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Pentecost 23

“Jesus...
have mercy on me!”

- Mark 10:47

We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.
If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 126 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(LSB p. 184; TLH page 15)*

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

C Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

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 Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy 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 by the authority and command of our 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.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (LSB p. 186; TLH page 16)



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



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

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son, Jesus, that we may believe in Him and follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life. We pray this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God speaks to us.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9 (ESV)

⁷ For thus says the LORD: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’

⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

THE GRADUAL

When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing “Hallelujah!”—meaning “Praise the Lord!” (LSB p. 190; TLH p. 20)

P Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



P The second reading is from 1 Peter 2:9-17.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:9-17 (EHV)

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. ¹² Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹³ Submit to every human authority because of the Lord, whether to the king as the supreme authority ¹⁴ or to governors as those who have been sent by him to punish those who do what is wrong and to praise those who do what is right. ¹⁵ For this is God's will: that you silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing good. ¹⁶ Do this as free people, and do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but use it as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

P Here ends our second reading.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (LSB p. 191; TLH p. 22)

C 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 also 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 of the Day: 551 *When to Our World the Savior Came*

LSB 551

Sermon Text: Mark 10:46-52 (ESV)

⁴⁶And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi ["teacher"], let me recover my sight." ⁵²And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon Theme: "Jesus, Have Mercy on Me!"

- 1. We Are Beggars**
- 2. We Have Received Spiritual Sight**
- 3. We Follow Jesus**

Application: What gifts or blessings from Jesus have you found yourself taking for granted? Think of ways this week that you can show your thankfulness instead.

THE OFFERTORY

(LSB p. 192-193; TLH p. 22-23)



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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

Sermon Hymn: "Just as I Am"

(music sheets are available on the speakers in the back of the sanctuary)

1. *Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee.
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.*

2. *Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot.
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God I come. I come.*

(song continues on next page ->)

Refrain:

*I come broken to be mended,
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued,
I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms,
Praise God, just as I am.*

*3. Just as I am I would be lost,
But mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now, to glory in Your cross,
O Lamb of God I come, I come.*

Refrain x 2

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

*Now we approach the Sacrament, the Lord's Supper, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood.
We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. (LSB p. 194; TLH p. 24-25)*

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly fitting, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!" (LSB p. 195; TLH p. 26)

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor)

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

PAX DOMINI

Latin: "The Peace of the Lord." (LSB p. 197; TLH p. 28)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!



C A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross. (LSB p. 198; TLH p. 27)



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

THE DISTRIBUTION

✠ For the distribution we will start with those who would like to partake of the Lord's Supper from the pew. After that, those who would like to come up to the altar steps will partake as directed by our usher.

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us today! The Word of God treats the Lord’s Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord’s Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world, “This is what we believe!” But God’s Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher’s direction. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Communion Hymns: 625 LSB; 619 LSB; 632 LSB

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Latin: “Now Dismiss.” Simeon’s words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)
 (LSB p. 199-200; TLH p. 29)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with out end. A - men.

Children’s Choir: “Praise Ye the Lord”

Refrain

Praise the Lord, all ye people! Praise the Lord, rejoice and sing!
Praise the Lord, all ye heavens! Lift your voice to God, our King!
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord! Alleluia!

Praise Him, all ye angels, praise Him in the heavenly heights.
Praise Him, ye sun and moon. Praise Him all ye stars of light.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, ye mountains and hills. Praise Him all ye nations.
Praise the Lord, ye rivers and seas. Praise Him all creation.

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26). (LSB p. 202; TLH p. 31)

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 744 Amazing Grace *(please stand for last verse)*

LSB 744

Announcements



Welcome! We welcome all our visitors this morning.
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:
11/3/24

Worship w/ Communion – 9am
Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am
Quarterly Voters’ Meeting – 11:15am
Piano Recital (church sanctuary) – 1pm

This Week: Tuesday – *Election Day. Vote & pray!*
Thursday – **Board of Property Meeting – 6pm**
Board of Education Meeting – 6:30pm

Next Sunday: **Worship – 9am**
11/10/24 **Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**

Thank you to All Who Helped with the Fall Work Day Yesterday! - Your hard work is greatly appreciated, and the building and grounds look freshened up and beautiful!

Quarterly Voters' Meeting – TODAY at 11:15am – A reminder that our quarterly voters' meeting will be held after the worship **today at 11:15am**. Voters' please plan to attend and participate in this important meeting regarding the work of our congregation and school. The congregation is invited to attend the meeting as well. The agenda and reports are on the counter in the church hallway.

Pastoral "Get to Know Each Other" Visits / Pastor Luke's Contact Info – I would like to have a "face to face" visit, which would include a short devotion, with each family and/or individual in the congregation over the next few months. Wherever is most convenient and comfortable for you will work just fine for me (my office, your home, a coffee shop, etc.). Feel free to contact me via email, text, or phone call if you know of a day and time that will work for you. If I don't hear from you, rest assured, I will be contacting you! I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know each other better soon! In Christ, Pastor Luke

Pastor's Contact Info

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study Resumes After the New Year – With Wed. Advent services starting soon and Pastor Luke beginning to ramp up his pastoral duties, the Elders have decided that our Wednesday evening Bible Studies will resume again after the New Year.

Ladies' Group is starting a new study book called *Pew Sisters* (available on Amazon) and will be discussing the first chapter at church on **November 19 at 6:30 PM**. Contact Lisa Lisak with questions or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

Thank you for Your Prayers and Support for Laura (Ude) Stutzman - The Stutzman and Bailey families deeply appreciate the prayers, meals, and support from the women's group and congregation members. Although Laura faces a long journey ahead, your prayers and encouragement provide immense help during these challenging times. Thank you!

Erika Braun's 80th Birthday – Thank you! – Erika would like to express her grateful thanks to the Ladies' Group for the birthday cards and the generous gift. It was very much appreciated!

Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day – Friday, November 15th – Eau Claire, WI -

From Professor Paul Naumann:

Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire will hold its Visitors' Day this year on Friday, November 15. It's an opportunity to encourage high school juniors and seniors in your congregation to visit our campus, become more familiar with their church's college, and hear about our college programs. This may be especially pertinent to the high school *juniors*, since seniors often have their minds made up about college by this point. Other members of yours who may be interested in enrolling in our college department are, of course, also welcome.

As you know, our training program for the public preaching and teaching ministry, especially, needs as much publicity and encouragement as possible.

Activities will begin with chapel at 10:05 A.M. in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 p.m. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC's fall theatrical production, *Mary Poppins*. **Please speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending.**

For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. **Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu**

CLC Call News - Pastor Sam Rodebaugh will be **installed** at St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN on November 10, 2024. <> Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has been called to serve as pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, CA.

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/>

Bible Readings:

11/3	Jeremiah 38-39; Hebrews 1
11/4	Jeremiah 40-42; Hebrews 2
11/5	Jeremiah 43-45; Hebrews 3
11/6	Jeremiah 46-48; Hebrews 4
11/7	Jeremiah 49-50; Hebrews 5
11/8	Jeremiah 51-52; Hebrews 6
11/9	Lamentations 1-2; Hebrews 7



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Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$7,718.75	\$126,869.86
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$145,711.93
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$852.54)	(\$18,842.07)
ILC Building Fund:	\$100.00	\$650.00
ILCSAF:	\$100.00	\$600.00

Attendance Last Sunday: 120

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