



Messiah
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Last Sunday

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: 8:00 and 10:45 A.M.
Choir: 9:10. Sunday school: 9:30. Adult Bible class: 9:45 A.M.**

Today's Worship

"You have made known to me the path of life" (Ps. 16:11).

Greeting and prayer:

Hymn 784 (Worship Supplement):

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



Invocation:

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

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.

FINANCES:	Last Week	To Date
Budgetary Offerings:	\$4,953.00	\$123,840.00
Sunday School:	\$9.75	
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,314.00	\$132,594.00
Over/(Under) Budget:	(\$1,361.00)	(\$8,754.00)
Missions:	\$30.00	\$1,270.00
MDF:	\$130.00	\$1,186.00
Kinship:	\$165.00	\$3,060.00
Togo:	\$165.00	
Attendance last Sunday: 74,53.		

Church Cleaning: Dec 2-8:
Church: Whiting, Ackerman.
School: J. Arndt, K. Arndt, Garvens.
December Ushers: S. Lisak, J. Lisak.
2nd: M. Rentas, M. Cutler.
Advent (6th,13th,20th): D. Albrecht, J. Mueller.
Christmas Eve: J. Arndt, J. Albrecht.
Christmas Day: J. Serba, M. Weibye.
New Year's Eve: J. Lisak, S. Lisak.

Daily Bible Readings: Su: 1 John 1-3. M: Deut 20-22. Tu: Neh 1-4. W: Ps 137-139. Th: Ecc 11-12. F: Malachi. Sa: Acts 19-20.

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Giving Opportunities

Below is a list of the various funds and their purposes to which we can contribute and help support the proclamation of the gospel both locally and around the world.

CLC funds

General fund: Offerings to missions support the day-to-day operations of both the CLC mission program and Immanuel Lutheran College. Messiah has made missions contributions a part of our regular budget.

Mission Development Fund (MDF): This fund supports mission projects which are normally limited-term, such as buying Bibles and Catechisms, roofing foreign churches, and purchasing motorcycles and bicycles for pastors.

Immanuel Improvement Fund (IIF): Money in this fund is used for major campus maintenance projects, as well as other needs which are not part of the regular operating budget.

ILC Student Aid: This fund provides loans and grants to students in both the high school and college departments. The fund is available to all ILC students synod-wide, not just those from Messiah.

ILC Building Fund: The fund was established for the construction of an academic center. There is a continuing need for contributions to pay the mortgage.

Kinship: This fund supports orphans and seminary students in both Africa and India.

Messiah funds

General offerings: Offerings to the general fund support the majority of our programs, as well as maintain our buildings and property. Our CLC missions contributions also come from the general fund.

Messiah Student Aid Fund (MSAF): This fund directly assists families who are members of Messiah by offering tuition aid for children attending Immanuel Lutheran High School or College. Once a year the available funds are applied to the accounts of Messiah members at ILC.

Christian Day School Improvement Fund (CDSIF): Money received into this fund is used to purchase items useful to the school which are not covered by the regular budget.

Benevolence Fund: Funds are used to help with the material needs of others, and are distributed at the discretion of the pastor and elders.

Mission Helper Fund: Several Messiah members have applied for the CLC Mission Helper Team which will travel to Africa next summer. Contributions to this fund will help with trip costs.



You will

fill me

with joy

in your

presence

(Ps. 16:11)

Announcements

Thank you!

Special thanks to all who helped rake the grounds in spite of the wind!

A fresh start?

Bankruptcy is sometimes regarded in a positive light as a “fresh start,” a way to get out from under debt. But what are the spiritual implications? We’ll look more closely at the matter at Wednesday’s Bible class. All are welcome.

Caroling and chili next Sunday

Our annual caroling party/chili supper begins at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us in singing the incredible news that God’s Son was born into the world to save us from eternal death. Bring your favorite chili and a plate of Christmas treats to share afterwards.

Activity committee meeting

The current activity committee will meet between services next Sunday.

Young Adults

The next meeting of the Young Adults will be Monday, December 4, at 7 p.m. at the Mielke home. We will have a devotion followed by a study addressing inappropriate use of social media by Christians and wrap up with a board game or two. If you’d like to bring a light snack or treat, feel free to do so. Please contact Steve Mielke at (414)841-4685 with any questions.

Open meeting...

The Board of Education would appreciate your input regarding our halftime teacher position which currently is vacant. An open meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Midweek Advent services coming

Do you feel like you’re being pulled in a dozen different directions during December? If we don’t make a conscious effort to stay focused on Christ and His coming into the world, we can easily miss the blessing of the season. Attending our three Wednesday Advent services (Dec. 6, 13, 20) is a good way to keep heart and mind where true joy and peace are found.

Last chance

Today is the last opportunity to make a special contribution for support of orphans in Togo. The offering box is on the hall counter.

CLC news

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Spokane, WA has received a call to Immanuel, Mankato, MN.

Luther videos

There are four different feature length videos about Martin Luther on the library shelves. Please return promptly after viewing. See Pastor for more information.

Looking Ahead...

♣Wednesday:

6:00 P.M.: Adult instruction.

6:00 P.M.: Tech Committee.

7:00 P.M.: Bible class.

♣Thursday:

7:00 A.M.: School staff.

11:00 A.M.: Arbor View.

♣Next Sunday:

Lord’s Supper.

12:15 P.M.: Public school confirmation class.

4:00 P.M.: Caroling and chili supper.

♣December 4th:

7:00 P.M.: Young Adults at the Mielke home.

♣December 5th:

6:30 P.M.: Bd. of Ed open meeting.

♣December 6th:

7:00 P.M.: Advent worship.

♣December 7th:

7:00 P.M.: Bd. of Elders.



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 You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your 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 and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.**

Introit: *Ps. 136:23–26*



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.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

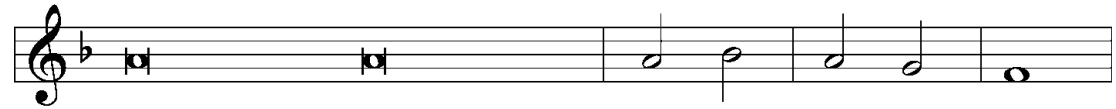
Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



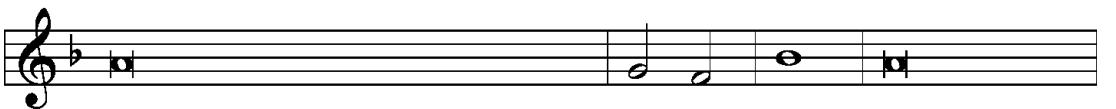
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

While we wait, preserve our earthly lives and provide for all our needs. **In Your mercy grant help and healing to the sick.** Give understanding, skill, and compassion to doctors and other healthcare workers. Grant wisdom to those wrestling with difficult decisions. **Strengthen those facing severe temptations to say with Joseph: "How could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"**

Receive our offerings. **May we give generously from the heart without greed or concern for our needs, trusting that You will graciously give us our daily bread.**

Throughout this week fill us with sure, lasting hope: hope for the day and hope that the best is yet to come with You in glory eternal. **In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 592 (red hymnal): *I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name*

Benediction

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.

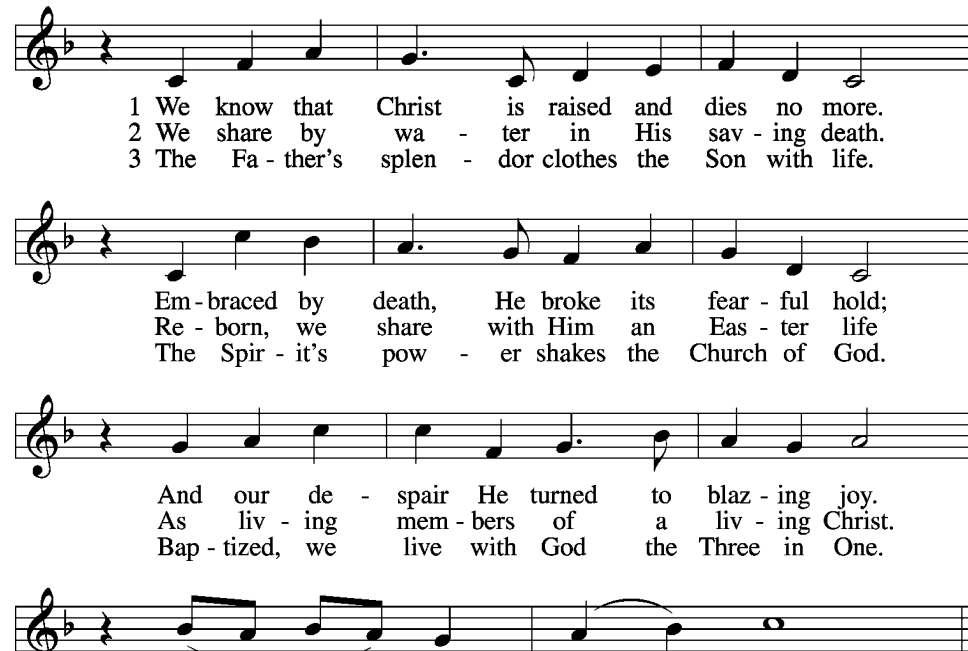


A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn 616 (red hymnal): *Forever with the Lord*



Offering hymn: *We Know That Christ is Raised*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

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Responsive prayer of the church

Pastor: plain type.

Cong: boldface, underlined type.

Dear Lord, God of all comfort for every circumstance in life: We live in fearful times. **So many things leave us searching for words of hope.** Sin has left its mark on us and everything around us in the world. **It makes us deserving of death and eternal punishment.** Wordy denials of responsibility and excuses for our failings only magnify our guilt. **If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

Our hope is in You and Your promises alone. **Your word of forgiveness and peace to all who trust in Jesus has made us Your children and heirs of everlasting life.** Through our hearing and reading of the Word and our meditation on Jesus' saving work, keep our lamps filled with the oil of faith, **that we may be ready to welcome the Bridegroom at His return.**




on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray:

O God, let Your Holy Spirit direct and govern our lives so that we may remain aware of the final purpose of all things and also of Your day of judgment. Inspire us to live holy lives and help us to fix our eyes on our eternal home with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.



C A - men.

Old Testament lesson: *Isaiah 65:17-25*

A glimpse of heaven gives us joyful and confident hope in life after death.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Hallelujah!



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Gospel lesson:

P The Gospel lesson is recorded in Matthew 25:1-13.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Once the end comes, it will be too late to get ready. May we be prepared at all times with the "oil" of faith.

P This is the Word of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

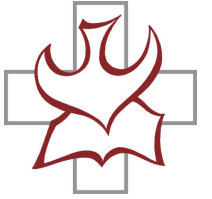
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 606 (red hymnal) O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking

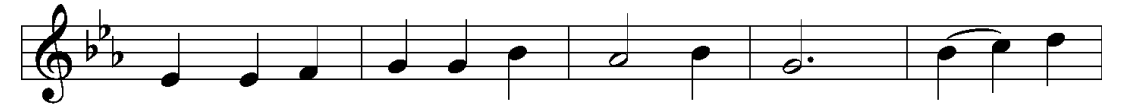
Sermon: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The End is Just the Beginning!

- I. The believer sleeps in Jesus for a time.
- II. Jesus awakens the believer to be with Him forever.



Offertory



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 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.

Offering