

November 19, 2017

Trinity 24 / Pentecost 25



"WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED..."

~1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & SCHOOL K-8

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The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class / **10:00am** Divine Service

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Pastor Neal Radichel ♦ Principal Dave Bernthal ♦ Teacher Jennifer Wiese

Altar cloths are **white**; the color of purity is displayed as we rejoice in the pure Word of God.
Welcome to all! This week's focus:

***"So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said,
"Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the
plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."***

Genesis 19:17

Today's Divine Service Liturgy (how God's Word serves us): **As follows**

605 (1-5) ♦ 618 (1-6) ♦ 784 (1-3) ♦ Children

Pre-Service Meditation Ps 119-XIV. (Red Hymnal pg.151) ~Opening Bells / Prayer

Our worship service centers and glorifies our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please turn off your cell phones to avoid distraction.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

I. WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.

PASTOR: We begin our worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

ALL: Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #611 (1-2, 7) [Red Hymnal]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

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.

ALL: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

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.

ALL: Amen.

II. WE PRAISE OUR LORD

LORD, HAVE MERCY *KYRIE*



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



earth. (C:) Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we
give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone
are the Lord, You a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation (speaks): Amen.

III. OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ HEBREWS 4:14-16

We are encouraged to hold on to the truth of our confession even in the face of persecution and to come with confidence to the LORD because of Jesus. God has demonstrated His love and mercy towards us in sacrificing His own Son in our place. What can man do to us?

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ LUKE 19:11-27

As Christians, who have been redeemed and brought to faith, we have a stewardship, to make the most of the time and gifts God has given to us. The world opposes this truth, but God will judge all sin and condemn those who oppose Him on the last day.

11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. **12** Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. **13** "So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' **14** "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' **15** "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.

16 "Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' **17** "And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' **18** "And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' **19** "Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.' **20** "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your

mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. **21** 'For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' **22** "And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. **23** 'Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

24 "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' **25** ("But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')

26 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. **27** 'But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.' "

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

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLE'S CREED

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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 OF THE DAY: #618 (1-6) [Red Hymnal]

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Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

Genesis 19:15-26

15 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." **16** And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. **17** So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

18 Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my lords! **19** "Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die. **20** "See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live." **21** And he said to him, "See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. **22** "Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. **23** The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar.

24 Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. **25** So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. **26** But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

The LORD urges US to Urgency!

1. *What is YOUR "Lot" ... in life?*
 - a. Do you have a fading focus (like Lot and his wife)?
 - b. *Prodigal Practice vs. Penitent Practice*
2. *How is the LORD's mercy ... multiplied?*
 - a. Stubborn sheep are called with warnings.
 - b. Eternal investment comes with earthly sacrifice!

IV. WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERING MEDITATION: "MULTIPLIED" –NEED TO BREATHE ©2014 - CCLI#11110483

Your love is like radiant diamonds
Bursting inside us we cannot contain
Your love will surely come find us
Like blazing wild fires singing Your name
**God of mercy sweet love of mine
I have surrendered to Your design
May this offering stretch across the skies
And these Halleluiahs be multiplied**

FOLLOWED BY THE OFFERING HYMN: [Red Hymnal #400:1,6]

**Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all, for Thee.**

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ SAY LORD'S PRAYER

V. OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION

God's blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

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 His peace.

ALL: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Kids: O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.

ALL: O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!

**Ladies: 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.**

**Guys: He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.**

**Kids: He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.**

**ALL: His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Questions? (920) 922-7421

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: *"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*

**Online calendar at FDLutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran*

Nov 19 Sun Usher Team #4: Wayne W, Dave B, Bob C, Ron H, Alan K, Larry S
Organist: Barry H / Counters: Eric W, John S
9a Sunday School / Bible Class (Growing in Prayer – Part 4)
10a Worship Service

Nov 22 Wed 6:30p Thanksgiving Evening Worship!

Nov 26 Sun Usher Team #1: Lowell B, Reuel D, Rodney K, Tyler K, Alex S, John S
Organist: Rhoda E / Counters: Eric W, John S
9a Sunday School / Bible Class (Growing in Prayer – Part 5)
10a Worship Service

UPCOMING DATES: 

Dec Wed 10a Midweek Advent Worship!
Theme: The Ancestry of Jesus

- i. Eternal Ancestry (December 6th)
- ii. Paternal Ancestry (December 13th)
- iii. Maternal Ancestry (December 20th)

Dec 1 Fri 6p Fellowship and Family Game night (Pictionary)

Dec 8 Fri 1:30p 75ers Christmas Party

Dec 17 Sun Afternoon Christmas Caroling / Soup Supper at Seibels

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Dec 24 Sun 10a Sunday Service (Advent 4)
6p Christmas Eve Children's Service

Dec 25 Mon 10a Christmas Day Service

Dec 31 Sun 10a Sunday Service
6p New Year's Eve Service (with Communion)

Jan 1 Mon NO New Year's Day Service (Council)

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HELP NEEDED for our LM School Committee. Looking for volunteers as we are short a couple of men. Please speak to Chairman Mike Schierenbeck if you are interested. Thanks.

THANK YOU LORD, and THANK YOU! Recently the final payment for the Fellowship Hall and Building Remodel work has been made. Now that the physical work of this large project is complete, the Building Committee and the Church Council would like to thank once again everyone who was involved. To everyone who volunteered hours of labor, we thank you for your time and talents. To everyone who donated materials or offerings, we thank you for your generosity. Most importantly, during this time of Thanksgiving we all can thank the Lord who has given us all the means and opportunity to make new again our house of the Lord!

CLC Call News The Rev. Andrew Schaller, pastor of Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI, has returned the call as co-pastor to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN.

MARKESAN DIY SIGN-MAKING EVENT!!! We are having a DIY Sign-Making Event at Faith Lutheran on December 2, 2017, from 10:00am-2:00pm. The coordinator for this event is Jessi Scheberl, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire and owner of JS Designs. Please feel free to invite others. To attend this event you only have to do two things:

Step 1) Decide what you want to make by going to www.jsdesignseauclair.com (Password: craft night) and look at the designs she has available.

Step 2) RSVP. Click "Going" and tell her what you would like to make by posting in the event or message Jessi. She can be reached via Facebook either through this event or Facebook messenger, or email (jsdesigns.eauclair@gmail.com) or via text ([715.379.6716](tel:715.379.6716))

REFORMATION SEMINAR REVIEW

Dear fellow participants in the traveling seminar,

In Christ Jesus Whose death and Resurrection established the joy and certain hope of our justification. Here is a review of the Seminar on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Sept. 29-Oct.1 Appleton 19, Marquette 20, Eau Claire 91 (1 visitor)

Oct. 13-15 Milwaukee 51 (1 visitor), Fond du Lac 37 (6 visitors), Markesan 35 (3 visitors)

Oct. 20-22 Coloma 32, Middleton 27

Oct. 27-29 Detroit 25 (5 visitors), Saginaw 50 (7 visitors)

Total 387 (23 visitors)

Included also was a hand-out of over 150 pamphlets on different topics. Here at Messiah we also handed out about 30 DVD's, including some to non-members.

We are thankful that the LORD provided so many blessings, including safe travel for over 3500 miles, good health, supportive lay people, interested visitors and more. It's proper not only to thank the LORD for answering prayers, but also to add a petition that the Holy Spirit would continue to bless the Word that has been sown. This is a good time, while it is still fresh on your mind to share a few of your thoughts. Things that went well, areas that can be improved.

For example, here at Messiah we identified the following:

- Better videoing for a better final product
- Better use of social media to promote

- Try for a TV interview
- Send out 2 weeks sooner the promo's : to our area

On a personal note, I anxiously looked forward to the report of each presentation. Some places had no visitors, others only a few. Was it worth all the effort? But when you look at the total numbers, this is not a small number. When you remember God's promise to bless the sowing of the Word, even for one soul, no number is insignificant. Pamphlets and DVD's in homes for future use. Put all of this together and you have an impactful event that the Spirit can and will use. And in outreach we simply need to try, and try again. Outreach needs to be done, if not this method, then another. My thoughts anyway.

Every blessing in our Lord Jesus for you and your family and our work in the Kingdom,
Pastor Paul Tiefel, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI

IN OUR PRAYERS *If you are hospitalized, please let pastor know if you would like a visit!*

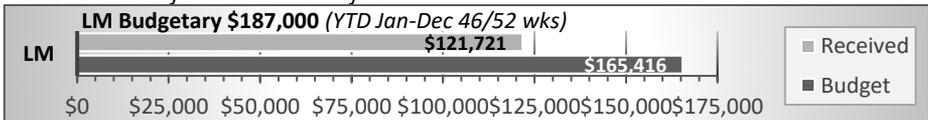
Hospitalized: Evy Chase was called home by our Lord on Nov. 16th. Please keep her family in your prayers! Jim S is recovering at Meadow Harbor. Jean M is also at Harbor Haven receiving therapy.

Shut-ins: Dan Immel (Woodlands), Ed Jacobs (868 W Scott St), Gloria Jacobs (Woodlands), Doris Kaiser (Woodlands), Jeanette Keipe (675 S. Main St.), John Lenburg (769 Mustang Ln), Marion Mach (Lutheran Home), Lois "Jean" Martin (Lutheran Home), Jim Steffen (N8652 Linden Beach Rd).

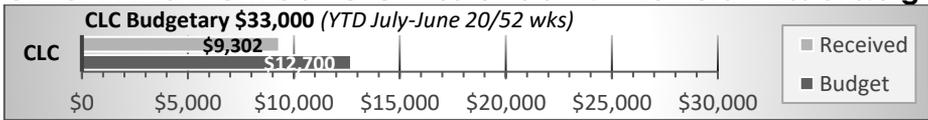
FRUITS OF FAITH—LAST SUNDAY / FOR THE YEAR *Bible Class 24 Worship 97*

<u>LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
Budgetary (\$3596 budgeted per week)	Budgetary (\$635 needed per week)
\$4816* LM General Budget (<i>past 2 Sun.'s</i>)	\$942 CLC General Budget
Non-Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
\$ _____ LM School	\$10 _____ ILC Student Aid Fund
\$ _____ LM Student Aid Fund	\$ _____ ILC Building Fund
\$ _____ LM Debt Retirement	\$ _____ ILC Improvement Fund
\$ _____ LM Maintenance & Improvements	\$10 _____ Mission Development-(MDF)
\$ _____ LM Local Missions/Outreach	\$10/50 _____ Project Kinship/Orphanage
\$355 _____ LM Other: RRF (Building Fund)	\$ _____ CLC Other: Foreign
□ <i>Memorial (Designated): *Eileen Gantner (\$10 General)</i>	

Due to the ongoing budget needs, the Council wishes to encourage LM Members to direct their local offerings to the "LM General Budget" rather than "Non-Budgetary" items for the remainder of the year. This is not an attempt to bind consciences, but rather to meet our weekly needs. Thank you!



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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

Mon Isaiah 54:7-13 follows ch.53, which focuses on Jesus, the Lamb of God. So if you are concerned about how you stand with God, cheer up, for God's mercy on sinners outlasts His anger over their sinning (7-8); this has always been His M.O. (9-10). We should now focus on our future with God, a future that is precious (11-12) for us and for our children (13). (How come God is so good-hearted? Read chapter 53.)

Tues Mark 8:34-38 Folks dedicated to Jesus expect tribulations, even life-threatening trials (34-35), but God counterbalances loss with gain, and gain with loss (35-37). Note the emphasis on attitude: "*Whoever desires to follow Me*" and "*whoever is ashamed of Me and My words*. Jesus is our desire, and we are not ashamed of His Word.

Wed Revelation 3:7-13 Because Jesus has the keys of the Kingdom, He opens doors for us to carry His Word and His name to others (8) in opposition to Satan and his tribe (9). Whoever perseveres through trial, overcomes Satan's deceptions, and *holds tight to what you have (so that no one may take away your crown)* will receive Jesus' final accolade and stamp of approval (12). That makes us listen up (13).

Thurs Psalm 46. "In moments when even Luther felt something akin to despair, he would say to his faithful co-worker, 'Come, Philip, let us sing the 46th Psalm!' and the two friends would sing lustily Luther's "A mighty Fortress is our God"" (*Handbook to TLH*, p.193). Children of God surviving earthquakes and hurricanes join in the sing-along: "*The LORD of hosts is [still] with us! Selah!*"

Fri John 6:42-47 Anyone on the "outs" with Jesus is on the "outs" with the Father also, and rejecting Jesus is the sin that will condemn them on Resurrection morning (44). How to escape that fate? Find salvation via Jesus! Find Jesus in the Bible! Trust God's Word on it (45)! Bottom line: *He who believes in Jesus as Savior has eternal life* already.

Sat 1 John 2:18-23 What is "*the last hour*"? Potentially, every hour on Earth is the last hour, for today can turn into Judgment Day. The Universe is running down time-wise, planet Earth is spiraling down toward Judgment Day, our lives are running down, and visible Christianity is running down too, judging by the evidence (18-19) that many have given up on Jesus as the one-and-only, totally sufficient Savior. "When my last hour cometh, ... Jesus, take me, dying, to eternal life" (*TLH* 516:4). Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!



Have a Cup of Cheer!

75ERS' ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Friday, December 8
1:30 p.m.*

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Bring a friend!