 And glad - ly Thee in them o - bey, Re - ceive the proph - et  
 In one u - nit - ed song of praise, With all the bright ce -

ser - vants bless With sev'n - fold gifts of ho - li - ness.  
 thus to prove How dear - ly they the Shep - herd love.  
 of the Lord And gain the proph - et's own re - ward!  
 les - tial host, To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



## **Get to Know Your Pastor!**

Hello Members and Friends of Messiah! Let me begin by letting you know how excited I am to be here serving your congregation and school. Both Jewels and I have been so blessed by your generosity, helpfulness, friendliness, prayers, and enthusiasm already. We are looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you, and I am very eager to begin the eternally important work of serving you and serving with you with the Word of God.

A little about me: I was born in Wisconsin (Black River Falls), and raised in Michigan where my father, Pastor Em. Mark Bernthal, was serving as pastor in Saginaw for nearly 20 years. I spent my first year of college studying communication and interning at a radio station in the hopes of going into sports broadcasting. The Lord, however, had different plans for me and I returned to Immanuel Lutheran College and Seminary where I graduated in 2003, which means that I have been serving in the pastoral ministry for 21 years (that doesn't seem possible, but time flies!). In my previous calls I served congregations in Houston (Spring), TX, Valentine, NE, and the Bay Area of California (Mountain View & Hayward).

My wife Julia ("Jewels") and I were married in Mountain View, CA in December of 2017. We don't have any children, but we do have two cats (Rogers and Teela). Jewels is a Wisconsin native who attended WELS Lutheran grade school and high school, and got her degree in Kinesiology from UW-Milwaukee. She is the owner of Image by Jewels photography, and has served as the school administrator at St. Stephen Lutheran School in Mountain View for the past 3 school years. She is continuing to serve as their school administrator virtually for the rest of the current school year.

The aspects of the ministry I enjoy most are teaching, conducting worship services, meeting & visiting with people and serving them with the Word on an individual level, and teaching children of all ages. I also find that bringing the comfort of the Word of God to the elderly and those who are hospitalized is some of the most impactful and encouraging work that a pastor can do.

I currently serve as the secretary of the KINSHIP Committee and am on the writing staff for the CLC's Ministry by Mail. In my spare time I really enjoy doing outdoor activities of many kinds (esp. hiking, biking, camping, and the beach). That is more than enough for now! I look forward to us getting to know each other better soon!

God's blessings to you all in Christ,  
Pastor Luke

## Announcements

**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this afternoon. All are invited to stay for brunch in the fellowship hall.

**Thank you** We thank Pastor Mark Bernthal for conducting today's worship service.

### **Joint Reformation Service in Markesan**

October 27, 2024

3:30 pm - Choir practice

4pm - service

5:30 pm – supper

Children's Hymn: TLH 261 Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Thy Word

Adult Choir: Foundations of Faith

**2025 CLC Mission Helper Trip** - Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

**CLC CALL NEWS** Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be **installed** at St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

## Bible Readings:

10/20	Jeremiah 5-6; 1 Timothy 1
10/21	Jeremiah 7-8; 1 Timothy 2
10/22	Jeremiah 9-10; 1 Timothy 3
10/23	Jeremiah 11-13; 1 Timothy 4
10/24	Jeremiah 14-16; 1 Timothy 5
10/25	Jeremiah 17-19; 1 Timothy 6
10/26	Jeremiah 20-22; 2 Timothy 1



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October Ushers	Cleaning Team 10/25-11/1
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Jason Bailey Mark Whiting Ryan Braun	B/L Blue D. Blue O. Docter I/K Stewart C/A Gerbitz
<b>October Slideshow</b>  Jim Lisak	

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$5,729.25	\$110,648.76
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$128,569.35
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$2,842.04)	(\$17,920.59)
Kinship:	\$50.00	\$1,411.96
ILC Building Fund:	\$50.00	\$550.00

\*Includes designation for Parsonage Repairs

**Attendance Last Sunday: 107**

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