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Pentecost 4

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

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us" (1 Jn. 3:1)

Greeting and prayer:

Invocation:

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

C: Amen.

P: How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked

C: or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers!



Volleyball camp: The annual Grade School Volleyball Camp will be held July 18-21 at Immanuel High School in Eau Claire, WI. It is for girls entering grades 4-8. The deadline for registration is July 1. For more information and to register online, visit tinyurl.com/ilc-vballcamp.

New dorm supervisors: Paul and Courtney Agenten, members at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN, have accepted the roles of boys' and girls' dormitory supervisors at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.

Black Hills Family Bible Camp: Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. All ages are welcome, children will need to be accompanied by a chaperon or family. There will be many possible outdoor activities such as zip lining, rappelling, swurving, hiking, swimming, fishing, bonfires, s'mores, etc. The camp is Friday evening July 16th, through Tuesday morning the 20th. The cost for Sunday evening through Thursday morning (including food, campsite, and activities) is \$75 for ages 13 and up, \$55 for ages 5-12, children ages 2-4 are \$15 and kids 1 and under are free. Yes, there will be flush toilets and hot showers. Yes, you can bring your camper, otherwise bring a tent. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at aaronude@gmail.com.

CLC Financial Report - May

CLC Financial Report	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2020	Revenue	Disbursed	11 Months	5/31/2021
General Fund	0	882,795	956,712	1,005,950	- 73,917
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,251,961	1,196,371	1,263,295	55,590
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	35,634	126,949		110,133
ILC Building Projects	14,542	2,169,861	1,094,046		1,090,357
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	214,337	185,398		112,993
Kinship	86,093	184,723	119,916		150,900
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	2,068,712	478,177		3,504,906
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	137,944	109,939		112,285
Reserve Fund	294,092	4,575	0		298,667
Total	\$2,678,880	\$4,815,786	\$2,114,425		\$5,380,241

General Fund – May offerings: \$75,475 vs disbursements: \$93,875, resulted in a net shortfall for the month of \$18,400, increasing the General Fund deficit to -\$73,917. Offerings to date are short of our CBP estimated revenue by \$123,155, but YTD disbursements are \$49,238 less than estimated expenses. The four Boards (Missions, Trustees, Regents, & Ed Pub) appear to be on track to close the fiscal year under budget. And we have been blessed with a Reserve from previous years of the Lord's abundant blessings.

ILC Operations – May revenue: \$91,658 (incl \$49,500 subsidy) vs disbursements: \$116,151, but still maintaining a substantial balance of \$55,590 in this last month of the fiscal year ending June 30. YTD ILC disbursements are \$66,924 less than YTD budgeted expenses.

ILC Building Projects – May offerings: \$1,660 vs disbursements of \$10,847 for the design fees & drawings for the proposed new gym. May earnings (Div/Int) were \$1,463 (YTD \$61,057). The 2021 Convention Prospectus (pp 93-105) contains footprints & renderings of the multi-level facility.

<i>Bible Readings:</i>	
6/20	1 Kings 22:1-53 Acts 13:16-41 Ps 138:1-8 Prov 17:17-18
6/21	2 Kings 1:1-2:25 Acts 13:42-14:7 Ps 139:1-24 Prov 17:19-21
6/22	2 Kings 3:1-4:17 Acts 14:8-28 Ps 140:1-13 Prov 17:22
6/23	2 Kings 4:18-5:27 Acts 15:1-35 Ps 141:1-10 Prov 17:23
6/24	2 Kings 6:1-7:20 Acts 15:36-16:15 Ps 142:1-7 Prov 17:24-25
6/25	2 Kings 8:1-9:13 Acts 16:16-40 Ps 143:1-12 Prov 17:26
6/26	2 Kings 9:14-10:31 Acts 17:1-34 Ps 144:1-15 Prov 17:27-28

<i>June Ushers</i>	<i>Cleaning Teams</i> 6/26-7/2
D. Mueller J. Mueller	Church: J. Rodebaugh, M. Mueller
	School: Lisak, E. Nelson

<i>Fruits of Faith</i>	<i>Last Week:</i>	<i>To Date:</i>
Budgetary Offerings:	\$3,639.00	\$433,253.00
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,502.00	\$325,100.00
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$2,863.00)	\$108,153.00
Missions:	\$300.00	\$8,072.00
MDF:	\$65.00	\$3,520.00
Kinship:	\$110.00	\$6,035.00
ILCSAF:	\$100.00	\$1,760.00
Benevolence Fund:	\$50.00	
MSAF:	\$15.00	

Attendance Last Sunday: 89

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As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him (Ps. 103:13)

Announcements

Conference report

Our congregational delegates Norm Mackensen and Bryon Nelson will give a brief report on the Great Lakes Delegate Conference after the service this morning.

Last chance

New subscriptions/renewals for *The Lutheran Spokesman* are due today. The cost is \$14. The signup sheet is posted on the hall bulletin board. Label payments and place them in the collection plate.

Hospitalized

Ken Abrahamson is hospitalized in Menomonee Falls for treatment of an infected gall bladder. Please remember him in your prayers.

Race help needed

The Hales Corners Firecracker Four race begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 4. Help is needed to hand out water to runners. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Typically, Edgerton Ave. is closed to traffic from 7:45-8:45 a.m. Plan your arrival for Sunday service accordingly.

Vacation Bible School

Our VBS is set for July 19-23. Teachers, craft people, snack organizers, game leaders, and other helpers are needed. Signup sheets for both helpers and students are on the bulletin board. Contact Josh Rodebaugh for more information.

Council notes

Finances: Offerings for May were \$12,249 over budgeted needs. We thank the Lord for providing these blessings and moving hearts to give freely in love.

Remodeling, flooring, and pew timeline: The Bd. of Property reports that our current pews will be removed July 26-27, with new flooring to be installed later that same week. Prior to this, the organ will be moved to the front of the sanctuary and a new video booth constructed in the back. The new pews are scheduled to be installed the first week in August.

Save the date: Sunday, July 25, is Friendship Sunday and also the installation date for our new teachers and church board members. The congregational picnic will be held after the service.

CLC Convention this week...

The CLC Convention begins Thursday and continues through Sunday afternoon. Messiah will be represented by Pastor Eichstadt, Mr. Quade, Norm Mackensen, and Bryon Nelson. The convention Communion service will be held at Messiah, Eau Claire on Saturday, June 26, beginning at 7 pm. The service will be live streamed. To view, go to www.eauclairemessiah.com and click on the "Live Stream" button (lower left). The convention itself, while in session, will also be live streamed. To view, search for "ilcvideos" on www.youtube.com. The convention schedule is printed in the *Prospectus*, beginning on page 6. The *Prospectus* is available online at tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21.

Activity committee meeting next Sunday

The July-September activity committee is asked to meet after the service next Sunday, June 27, to plan the church picnic. Contact Mike Traub with questions. The committee members are:

Kyle and Bethany Ackerman
Mike and Betsy Cutler
Melanie Gerbitz
Ethan Gurgel
Tim and Gwen Koch
Rachel Koch
John and Lisa Marita
Megan Marita
Mark and Tamara Mueller

Robert and Joan Nolan
June Nolan
Catherine Santori
James Schaser
Ian and Kristen Stewart
Dave Traub
Mike and Eileen Traub
Mark and Amanda Whiting

CLC news...

Calls: *Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld*, Ballwin, MO has received a call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. *Pastor Tim Daub*, Hecla, SD has received a call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. *Pastor Tom Naumann*, Detroit, MI has returned the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. *Teacher Andrew Roehl*, Eau Claire, WI has received a call to Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston, WA.

P: Instead, his delight is in the LORD'S instruction,
C: and he meditates on it day and night.

P: He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams that bears its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.
C: Whatever he does prospers.

Hymn: *How Great Thou Art*

Confession and Absolution:

P: Holy and gracious God,
C: I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have not done. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask forgiveness and pray You to deliver and restore me by Your mercy. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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:

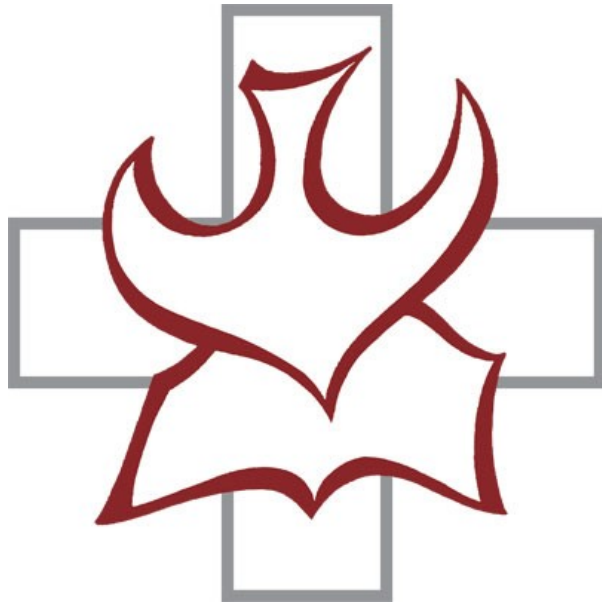
P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:**Old Testament lesson:**

Ezekiel 17:22-24....From small beginnings the Lord establishes His eternal kingdom.

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it."



P: Bless the married that they be faithful, bless the single that they be chaste and enjoy the company and support of Christian friends. Bless the aged and infirm that they know the loving care of family in time of need. Bless fathers that they may fulfill their vital role in leading their families and caring for their spiritual wellbeing. Give them strength, patience, and above all, Your love. May we honor fathers as representatives of the heavenly Father. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Help us to be good stewards of Your creation, to share what You have supplied with those in need, and to support the work of Your Church in her mission to make disciples of all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear the prayers of those who are sick and all who are troubled in mind or soul. We pray in behalf of our brother in Christ Ken Abrahamson who is hospitalized. We thank You for granting him partial relief already, and we ask that You would continue to bless his recovery. May he soon be able to return home and once again join us in Your house.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All things are Yours, heavenly Father, and You have promised to supply them to us as we need and when we need them. Help us to pray with confident hearts, trusting that You will provide, and that You will deliver us from all evil, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn: *Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing*

Closing prayer:

P: Dear Father in heaven, thank You for enlightening our hearts and lifting our spirits with Your Word today. Help us going forward to put our full trust in You for forgiveness, salvation, and daily direction for our lives. In Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

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: *Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

Hymn verse: *Seek Ye First*

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
 3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by

righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Minute of silence)

P: Give patience to Your Church, to her ministers, and to all of us, Your people, that we trust in Your Word and promise even when eyes do not see Your hand at work; and when hearts are prone to anxiety and fear, grant that we know the fullness of Your forgiveness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Make us good soil so that the seed of Your Word planted in us may sprout, grow, flourish, and bear the good fruit You desire. Bless the work of all pastors, missionaries, and other church workers who serve in Your name. We pray especially in behalf of the CLC Convention which will be held this week. Grant safe travel to pastors, teachers, and delegates. In all the important matters before the body, provide the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Preserve harmony and unity. May Your good will be done in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give to our president, Congress, and all leaders the wisdom to govern according to Your intentions, that they may live up to the trust we have placed in them. Grant peace among nations, and equip us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE

Antiphon

Sure-ly God's sal - va - tion is near to those who fear Him.

Psalm Tone

LORD, You have been favorable to Your land;*
 You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.
 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;*
 You have covered all their sin.
 You have taken away all Your wrath;*
 You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.

Antiphon

Mercy and truth have met together;*
 Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
 Truth shall spring out of the earth,*
 And righteousness shall look down from heaven.
 Yes, the LORD will give what is good;*
 And our land will yield its increase.
 Righteousness will go before Him,*
 And shall make His footsteps our pathway.

**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 5:1-10....Our current home is only a temporary “tent.”

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

The 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: *Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid*

Sermon: Mark 4:26-34

And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Then He said, “To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater

than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.”

And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

HOW GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

I. From the smallest seed

II. All by itself

III. Into a great harvest



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