



Messiah
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
Church of the Lutheran Confession

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December 17, 2017 **Advent 3**

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

*"Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).*



Greeting and prayer:
Hymn 66 (red hymnal): Hark the Glad Sound!

Invocation:

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C 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: | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>To Date</u> |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Budgetary Offerings: | \$5,673.00 | \$141,504.00 |
| Sunday School: | \$9.95 | |
| Budgetary Needs: | \$6,314.00 | \$151,536.00 |
| Over/(Under) Budget: | (\$641.00) | (\$10,032.00) |
| Missions: | \$25.00 | \$1,370.00 |
| MDF: | \$188.00 | \$1,429.00 |
| ILC Building Fund: | \$25.00 | \$430.00 |
| CDSIF: | \$10.00 | \$780.00 |
| Kinship: | \$165.00 | \$3,255.00 |
| Attendance last Sunday: 68,74. Advent : 52 | | |

Church Cleaning: Dec 23-29.
Church: J. Gerbitz, D. Mueller, Davis.
School: T/M/N/B/N/C Blue.
December Ushers: S. Lisak, J. Lisak.
2nd: M. Rentas, M. Cutler.
Advent (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: 3 John. M: Deut 29-31. Tu: Esther 1-5. W: Ps 146-148.
Th: Song 5-6. F: Rev. 12-17. Sa: Acts 25-26.

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CLC Financial Report - November

| CLC Financial Report Operating Funds | Balance 7/1/2017 | YTD Revenue | YTD Disbursed | Budget 5 Months | Balance 11/30/2017 |
|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | 0 | 385,351 | 406,147 | 387,500 | - 20,796 |
| ILC Operations | 0 | 611,938 | 499,023 | 220,000 | 112,915 |
| Total | \$0 | \$997,289 | \$905,170 | \$607,500 | 92,119 |
| Auxiliary Funds | | | | | |
| ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) | 27,274 | 6,056 | 6,444 | | 26,886 |
| ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm) | - 49,213 | 81,012 | 177,101 | | - 145,302 |
| Mission Development Fund (MDF) | 61,237 | 62,159 | 77,477 | | 45,919 |
| Kinship | 43,040 | 42,643 | 49,759 | | 35,924 |
| Church Extension Fund (CEF) | 1,030,843 | 448,069 | 264,222 | | 1,214,690 |
| Student Aid Fund (SAF) | 68,917 | 63,051 | 67,480 | | 64,488 |
| Reserve Fund | 225,190 | 0 | 0 | | 225,190 |
| Total | \$1,407,288 | \$702,990 | \$642,483 | | \$1,467,795 |

| ILC Bldg Projects Mortgage (Academic Center Bal & North Hall Reno) | |
|---|-------------|
| Beginning Balance November 1, 2017 | \$1,460,931 |
| Current Balance November 30, 2017 | \$1,457,801 |
| Principal paid to date | \$3,130 |
| North Hall Reno - Final Spent & incl in Mortgage | \$253,714 |

Notes:

- * **General Fund** offerings in November totaled \$112,493 vs disbursements of \$91,436, a positive cash flow reducing the General Fund deficit by \$21,056. General Fund offerings needed per month are \$77,500.
- * **ILC Building Projects** offerings in November totaled \$1582 vs disbursements of the first monthly payment of \$8,000 on the newly consolidated loan on the Academic Center balance and the \$253,714 renovation expenses for North Hall boys' dorm. The December financial report will reflect reimbursements to the Projects Fund from the Convention-approved CEF loan, restoring the Building Fund to its pre-renovation balance of around \$24,000. Offerings that are substantially above the \$24,000 Building Fund reserve are paid directly on the loan principal, saving interest & decreasing the loan term.
- * **CEF:** revenues in November totaled \$45,717, mainly from congregation & ILC loan repayments.
- * **MDF:** offerings in November totaled \$13,615 vs disbursements of \$38,051, which included special support for foreign mission outreach & projects, expenses for our full- & part-time missionaries' recent travel for several pastoral conferences in the foreign fields, and special gifts of rice for foreign mission pastors & Christmas gifts for the Kinship orphans.
- * **SAF:** received \$12,242 in November from offerings (\$5916) and student loan re-payments (\$6,325) vs disbursements of \$12,031, mainly for the monthly allocation for student awards & loans. The annual SAF budget is \$160,000 and provides student loans, grants, & scholarships. It is funded by congregational offerings, student loan repayments, and some Endowment earnings.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lertz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Rejoice



Always!

Announcements

Christmas Eve lunch

Lunch will be provided for the children and adults involved in the Christmas Eve program after second service on Dec. 24. A food list is posted on the cupboard doors. Please note that this is only for the children and adults in the program.

Last chance!

One way by which we praise God and express our thanks for the gift of His Son is through our gifts of love to others. With that in mind we would like to gather a gift for the 12 professors who serve our church body at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire. Monetary gifts may be placed in the designated box in the hall. Make checks out to "Messiah."

CLC news

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Spokane, WA has returned the call to Immanuel, Mankato, MN.

Looking Ahead...

♣ **Wednesday:**
7:00 P.M: Advent service.

♣ **Saturday:**
9:00 A.M: Adult information.

♣ **Next Sunday:**
8:00 and 10:45 A.M: Family worship.
9:30 A.M: Christmas Eve rehearsal.
9:45 A.M: Adult Bible class in the activity room.
6:00 P.M: Christmas Eve service.

♣ **December 25th:**
10:30 A.M: Christmas Day Song Service.

♣ **December 28th:**
11:00 A.M: Arbor View Bible class.
6:30 P.M: Bd. of Education.



Advent Worship

Wednesday 7 p.m.

Moving Toward
the Manger...



Looking for an Abiding City

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.**

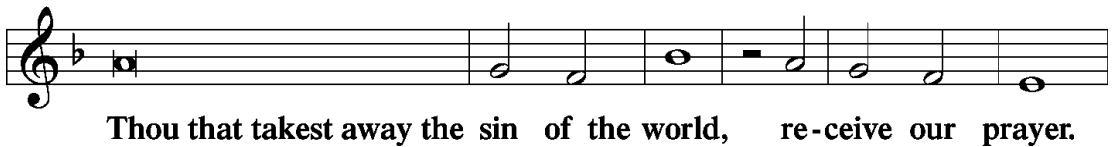
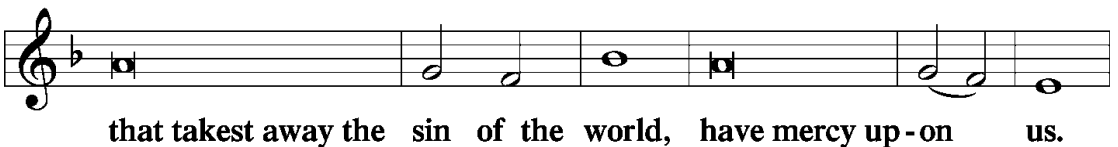
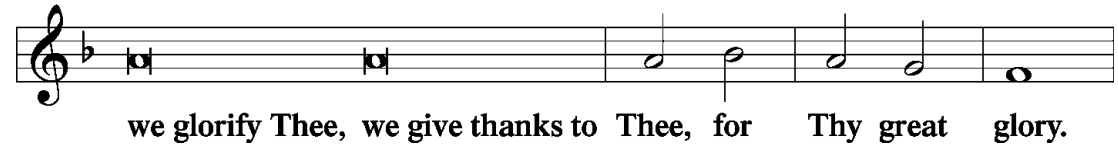
Introit: Ps. 136:23-26

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



Receive our offerings. **Bless their use in the teaching, preaching, and spreading of the news of the Word-Made-Flesh.**

In these days before Christmas focus our hearts, not on all the outward preparations we have left to finish, but rather on Your wondrous work carried out so perfectly in the fullness of time in Bethlehem. **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 704 (Worship Supplement): *Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

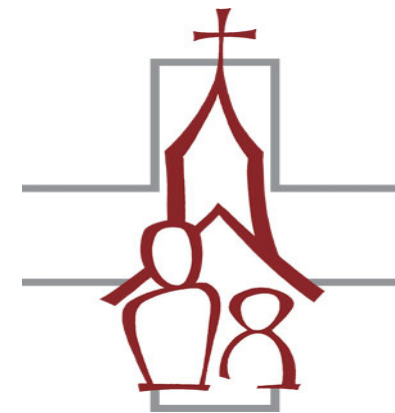
Benediction

☐ 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 92 (red hymnal): *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*



Offering hymn: *Savior of the Nations, Come*

*Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.*



Responsive prayer of the church

Pastor: plain type.


Cong: **boldface, underlined type.**

Dear Lord God, heavenly Father: We praise You for Your divine mercy which caused You to take pity upon our world and to send Your only-begotten Son to save us from eternal death in hell. **That gospel news gives us lasting joy which nothing can overshadow or take from us.** Through daily reading, hearing, and study of Your holy Word, increase our joy as we anticipate celebrating Jesus' birth. **By the Spirit's indwelling may we rejoice in being Your children and heirs of heaven clothed in Jesus' righteousness.**

May the world not distract or discourage us from praying without ceasing and giving thanks no matter what the circumstances. **When we face difficulties, hardships, or sickness, reassure us that in these things, too, Your love is at work for our blessing.** We thank You for the care and healing You have provided our brother in Christ Angelo Rentas. Thank You for preserving his vision and allowing him to resume his daily activities. **Please preserve him from any reoccurrences.**

You have promised, "Ask and it will be given to you." **You have invited us to come boldly with all our requests in Jesus' name.** Therefore we also pray in behalf of our fellow believer Gail Mackensen who will undergo breast cancer surgery on Friday. **Lord Jesus, You lived here on earth and so You know firsthand the burdens and fears we experience.** You are our loving High Priest who sympathizes with us and understands what we face. You even laid down Your life in our behalf. **We ask Your comfort for our loved one.** In anxious moments speak Your calming word: **"Fear not, for I have redeemed you, you are mine. I will never leave you or forsake you."**

Even in death, Lord, You do not abandon Your own, and so we pray in behalf of Bill Beck who, after a stroke, is nearing the end of his earthly journey. **May he trust in Jesus alone as His Savior and so be ready and confident to stand before Your judgment throne.**



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.


Lighting of Advent candle:

*We light the Advent candle
And sing with cheerful heart.
With joy, we spread the message
That God would us impart.
Our joy is never ending;
The Son to us is sending.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!*



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray:

O Lord, You lead us to see and believe in Jesus, the light of the world. Grant that we rejoice always in the new life that is ours; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament lesson: *Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11*

Centuries before His birth, Jesus announced good news to sinners, news He Himself would make reality.

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 John 1:6-8, 19-28.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

There is only one Light of the world who brings life to those dead in sin.

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.

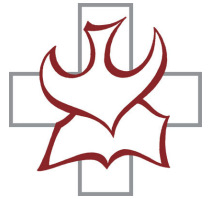
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 75 (red hymnal) *Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Harken*

Sermon: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Rejoice Like You Mean It!

- I. The do's.
- II. The don'ts
- III. The done.



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