

Messiah
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Epiphany 4

Good morning! We appreciate your joining our worship family, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you are looking for an altar at which to commune, please speak to the pastor beforehand. He will be happy to provide you with the information you would want and need.

Sunday family worship...8:00 and 10:45 A.M.

Choir...9:10 A.M. Sunday school...9:30 A.M. Bible class...9:45 A.M.

Today's Worship

"Whoever lives in love lives in God" (1 Jn. 4:16).

Preparation: Read Ps. 117, page 148 in the red hymnal.

The Liturgy: Page 12ff. in the Worship Supplement.

Hymns: 351, 760, *Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels* (insert), 755/311, 465.

Readings:

Jeremiah 1:4-10...The Lord in love chose Jeremiah even before his birth.

Luke 4:20-32...The Lord's loving call to repentance is often met with hostile unbelief.

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

LOVE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

- I. Its necessity.
- II. Its character.
- III. Its permanence.

Sunday school

Today's lesson is "An Angel Visits Joseph." Just as the angel proclaimed to Joseph that Mary would bear an infant who is the Son of God, the Savior, so God proclaims to us in His Word that this same Jesus is our Savior from sin and death. Ask your children: *What important message did the angel give Joseph? What important message do we hear in God's Word?*

The power of prayer

James writes: "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (James 5:16). What is the power of prayer and where does it come from? Wednesday's Bible class will take up these and other questions.

Conference Friday

The Great Lakes Teachers Conference will meet here on Friday. A list of needed food items is posted on the cupboard doors. Your help is appreciated.

Baptism Sunday next week

Next Sunday is our annual Baptism Sunday. There will be only one service which will begin at 9:30 a.m. No Sunday school or adult Bible class.

Voters meeting notes...

j Membership: The membership of Sharon Broz was transferred to Gift of God, Mapleton, ND. The membership of Danielle Gerbitz and Jacqueline Gerbitz was transferred to Berea, Inver Grove Heights, MN. John Marita was welcomed as a new communicant member and voter. **j CBP set:** Messiah's Cooperative Budget Plan estimate for fiscal year 2019-20 was set at \$47,500. This is the projection of what we will contribute for our joint work in the CLC. **j Kindergarten:** The Bd. of Education reported that the kindergarten program will be reinstated for the next school year utilizing the current staff.

Offering envelopes

It is helpful to the financial secretary and treasurer if you write the date on your weekly offering envelope.

Mission Helper trip to India

Planning for this summer's Mission Helper trip to India is well underway. While no Messiah members are on this year's team, Katherine Reim, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, who attends here while a student at Carroll U. in Waukesha, is one of the Mission Helpers. If you would like to help fund her trip, check the letter on the bulletin board for more information.

CLC news:

j Missionary denied entry: Missionary Peter Evensen was denied entry to India yesterday and is on his back to the U.S. **j After Banquet Party:** Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School are currently working on this year's After Banquet Party to be held May 6, 2017. We rely on donations from school parents, church members, and local businesses. We are able to buy some prizes, but if you would like to donate a prize, that would be greatly appreciated. Even home baked items or care packages are a great gift idea. Monetary donations may be sent to: ILC After Banquet Committee, c/o Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Questions may be directed to joannagamble@hotmail.com. Thank You!

Looking

Ahead...

- ♣ **Today:** 12:15 P.M: Public school confirmation class.
- ♣ **Tuesday:** 11:00 A.M: Brenwood service.
- ♣ **Wednesday:** 7:00 P.M: Bible class.
- ♣ **Thursday:** 7:00 A.M: School staff.
- ♣ **Friday:** 7:00 P.M: Bd. of Elders.
- Great Lakes Teachers Conference.
- ♣ **Next Sunday:** 9:30 A.M: Baptism Sunday (No Sunday school/Bible class).
- ♣ **February 12th:** 5:30 P.M: Bd. of Property. 6:30 P.M: Bd. of Education.

Daily Bible Readings:	
2/3	Ex 29-30 Ps 15 Matt 25
2/4	Ex 31-32 Prov 15 Matt 26
2/5	Reflect on God as Lord of All
2/6	Ex 33-34 Ps 16 Matt 27
2/7	Ex 35-36 Prov 16 Matt 28
2/8	Ex 37-38 Ps 17 Mark 1
2/9	Ex 39-40 Prov 17 Mark 2

Finances:	Last Week	To Date
Budgetary Offerings:	\$6,143.00	\$216,669.00
Sunday School:	\$3.00	\$61.82
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,330.00	\$196,230.00
Over/(Under) Budget:	(187.00)	\$20,439.00
MDF:	\$80.00	\$2,737.00
Kinship: (Roehl Mem)	\$100.00	\$2,108.00
Benevolence Fund:	\$500.00	
Attendance last Sunday: 54,66.		

Cleaning Teams:	February 9th-15th
Church:	E. Nelson, Serba
School:	Gescheidle, Starr
February Ushers:	1st:: K. Ackerman, E. Nelson
	2nd: T. Garvens, M. Traub



Live

In

Love!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY

Jeremiah 1:4-10 NKJV

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth."

But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant."

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13 NKJV

Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts.

And yet I show you a more excellent way. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity,

but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Luke 4:20-32 NKJV

Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard down in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'"

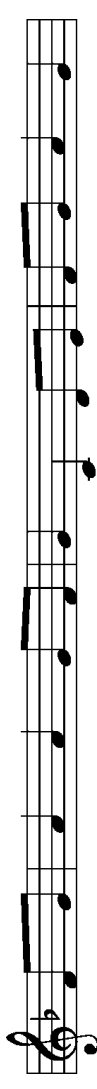
Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

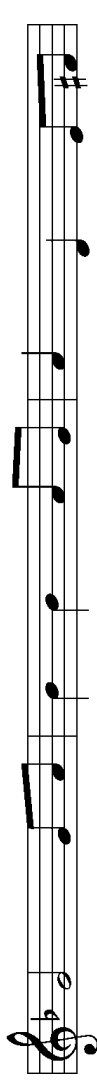
Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

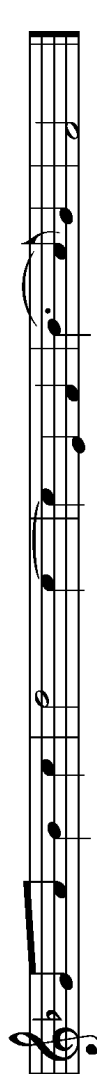
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1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an - gels, Not for wis - dom to dis -
2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tile, Love is ten - der, true, and
3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in
4 In the day this world is fad - ing Faith and hope will play their



cern, Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, For this
kind; Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er -
wrong; Nev - er boast - ful, nor re - sent - ful, Love be -
part; But when Christ is seen in glo - ry Love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn: May love be ours, O Lord.
ous of heart and mind: May love be ours, O Lord.
lives and suf - fers long: May love be ours, O Lord.
reign in ev - 'ry heart: May love be ours, O Lord.