

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday in Advent



"We Preach Christ Crucified..."

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

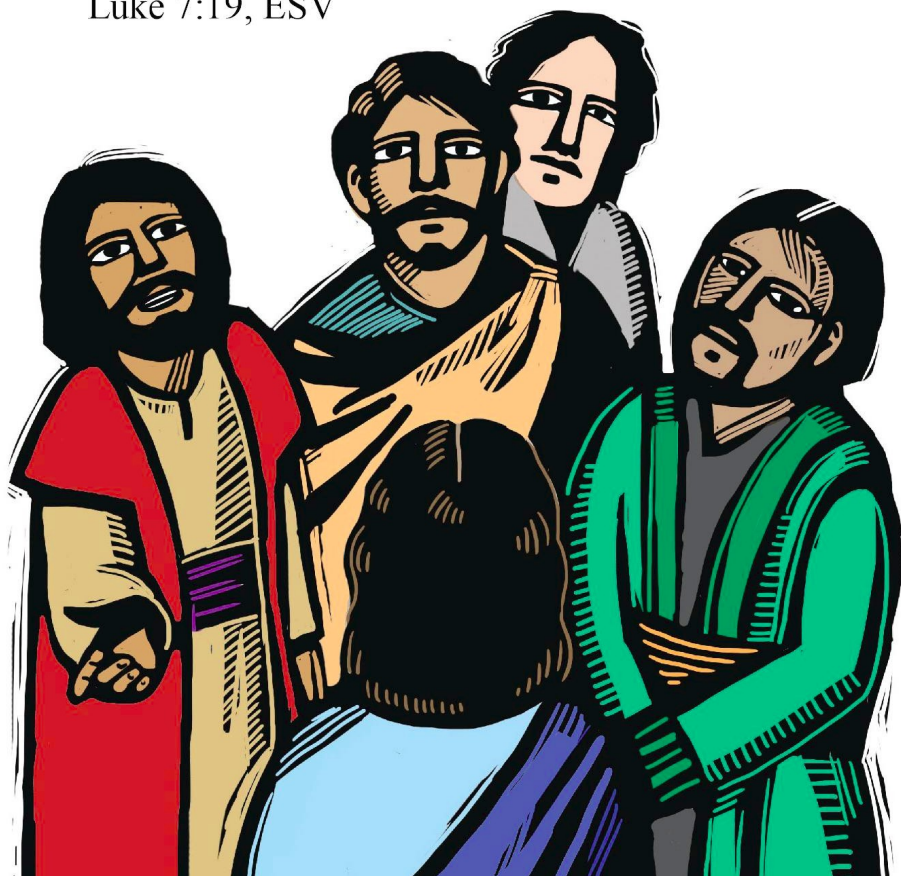
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"Are you the one who is to come,
or shall we look for another?"

Luke 7:19, ESV



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Welcome to Worship

The American folk song “I Wonder as I Wander” captures the Advent question asked by John the Baptist’s messengers in today’s Holy Gospel. “Are You the one,” they wondered, “or shall we look for another?” We live in a wandering world, constantly looking, seeking, and yearning for that one thing, that one idea, that one person, that one amount of money that unlocks the way to a life of flourishing. Today we rejoice that amidst our wonderings and wanderings, Jesus is the one. He is the one by whom the blind saw, the lame walked, lepers were cleansed, demon-possessed people were freed, and the dead were raised. Jesus is the one who will restore all creation to its original perfection and who, when He comes again in glory, will restore all things forever.

[Today’s hymns are printed on pages 9-12 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 55 – Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You
A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord, At
heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor - ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The musical notation for this section is spread across four staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is more complex than the first section, featuring some eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens used for syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 85

P LORD, you were favorable to your land;

C you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

P You forgave the iniquity of your people;

C you covered all their sin.

P You withdrew all your wrath;

C you turned from your hot anger.

P Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

C and put away your indignation toward us!

P Will you be angry with us forever?

C Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

P Will you not revive us again,

C that your people may rejoice in you?

- P** Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
C **and grant us your salvation.**
- P** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
C **for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**
- P** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
C **that glory may dwell in our land.**
- P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
C **righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
- P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
C **and righteousness looks down from the sky.**
- P** Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
C **and our land will yield its increase.**
- P** Righteousness will go before him
C **and make his footsteps a way.**

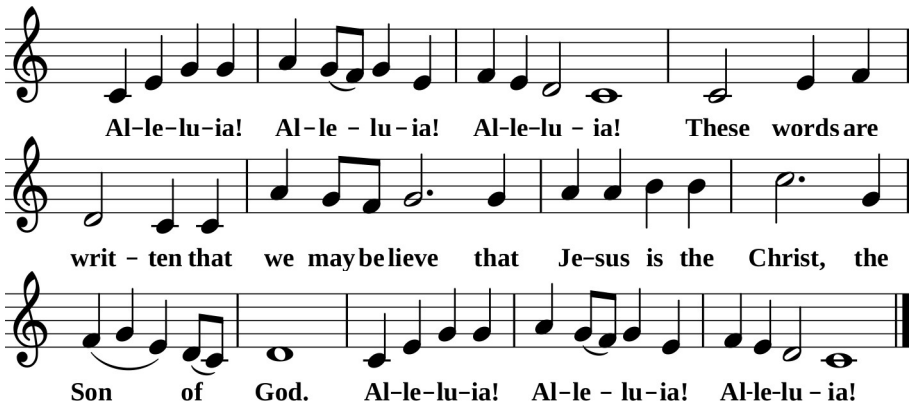
Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia

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



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are
writ-ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

TLH 60 – Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Sermon Text

Luke 7:18-28

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰ And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹ In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” ²⁴ When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is written, “ ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’” ²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”



Sermon

What Do You Expect for Christmas?

I. From Jesus?

II. From His Word?

Offertory



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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

TLH 74 – One He Came in Blessing

Offering Hymn

TLH 442 st. 2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn

TLH 66 – Hark the Glad sound! The Savior Comes

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TLH 55 – Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

Matt. 21 : 5

Komm, du wert'es Lösegeld
Johann G. Olearius, 1664
Tr., August Crull, 1923, alt.

7. 8. 7. 8. 7. 7.

Meinen Jesum lass' ich nicht
"Neuerfertigtes Gesangbuch"
Darmstadt, 1699



1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, On - ly Hope for sin - ful mor - tals!
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and Lord most ho - ly.
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re - ceive, I pray Thee;



Come, O Sav - ior of the world! O - pen are to Thee all por - tals.
Dwell in me and ne'er de - part, Tho' I am but poor and low - ly.
Ev - er - more, as best I can, Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee,



Come, Thy beau - ty let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
Ah, what rich - es will be mine When Thou art my Guest Di - vine!
And in faith I will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it thro' Thy grace. A - men.



4 Hail, hosanna, David's Son!
Help, Lord, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail, hosanna! to our King.

TLH 60 – Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Rom. 13 : 11
Vox clara ecce intonat
Latin, c. 900
Tr., Edward Caswall, 1849

8. 7. 8. 7.

O der alles
"Neues geistreiches Gesangbuch"
Halle, 1705



1 Hark, a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is nigh!" we hear it say;
2 Star-tled at the sol-emn warn-ing, Let the earth-bound soul a-rise;



"Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye chil-dren of the day!"
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, Shines up-on the morning skies. A-men.



3 Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all, to be forgiven,

4 That, when next He comes with glory
And the world is wrapped in fear,
He may shield us with His mercy
And with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, dominion,
To the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal glory run!

TLH 74 – One He Came in Blessing

Luke 4: 18

Gottes Sohn ist kommen


Johann Roh, 1544, cento

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863



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Gottes Sohn ist kommen



Michael Weisse, 1531




1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still He comes with - in us, Still His voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou hast known Him, Not a - shamed to own Him,
4 He who thus en - dur - eth Bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



Came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
From the sins that hurt us; Would to Truth con - vert us
But wilt trust Him bold - ly Nor dost love Him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re - lease us;



Bore the cross to save us, Hope and free - dom gave us.
From our fool - ish er - rors Ere He comes in ter - rors.
He will then re - ceive thee, Heal thee, and for - give thee.
Let us here con - fess Thee Till in heav'n we bless Thee. A - men.



TLH 66 – Hark the Glad sound! The Savior Comes

Is. 61: 1, 2; Luke 14: 18
Philip Doddridge, 1735, cento

C. M.

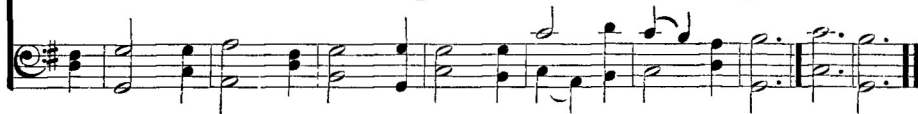
Chesterfield
Thomas Haweis, 1792



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior prom - ised long;
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's bond - age held.
3 He comes from thick - est films of vice To clear the men - tal ray
4 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing soul to cure,



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
The gates of brass be - fore Him burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
And on the eye - balls of the blind To pour ce - les - tial day.
And with the trea - sures of His grace T' en - rich the hum - ble poor. A - men.



5 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

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December 12	10:00 am	Worship Service
December 14	6:00 pm	Church Council
December 15	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Worship
December 18	10:00 am	Christmas Eve Practice
December 19	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Christmas Lunch
December 23	8:30 am	Christmas Eve Practice
December 24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service
December 25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Worship Service
December 26	10:00 am	Worship Service

Thank You: Thank you to Dave Bernthal for leading our worship service this morning.

Pastor: Pastor Sauers tested positive for COVID-19 this past Friday. According to CDC guidelines, he must isolate for ten days. Therefore, he will not be leading worship services this Sunday, Wednesday the 15th, and next Sunday the 19th. Sunday and Thursday Bible classes will be canceled through December 19th. As long as he is feeling well enough, Pastor will teach classes in the Day School and Thursday evening public school Catechism classes virtually. Pastor will not be able to make visits until December 21st, but he can be reached by phone at (920) 602-3242.

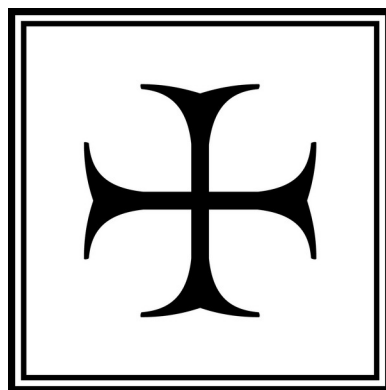
Christmas Lunch: Youth group will be hosting a Christmas lunch following church on December 19th at 11:30 am. If you have youth or are a youth, please let April Kern know if you would like to participate in helping set up and serve. Youth will be asked to bring a side dish to add to the meal.

LM Called Workers' Gifts: This is a way of thanking and showing our appreciation to the called workers of Luther Memorial. If you would like to make a contribution towards a monetary gift for our teacher/pastor, please place it in the designated box at the back of the church.

ILC Professor Gifts: This project began years ago to thank and acknowledge the word that is done at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire. This year we are again collecting monetary gifts for the professors. Your donation can be placed in the appropriate box at the back of the church.

2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa.

CLC News: Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to be the upper grade of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. + Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has been called to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA. + Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.



FRUITS OF FAITH – November 24 & 28

Attendance: 11/24 -58; 11/28 - 64

<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>	
\$3,942.00	LM General Budget (11/28)	\$325.00	CLC General Budget (11/28)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
+\$865.08	-Under / +Over	-\$59.62	-Under / +Over
\$122,409.83	Year to Date Offerings	\$7,313.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$147,692.16	Year to Date Need	\$8,461.64	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$25,282.33	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$1,148.64	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>	
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
\$20.00	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
	LM M & I	\$50.00	Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$120.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous

FRUITS OF FAITH – December 1 & 5

Attendance: 12/1 -24; 12/5 - 74

<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>	
\$4,772.00	LM General Budget (12/05)	\$765.00	CLC General Budget (12/05)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
+\$1,695.08	-Under / +Over	+\$380.38	-Under / +Over
\$127,181.83	Year to Date Offerings	\$8,078.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$150,769.08	Year to Date Need	\$8,846.26	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$23,587.25	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$768.26	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>	
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
\$20.00	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$10.00	LM M & I	\$35.00	Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$20.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
\$20.00	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
\$75.00	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous
Memorial: \$10.00 was given to the MDF in memory of Bobby Ridgell.			

CLC Financial Report - November

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 5 Month	Balance 11/30/2021
General Fund	0	404,608	522,497	525,000	-117,889
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	687,975	599,314	603,000	88,661
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	124,590	261,741	198,227		188,104
ILC Building Projects **	1,096,716	102,279	9,862		1,189,133
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	87,173	51,898		167,588
Kinship	182,119	62,708	71,872		172,955
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	3,527,885	-177,281	1,012,952		2,337,652
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	133,585	34,129	43,653		124,061
CLC Reserve Fund (YTDgains/losses)	300,222	-35,122	0		269,774
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,497,430	\$335,627	\$1,388,464		\$4,444,593

General Fund – November offerings were \$86,885 **VS** disbursements of \$110,635, a negative monthly cash flow of -\$23,750. YTD offerings are \$120,392 short of budget needs, while YTD disbursements are \$2,500 under budgeted expenses, resulting in the General Fund deficit of -- \$117,889 after the 5th month of our fiscal year. The General Fund provides the main subsidy (\$1,260,000) for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Ed & Publication.

ILC Operations – November revenue was \$116,911 (\$61,667 subsidy & \$53,963 student revenue) **VS** disbursements of \$113,235 (wages/benefits \$75,367), a positive monthly cash flow of \$3,675.

IIF – November revenue: \$270 **VS** \$52,190 professorage hail repairs (covered by CM insurance). Realized earnings for FY22 YTD are \$1,885.

ILC Building Projects – November offerings: \$4,103 **VS** \$0 in disbursements. November earnings (dividends-interest) were \$2,049, while changes in principal (capital) value were negative -\$18,733 (October was +\$15,772) due to market movements. Realized earnings for FY22 YTD are \$18,626.

CEF – November revenue: \$18,500 loan repayments, \$150 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$78,974 (\$75,000 Cong loan construction draw #4). Realized earnings for FY22 YTD are \$41,808.

MDF – November offerings \$58,111 (\$45,000 special) **VS** disbursements of \$20,322, including \$5,600 Africa/Asia outreach; \$8,500 church building aid, & \$1,635 admin expenses.

SAF – November receipts: \$7,487 (SAF loan repayments & gifts) **VS** \$7,565 disbursed (\$6,501 student grants & loans, & scholarships; \$1,065 admin expenses. Endowment realized earnings FY22 YTD: SAF: \$24,580.; PMPG: \$30,213; Scholarship Fund: \$1,995.

Kinship – November: Received: \$10,587 offerings & sponsors **VS** disbursed: \$22,280 (7,410 orphanages, \$8,400 Seminary student sponsorships, \$940 emergency medical assistance).

** Fluctuations are expected in our portfolio values month to month and the net gain or loss in the YTD balances is reported in the chart above for the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund. These are reported to help explain the changes in the fund balances in their investment portfolios. The interest & dividend earnings reported are real, constant, & accumulative each month.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees