

April 24, 2016

5th Sunday in Easter



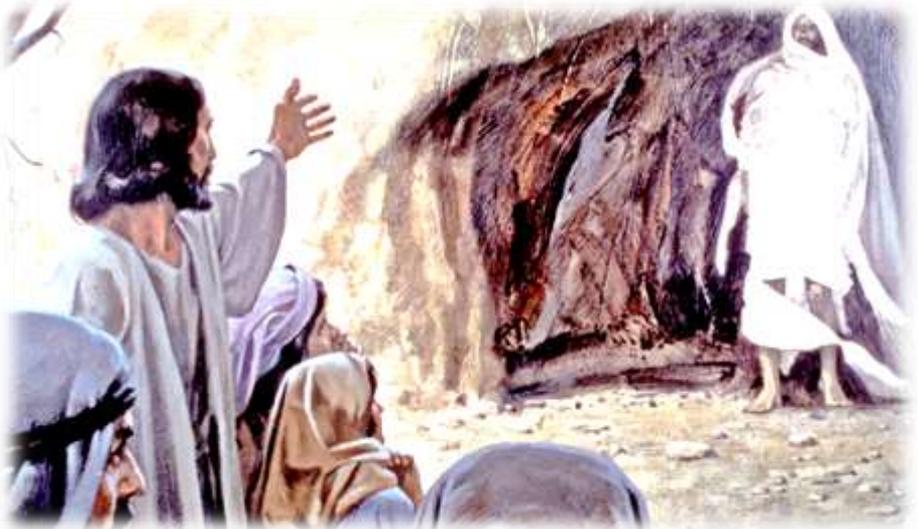
"WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED..."

~ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & SCHOOL K-8

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Series: Walking with the Word

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

Visit us at: www.FDLlutheran.com ♦ Church/Office (920) 922-7421

Pastor Neal Radichel ♦ Principal Dave Bernthal ♦ Teacher Jenn Ohlmann

*Altar cloths are white; the color of purity signifies Christ's holy birth & redemptive work for us all!
Welcome to all! This week's focus:*

"Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go.""

John 11:43b-44

Today's service liturgy (how God serves us) and hymns: Red Hymnal p5

290:1-3 ♦ 457 ♦ 592:1,4-6 ♦ 209:4

Pre-Service Meditation Ps 84 (Red Hymnal pg. 139) ~ Opening Bells / Prayer

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

II. WE PRAISE OUR LORD

THE GLORIA PATRI

"Glory to the Father" (Red Hymnal, pg 16)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be For - ev - er more. Amen.

THE KYRIE

"O Lord" (Red Hymnal pg 17)

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

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the highest" (Red Hymnal #189)

**He is arisen! Glorious word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heaven are open. My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's direst weapon.
Oh, hear, What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious,
Life He giveth--He was dead, but see, He liveth!**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spir - it.

PASTOR: Let us pray: (Pastor says the prayer of the day)

R: A - - - - men.

III. OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ ISAIAH 4

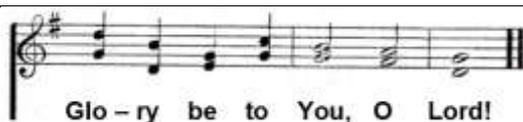
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Isaiah is foretelling how God will completely protect His church even from rain, even from the beating sun! He Himself will dwell with them in His glory. This has its ultimate fulfillment in the eternal and supremely bright day of heaven. There God will dwell with us and there will be no rain, no sorrow, no pain. But this prophecy is not just for then. In Jesus who brings us to that eternal joy, this prophecy is now as well.

1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, "We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; Only let us be called by your name, To take away our reproach."

2 In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious; And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing For those of Israel who have escaped. **3** And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy -- everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. **4** When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, **5** then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. **6** And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ JOHN 11:32-45



The Gospel and testimony of the Apostle John gives us a reminder of Jesus' power over death even before Jesus had risen. On the one hand, we see the humanity of Jesus weeping over the impact of His good friend Lazarus' death. But on the other hand, we see Jesus' divinity in demonstrating His powerful Word in life giving action! Notice that Lazarus was not the only one who received new life that day!

32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." **33** Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. **34** And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" **37** And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?" **38** Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. **39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." **40** Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" **41** Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. **42** "And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."

43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" **44** And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." **45** Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him.



OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ EXPLANATION TO THE 2ND ARTICLE

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

CONGREGATIONAL FAVORITE: #457 [Red Hymnal]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." ~Matthew 19:14

AUDIO/VIDEO IN CRYROOM FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO NEED A BRIEF REMINDER

SERMON MEDITATION read/watch sermons and services online at www.fdllutheran.org

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

John 11:32-45 (2nd Scripture lesson)

Keeping Company with Jesus is Comforting!

1. Because His Divinity is accompanied with His Humanity.
2. Because His death and life has accompanied ours!

THE OFFERTORY *We Offer God our hearts again, praying for His Spiritual blessings!*



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.

SERMON HYMN: #592:1,4-6 [Red Hymnal]

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: *"Because He Lives"* by Matt Maher

FOLLOWED BY THE OFFERING HYMN: [Red hymnal #441:1,2]

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus, As stewards true receive**

And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ SAY LORD'S PRAYER

V. OUR LORD BLESSES US

THE BENEDICTION - *The blessing given by God for 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 unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

ALL: (sung) Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: #209:4 [Red Hymnal]

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/FDLutheran
Council, Ladies, & other minutes are online under "Our Church" / Documents

Apr 24 Sun Usher Team #2: Don S, Pete A, Mark R, Don G, Gene M, Stuart P
Organist: Mrs. Eserhut / Counters: Eric W, Ron H

9a Sunday School / Bible Class on Galatians! **10a** Divine Service
11:15a Choir (Ascension) **11:15a** Public Catechism

Apr 26 Tue **6:45p** Elders

Apr 27 Wed **9-2:30p** CLC Area Pastor Study Club-- Hales Corners

May 1 Sun Usher Team #3: Steve S, Don E, Dave M, Andrew T, Eric W

Organist: Mrs. Fillmore / Counters: Alan K, TBD

9a Sunday School / Bible Class on Galatians!

10a Spring Mission Festival / Holy Communion

11:15a Choir (Ascension) **11:15a** Public Catechism

UPCOMING DATES:

May 5 Thu **6:30p** Ascension Service

May 10 Tue **6p** Mother-Daughter Banquet

May 15 Sun **10a** Congregational Re-confirmation

May 18 Wed **6p** LMS Phun Night **May 19** LMS Last Day of School

May 21 Sat **10a** ILC Graduation Eau Claire, WI

May 30 Mon Memorial Day Parade (Walk with our LM Float!) Guindon Line up 9:30a

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CLC CALL NEWS - Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights (Detroit Area) MI, has called the Rev. Roland Gurgel, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Spring TX. <> The Rev. Neal Radichel, pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran, Fond du Lac WI, has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. <> Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, has called the Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, to serve as interim pastor from April 25 through May 15; he has accepted the call. On the following Sunday, May 22, the Rev. Wayne Eichstadt is scheduled to be installed as Gethsemane's new pastor.

Myanmar Earthquake -- Please include prayers for our brothers and sisters of the Zomi Lutheran Church of Myanmar (ZLCM). A 6.9 magnitude earthquake recently hit the western regions of Myanmar where several ZLCM congregations are located. Pastor Kham reported that among the congregations of the ZLCM, three members were killed, seven were hospitalized, and five homes were severely damaged. When the HCLC-Nepal heard about the earthquake in Myanmar, Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti called and requested that some of the remaining funds from the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund be sent to the ZLCM as soon as possible to assist them in their time of need. Money was sent from the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund to the ZLCM this past week and no special offering will be needed at this time. In addition to the recent earthquake, there has also been recent flooding and wind storms in western Myanmar. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the ZLCM as they struggle to recover, continue to pray for members of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession in Nepal as they work to rebuild, and give thanks and praise to the Lord for compassionate and willing hearts that are led by our Savior's love to help our fellow Christians in times of need.

Retirement Gift: Professor John Pfeiffer has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. Upon graduation from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary in 1967, he served in the pastoral ministry until November 1994 when he began his service at Immanuel. Prof. Pfeiffer's time at Immanuel includes 21 years of teaching as a professor and 15 years of administration as ILC President. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 20-21, 2016. Our custom is to present a monetary gift to Prof. Pfeiffer as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to a monetary gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 21). Please make your gifts to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Pfeiffer Retirement." Mail to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

The 3rd Annual CLC WI Golf Invitational will be held on Saturday, June 11th at 1 p.m. at Lake Mills Golf Course (between Milwaukee and Madison). This year is hosted by Messiah, Hales Corners. See poster on bulletin board for more information. Registration deadline is May 10th!

Porkies Youth Camp-out: August 10-14 (Wed-Sun), 2016. For kids entering grades 8-12. Total camp fee \$85. We'll camp at the Union Bay group campsite right on Lake Superior (near Ontonagon, MI). We'll have devotions, group discussions, hiking, swimming, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, and beach football. It's okay if you've never camped. We do everything together and we'll help you learn. For more information see bulletin board or talk to pastor.

Dear Past and Future Arise and Shiners...

Registration for the 2016 Arise and Shine Retreat is now open! Please visit our website at www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com to register and to find more details about this year's retreat.

Dates: June 16th-19th **Location:** Camp JIM, Pillager, MN

Who: Anyone in their 20's or 30's (or close to it...we don't check IDs!)

FRUITS OF FAITH – PAST WEEK / FOR THE YEAR *Bible Class 19 Worship 127*

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Budgetary (\$3308 budgeted per week)

\$2705 LM General Budget

Non-Budgetary

\$90 LM School

\$ LM Student Aid Fund

\$50 LM Debt Retirement

\$35 LM Maintenance & Improvements

\$58 LM Local Missions/Outreach

\$180 LM Other: Future Fellowship Fund/AC

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

Budgetary (\$842 needed now per week)

\$407 CLC General Budget

Non-Budgetary

\$ ILC Student Aid Fund

\$ ILC Building Fund

\$ ILC Improvement Fund

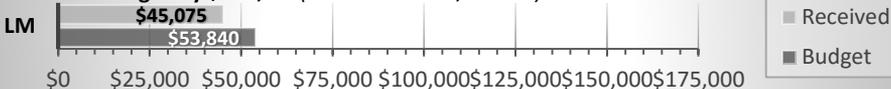
\$20 Mission Development-(MDF)

\$20/0 Project Kinship/Orphanage

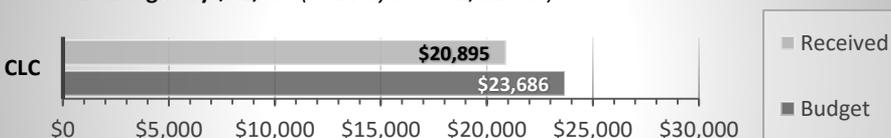
\$45 CLC Other: Foreign

Memorial gift (Designated):

LM Budgetary \$172,000 (YTD Jan-Dec 16/52 wks)



CLC Budgetary \$31,500 (YTD July-June 42/52 wks)



Please note: We have 10 Weeks left with our CLC Fiscal year budget.

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

Hospitalized: Doris Kaiser has been moved for therapy to the Lutheran Home after a minor heart attack.

Shut-ins: Pearl Becker (N6329 Colonial Dr), Evelyn Chase (Lutheran Home), Jim Fillmore (363 Taft St), Eileen Gantner (Woodlands), Ed Jacobs (868 W Scott St), Gloria Jacobs (Woodlands), Doris Kaiser (Lutheran Home), Jeanette Keipe (675 S. Main St.), John Lenburg (769 Mustang Ln), Marion Mach (Lutheran Home), Verdelle Manowske (Lakeshore, Oshkosh), Dorothy Schmolesky (101 Western Ave #311-A), Jim Steffen (N8652 Linden Beach Rd), Leah Wirkus (St. Peter's Place), Ruth Woller (Terrace Place, Seboygan)



Project KINSHIP Committee Update - April, 2016

*Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this:
to visit orphans and widows in their trouble...*

- James 1:27.

“Peace be with you.” So Jesus comforted His disciples in the evening of His resurrection day. Their comfort is our comfort, to live and to share. Always, the goal of Project KINSHIP is to bring our Lord’s peace to our overseas orphans and child students and to help spread it through our graduated seminary/Bible college students. What a privilege to share this Easter blessing.

Kenya - Upon the recommendation of the CLC Mission Board, KINSHIP has assumed supervisory responsibility of the grade school at Mois Bridge. \$2200 was sent to cover past teacher salaries and unpaid bills. Starting in April, \$730 will be sent per month to fund the operational expenses of the school. While the committee is considering some sort of sponsorship program here, for the present these support monies will come from the KINSHIP general fund, supported by your congregational offerings.

Myanmar - \$1000 was recently sent to our brethren in former Burma. \$650 was for the medical expense in connection with the removal of the appendix of one of the five orphans living with

Pastor Kham. Another \$350 was for Pastor's Kham's son, who needed medical attention.

Liberia - When our visitation team of Pastor John Hein and Missionary David Koenig traveled to Liberia, KINSHIP sent \$500 with them, to be spent on needs coinciding with our KINSHIP protocol. \$300 of that was given as a grant for educational assistance, and \$200 for physical assistance.

BELC - The Martin Luther Bible College has been a great blessing to the BELC. It runs a two-year program, which started in 2007. The 2009 graduated class numbered sixteen, with eighteen in 2011, fifteen in 2013 and another twenty-one in 2015. Of these seventy men, all are still with the BELC except one.

Vignette: Lawrence Muthu graduated from MLBC as part of the 2011 class. Through the CLC self-help program he started a business repairing autos and autorickshaws. Lawrence has also been conducting regular Sunday worship services and Sunday School in Janapar Chatram town, and in the summer VBS. He and his wife Madina have one son, Hebinesar.

Vignette: Selva Pandiyan is twenty-five years old and graduated in 2015. He is now serving in the BELC in the Koppedu District. His father had been a Hindu priest. But Selva would not agree to a customary Hindu marriage. This led to a family discussion with Pastor D. Paul, which resulted in repentance, conversion, and baptism for his whole family. Last year Selva was married at the MLBC building. Vamsi his wife is 18 and now pregnant. Selva requests our prayers for his family: father Subramani, mother Lakshmi, his wife and their expected first born.

Vignette: Samuel is thirty-six, and can read and write only very slowly. Nevertheless he is zealous for the Lord, serving in the Sri Kalahasti District of forty-five souls, and at Venkata Kandriga and Digua Puttur with fifty-five souls. At Digua Samuel has faced many tribulations from Hindu rivals and even from another church. Insults and indignities were followed by physical

beatings. Through the efforts of the BELC leadership, peace was restored in the village. Samuel continues his work there through the persecution to peace. Samuel is married to Jesica and they have two children—Daniel, age eleven, and Sarala eight. May God with His peace be with him, his family and his people always.

Nepal - With the graduation of Raju Bhitrakoti from our CLC seminary in Eau Claire and his return to Nepal, the Himilayan Church of the Lutheran Confession has embarked on its own pastor-training program. Beginning in April, ten students were enrolled in their new college, under the direction Pastor Raju. The plan is for the class to meet for very full days one week out of every month. The CLC Board of Missions has asked the KINSHIP Committee to seek out ten sponsors for these students, to fund them while they are attending classes. The cost is \$40 per month, and there are several of these sponsorships still available. If you are interested, email or call Pastor David Fuerstenau for further information (djfuerstenau@kpunet.net (907) 225-2842).

Letter - *[The following was written by Mrs. Bhitrakoti, Pastor Raju's mother; somewhat edited by djf.]* “My interest in caring for orphans began in 1994 when my family was in Butwai for church ministry. There I saw a lot of street children who did not have good food or much of anything. We prayed a lot for them. “Then in February 27, 2012 a boy was brought to our home by a pastor. With my husband busy with church work and my sons off to college, this little boy often was the only one with me. He had a dirty body and dirty clothes and flying lice. I washed him and got rid of the lice and then he looked nice. At first I could not understand his speech, but gradually I learned to. His name was Kapindra, which we changed to Joseph. Joseph is happy now and in grade six.

“Two girls – Sharmila and Sarita – came to us next. They both were poorly fed and had bad care. They are both really good at

school, coming in first or second position (grade wise). Next came Imaya from Nawalparasi. She is soon entering teenage years, so she needs more prayers.

“Rohit and Karna came next to us. Both are from the marginalized tribe and are now happy and growing in faith. Manoj was the youngest when he came to us. His father suffered mental problems and murdered his mother, which Manoj witnessed. Manoj would be angry a lot, with crying many times. Now he is calm, prays a lot and wants to be a pastor someday.

“When she lost her parents, Bina joined us. She is kind of an angry girl. We would like her to have a good education. Please pray for her. Shanti is from one of the most remote places in the country. She came from a lot of sorrows, loves to study, but shows anger also.

“So we have children from different places, different habits, different needs. For a time we struggled to take good care of them because we did not have enough money. But then the Lord helped us in our need when Pastor Todd showed love and asked for help from CLC KINSHIP. The Lord has now provided in a great way by sponsors from KINSHIP. We are so thankful to God for our dear brothers and sisters.

“Today we have nine children living with us and one boy we care for who has an alcoholic father and mentally handicapped mother. They live in a small shelter on our church property. The Lord is surely blessing all these children.

“The Lord listened to my husband’s and my prayers. When we were renting a house, the owner asked us to leave. We prayed for our own house and then the Lord provided through help from our brothers and sisters of the CLC in the U.S. Thank you so much. All praise be to our God!”

--Rev. David Fuerstenau, Project KINSHIP Committee