

**Messiah**  
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**August 26, 2018** **Pentecost 14**

*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 9:30 A.M.**

### Today's Worship

*"No one can serve two masters..."*

*You cannot serve both God and Money" (Matt. 6:24).*



### **Greeting and prayer:**

**Hymn 761 (Worship Supplement): In You Is Gladness**

### **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.

*acts/activities shall be punishable by law."* Some have offered a rather strict interpretation of this new law that would forbid baptisms and any preaching of or explaining the Gospel of Jesus Christ to anyone who is not already a Christian. Pray that the Lord would thwart these attempts of Satan to eliminate the proclamation of the Gospel and use this persecution to strengthen the faith of His children in Nepal. "Thy Kingdom Come..."

4. **Tanzania** – the CLC-Tanzania continues to work on plans to start the Wartburg Lutheran Seminary in Arusha, Tanzania. There are currently twelve men from four districts who are planning to study God's word to prepare them for the ministry. Pray that the Lord will provide all that is necessary for this important work to go forward.

5. **Missionary Peter Evensen/India** – The majority party in India is called the BJP. This party currently has the most political influence. The prime minister of India represents the BJP. The BJP has a Hindu Nationalist platform that promotes the idea of making Hinduism the official religion of India. The government in India is making it more and more difficult to spread the Gospel. All of this has led to more scrutiny by immigration officers as individuals enter and leave India on a regular basis. Pray that Missionary Evensen will not be hampered as he prepares to return to his work in India.

6. **Zambia** – Pastor Ibrahim will be moving from Lusaka to Livingstone soon. The main pastor in the Livingstone area died rather suddenly over a year ago. By moving to Livingstone, Pastor Ibrahim will be able to spend more time serving and instructing the congregation in the truths of God's saving word. He will also be working to prepare men in the area to serve as faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving Word in the preaching stations in this area of Zambia.

7. **West Africa (Nigeria, Togo, Benin, Ghana, Liberia)** – It has been several years since the CLC affiliated church bodies have been able to gather for a conference. A conference is being planned for November. Pray that the Lord will bless efforts to organize a West Africa Joint Pastoral Conference this fall.

8. **Mission Festivals** – Several congregations will be hosting Mission Festivals over the next couple of months. Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann have been invited to preach in many of our CLC congregations. Thank the Lord for these opportunities to rejoice in and consider the privilege we have all been given to be His ambassadors. Pray also that the Lord will grant them safe travels and that the truths of God's saving word that they preach will serve the purpose for which God gave it.

9. **CLC Online Theological Studies** – continue to pray for the following individuals who are studying God's word through email correspondence courses as they train to be faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word: Pastor Idahosa Eghosa (Senegal, Africa) <> Pastor Jacques Pondi Lumiangou (D.R. Congo, Africa) <> Pastor Monotosh Banjaree (Bangladesh, SE Asia) <> Pastor Liberty Atawa (Zimbabwe, Africa) <> Samuel Benson Edwards and Ivan Edwards (Myanmar, Asia) <> Evangelist Elitevaha Mshana (Tanzania, Africa)

# As for me

# and my house,

# we will serve the

# LORD



FINANCES:	Last Week	To Date
Budgetary Offerings:	\$13,689.00	\$59,906.00
Sunday School:	\$1.00	\$10.00
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,330.00	\$50,640.00
Over/(Under) Budget:	\$7,359.00	\$9,266.00
Missions:	\$75.00	\$775.00
MDF:	\$195.00	\$807.00
Kinship:	\$125.00	\$558.00
Attendance last Sunday: 44, 61.		

Church Cleaning:	September 1st-7th
Church:	E. Nelson, Serba
School:	Geseheidts, Starr
August Ushers:	1st: M. Plockelman, E. Nelson 2nd: T. Fletcher, J. Hurkman

Daily Bible Readings:	
8/26	Jer 39:11-18 Jer 40:1-6 2 Kin 25:8-21 Jer 52:12-27 2 Chron 36:15-21 Lam 1:1-22
8/27	Lam 2:1-4:22
8/28	Lam 5:1-22 Ob 1:1-21 2 Kin 25:22-26 Jer 40:7-41:18
8/29	Jer 42:1-44:30 Ez 33:21-33
8/30	Ez 34:1-36:38
8/31	Ez 37:1-39:29 Ez 32:1-16
9/1	Ez 32:17-33:20 Jer 52:28-30 Ps 137:1-9 1 Chron 4:24-5:17

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## Announcements

### Mission presentation today

After second service the Messiah mission helpers will be sharing some of their experiences from this summer's trip to East Africa. Come and hear firsthand how the gospel does its saving work wherever it is proclaimed.

### Help needed

j Mowing help is needed this week. The signup list is on the cupboard doors.  
j Check the "volunteer list" posted on the hall bulletin board for more opportunities to help in the school and church.

j The Bd. of Education is looking for Sunday school teachers and subs. Contact Erik Nelson for more information.

### Schedule change

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated Sunday, September 9, rather than next Sunday. Missionary Peter Evensen will conduct the services next week.

### Public school confirmation

The public school confirmation class will have the first class of the new school year at 12:15 p.m. on September 9.

### Man-Up retreat

The third annual men's retreat weekend is right around the corner. Men, this weekend is for you! **What is it?** - The weekend is intended to offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team and relationship building, worship, as well as many awesome outdoor activities. **When and where will it be held?** - The retreat will be held October 12-14, 2018 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. **How much does it cost?** - The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. **Registration deadline is August 31, 2018.** (Registration cost is \$100 if received after August 31.) **Why should I go?** - This is a wonderful opportunity to be encouraged in your faith and in your God-given roles as men of Christ's church and to build relationships with other men who share your faith and the struggles of living in a sin-filled world. **Where can I find out more?** - If you have any questions please contact Nathanael Mayhew (ndmayhew@att.net or 404-729-4602). You can also find more information, watch videos and see pictures highlighting events and activities of previous years, and register for the retreat online at the Man Up website: [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org).

### CLC Mission Opportunities Prayer List

AUG 2018

1. **Myanmar** – the annual monsoon season brought more rain than usual in July. Over 100,000 people have been forced from their homes due to extensive flooding. There have also been several deaths. The CLC Board of Missions was able to provide some financial support through the Mission Development Fund (MDF) to provide basic assistance to several families in Yangon.
2. **Nepal** – There has also been extensive flooding in Nepal. A few HCLCN families have lost crops and farm land due to heavy rains and landslides.
3. **Nepal** – A new "anti-conversion" law goes into effect on August 17. The anti-conversion law is a part of article 36 of the newly adopted constitution that reads: "no one attempt to change or convert someone from one religion to another, or disturb or jeopardize the religion of others, and such



Looking Ahead...

- ♣ **Thursday:**  
7:00 A.M: School staff.
- ♣ **September 4th:**  
7:00 P.M: Sunday school teachers.
- ♣ **September 5th:**  
7:00 P.M: Midweek Bible class resumes.
- ♣ **September 9th:**  
Fall Schedule begins:  
**Services: 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.**  
**Choir: 9:10 a.m.**  
**Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Bible class: 9:45 a.m.**



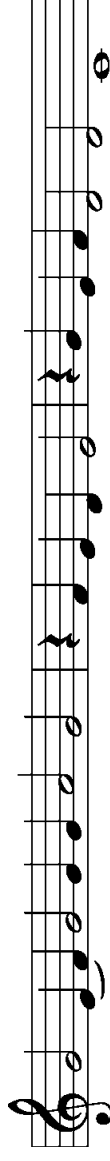
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**G** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**G** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

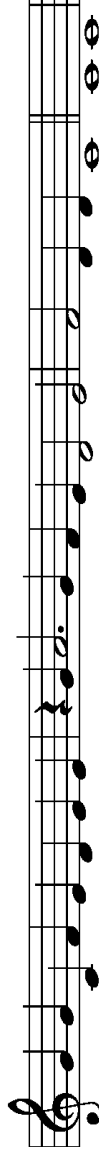
**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**G** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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.  
**G** Amen.

### Gloria Patri

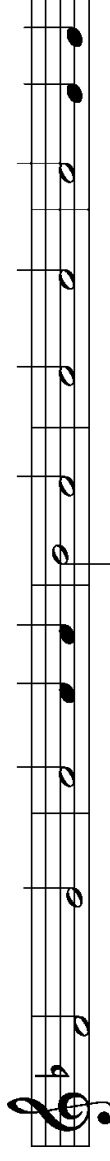


**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

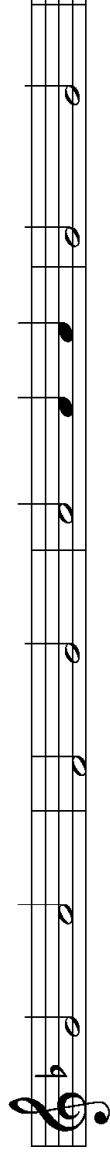


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Kyrie

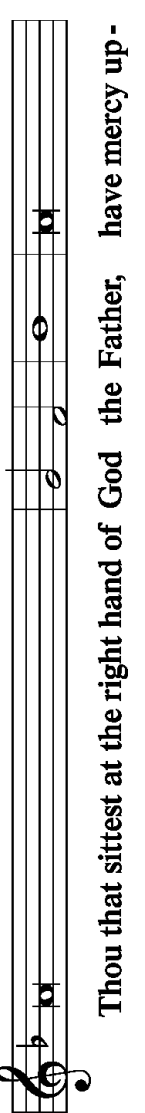
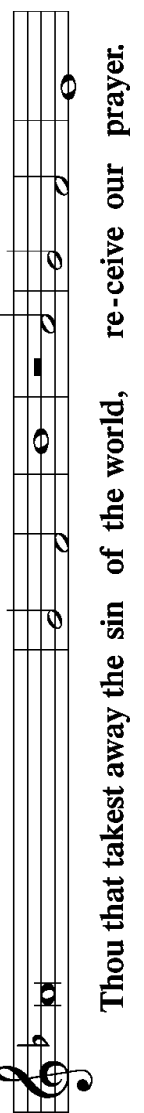
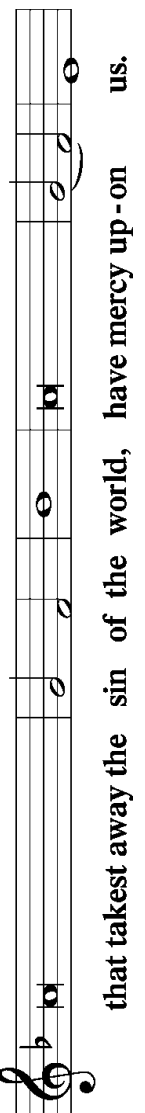
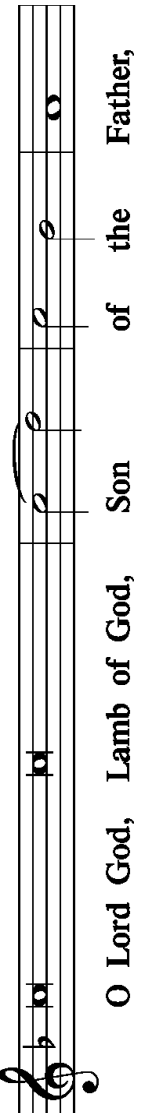
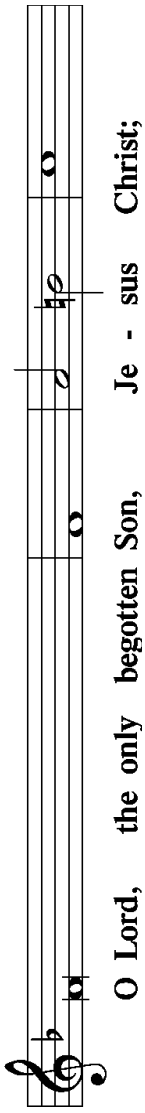
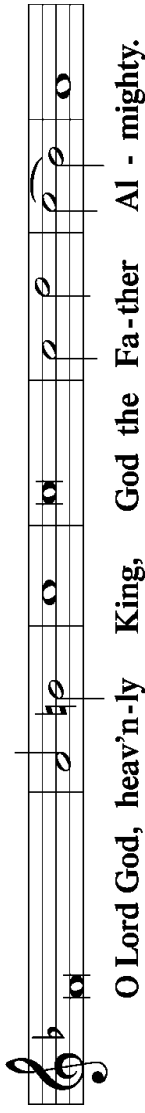
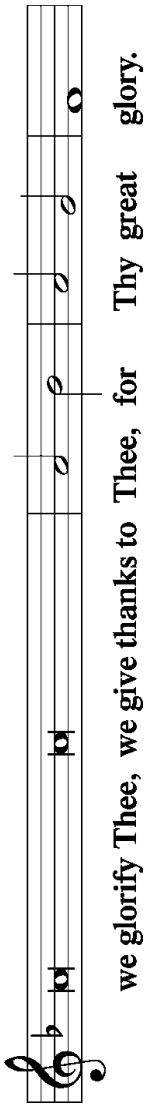
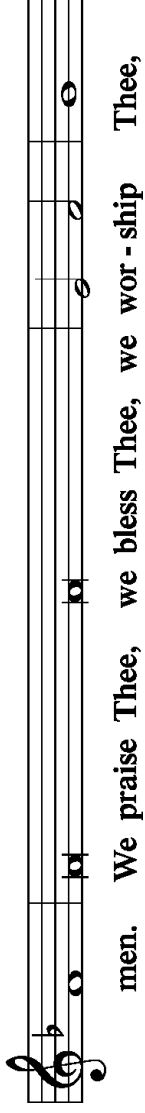
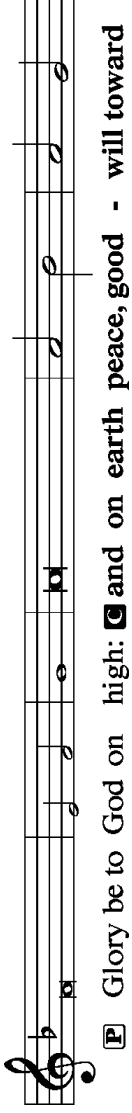


**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

## Gloria in Excelsis



Receive our offerings as earthly investments for eternal returns through the preaching and teaching of the message of forgiveness here and abroad. **May our gifts always come from generous and willing hearts.**

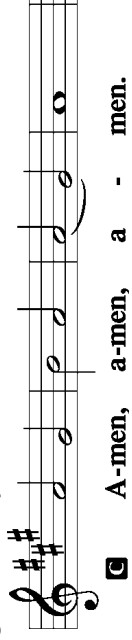
Ahead of us lie many choices. In all of them we wish to serve You. **In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

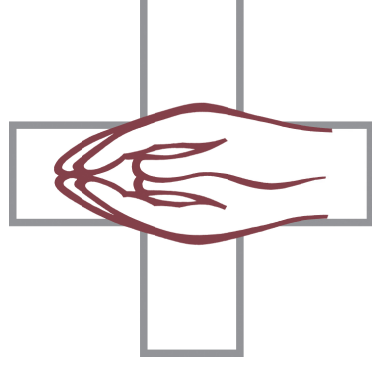
**Hymn 625 (red hymnal):** *Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall*

### 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.



**Closing hymn 53 (red hymnal):** *Abide, O Dearest Jesus*



## Offering

### Offering hymn: 416:1

*Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways*

*To keep His statutes still!*

*Oh, that my God would grant me grace*

*To know and do His will!*



## Responsive Prayer of the Church

P: Plain type.

**C: Boldface, underlined type.**

Dear Lord God: You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent **only** begotten **Son** to suffer the **punishment for sin we deserve**. You have called us out of unbelief and adopted us as Your dear children. Your faithfulness is overwhelming!

Every day of our lives is a gift of Your grace for us to use in serving You. Yet we fall so short. Materialism and other idols of the world lure us away from You. The desires of the sinful nature blind us to Your will. The devil's lies sound so reasonable. Forgive us for all the times we have strayed and failed to glorify You.

Through our hearing, reading, and regular study of Your Word lead us to Jesus and the cross where He completed the work of salvation once and for all in our behalf. Cause the gospel to create a new heart and attitude within us, and move us to turn from sin and serve You only. May all our choices in life reflect our love for You.

We pray for those who are lonely. Assure them that You are always near to counsel and comfort them by Your Word, and that they can speak to You in prayer anytime day or night. Be the defender of children, the elderly, victims of abuse and oppression, and all others who are especially vulnerable.

Reach out Your healing hand to those who are ill or injured. We ask Your loving care for Sue Eichstadt who will undergo hip reconstruction surgery this week. According to Your good will, protect our loved one from all harm, and bless the procedure with a successful outcome. Grant patience and strength during the weeks of recovery, relief from pain, and a return to normal activity.

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.

And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, You cleanse and renew Your people through the saving work of Your Son, our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who have been made spotless by Him, ever walk in faithfulness and truth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.



**Epistle lesson: Ephesians 5:22-31**

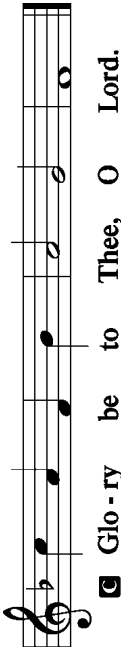
*Jesus' love and devotion toward us is our motivation and strength to love our spouse.*

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



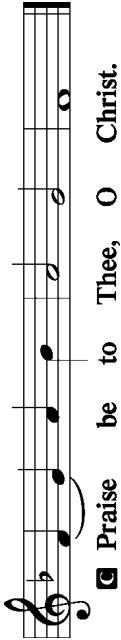
**Gospel lesson:**

**P** The Gospel lesson is recorded in John 6:60-69.



*There are not multiple routes to heaven. Only Jesus has the words of eternal life.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.



**Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

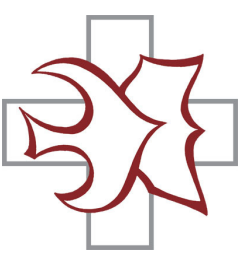
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

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 776 (Worship Supplement): Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You**

**Sermon: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**



**Whom Will You Serve?**

- I. Uncaring, lifeless idols?
- II. The faithful, living Lord?

**Offertory**

