

July 16, 2017



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 65:9-13: You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it. You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth. You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance. They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler




Hymn 1 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

INVOCATION

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


c  A-men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- 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 Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- c  Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
- 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  A-men.
- p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- c  Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord,
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the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For You only are holy; You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

p The Lord be with you.

c  And also with you.

p Let us pray . . . 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  A-men.

THE WORD

Isaiah 55:10-13 “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;

It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. “For you shall
go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the
hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of
the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up
the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle
tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, For an everlasting
sign that shall not be cut off.”

Romans 8:12-17 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors -- not to the
flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the
flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of
the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,
these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage
again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we
cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs -- heirs
of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him,
that we may also be glorified together.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

c  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

all 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 781 – Preach You the Word

SERMON


Matthew 13:1-8,9-13 On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. “And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. “Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.

“But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. “And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. “But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. “For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. “Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.


IN LOVE JESUS WARNS AGAINST

Those who are offended by the message
Those who are offended by the difficulties
Those who allow daily cares to distract them

- c  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn 49 – Almighty God Thy Word is Cast

OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 442:2

- c  Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

- all 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 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  A-men A-men A-men.

Hymn 261 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
(My First Hymnal, page 97)

Calendar:

SUNDAY 7/16

9 am Worship Service

10am VBS Teachers' Meeting

MONDAY 7/17

7pm Worship Service

THURSDAY 7/20

7pm Voter's Meeting

SUNDAY 7/23

9am Worship Service

MONDAY 7/24

VBS Begins

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #6:

Kent Quade, Jim Kok

Next Week: Team #1:

Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

JULY USHERS:

Sundays: Paul Eserhut,
Bob Kirst, Blaine Kempenaar,
Mark Brown-Kempenaar

Mondays: Greg Jones, Gary Brown, Jim Kok,
Dennis Jones

FRUITS OF FAITH LAST WEEK

Attendance: 63 / 25

General Fund: \$5397

Mission Fund: \$850

\$20 to the School Fund in
memory of Deborah Ude

CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has called
Teacher Katie Naumann to teach grades 3-4.

Teacher Ross Kok of St. John's
Lutheran, Okabena MN, has
accepted the call to Holy Cross Lutheran,
Phoenix AZ.

Announcements:

GUESTS AND VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today and return to worship with us often.

FROM SHERM AND KACIE

Dear Faith Lutheran Family,

We want to thank you for the very generous farewell gift and all of the blessings you have showered upon us during our time in Markesan. We feel very blessed to have spent the last two years at Faith. Please keep in touch and if you ever find yourself in Mankato, we would love a visit from you!

Sherm & Kacie Sam, Lena, Jake & Maddie

New address:

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COMMUNION

On communion Sunday's the left front row in the church will be reserved for those who would rather not walk up to the altar to receive communion. Sit in the left front row and the pastor will bring communion to you.

VIDEO SERVICES

The full worship service is now on our website as a video. Take a look at it and let me know if you have any problems.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Let Pastor know if you are available/interested to help out with Sunday School this year.

DIRECTORY PHOTO DAY

Another day for directory photos has been set up for Friday July 28th from 2 - 9 pm for those who missed or weren't able to come last weekend. Talk to Lisa Reyes for more information.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Church offerings were short by nearly \$7000 this quarter.

Inmates are coming to clean the church August 18th

Various maintenance needs around the property

We talked about the possibility of a full time kindergarten at the school.

Mission Festival will be October 1st.

VBS is being promoted on facebook.

Video of the Sunday Services are now available on the website.

Next council meeting is August 8th.

VBS JULY 24TH – 28TH

Register your children online (MarkesanLutheran.com/vbs) or with one of the registration forms in the back of the church. Fill out the flier and put it in pastor's box.

Volunteers to meet after church this Sunday.

SECOND SHOT DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Another day for directory photos has been set up for Friday July 28th from 2 – 9 pm for those who missed or weren't able to come last weekend. Talk to Lisa Reyes (920-229-9322) for more information.

MEET YOUR PASTOR

There is a calendar on the bulletin board where you can sign up for a visit from your pastor. Or you can call him, or he will eventually call you.

INMATES CHURCH CLEANING

Inmates are coming to clean the church August 18th. We are looking for someone to supervise.

CLC MISSION HELPERS TO NEPAL

Seventeen Mission Helpers will depart on an evening flight from Chicago on Monday (7/10) on their way to Kathmandu, Nepal where they will be met by Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti, his family, and other pastors and members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN). These seventeen individuals will divide

into four teams as they spend the next three weeks proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approx. 1,500 children in Himalayan villages where HCLCN congregations are located. Pastoral training classes will also be taught among the pastors and Himalayan Bible Institute students of the HCLCN. You can follow along with the Mission Helpers through the trip blog at: <http://2017clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com/> Your prayers are much appreciated.

DEVIL'S LAKE CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, July 30th Peace thru Christ in Middleton is planning a picnic lunch/supper at Devil's Lake starting around 1 p.m. Bring a meat to grill and your own food—chips, potato salad, drinks, etc. If you have a small grill, please bring it along. Congregations from Fond du Lac, Markesan, Appleton, Hales Corners, Cambridge, Middleton and Batavia have been invited. Kayaking, canoeing, hiking, yard games, etc.

TIMBER RATTLERS' BASEBALL GAME

Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI will be hosting an outing to the home run deck of the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Single A team of the Milwaukee Brewers) on Friday September 1st at 7:05 PM. There is room for up to 200 people. It includes an all-you-can-eat buffet and two drinks per person. The total cost is \$23 per adult and \$19 for children under 12. Parking is \$10. There is fun for all ages, a good view of the game and a casual atmosphere for Christian conversation and fellowship! If interested please let Pastor David Ude at david.m.ude@gmail.com.

FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS

North Hall Update and Cleaning: The boys dormitory at the Immanuel campus, North Hall, is being updated this summer. Parts of the solar heating system had to be removed in order to install a more efficient natural gas boiler system. New windows are also being installed. The project is progressing as planned. Because of this project occurring over summer, there will be a small window of opportunity to clean it appropriately prior to the opening of the school year. Those willing to help with cleaning during

the first two weeks of August are encouraged to contact the Facilities Manager, Paul Heinze (715-456-7194/ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu).

CLC Contractors: Our ILC Facilities Manager is seeking contractors within the CLC willing to be on a list available to the Immanuel Maintenance Department. The list could include contractors for roofing/building, electrical, plumbing, concrete, etc., who could be called upon for expertise or to submit bids on large projects to save money for Immanuel. Some of the work would require the contractor to be licensed and bonded. But such a list would still obviously be helpful. Those interested can contact Paul Heinze (715-456-7194/ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu).

Partners in Ministry Program: The 2016 CLC Convention approved the Partners in Ministry Program which is designed to link active CLC called servants who have obligations to repay ILC Student Aid Fund loans with sponsors who agree to provide matching funds for payments on those loans. The donor and recipient would remain anonymous to each other. This program is now ready for implementation. There are about a dozen eligible account holders who will be contacted directly to see if they are interested in participating and would then need to fill out an application annually. While donors may get involved with this at any time, it would be helpful to have the initial slate of donors in place by August 15. Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, 715-836-6622/jimsandeen@gmail.com.

UPCOMING DATES:

July 18 – 24 CLC youth camp at ILC

July 7 – 10 Lower Michigan Youth Camp

July 24 – 28 VBS here at Faith, we are looking for volunteers for teaching, arts and crafts, singing, and recess.

July 25 – 27 Ark Encounter / Creation Museum Visit

July 30 - Devil's Lake Outing

Sept 1 - School Begins

Sept 1 - Timber Rattlers Game



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