



**January 16-17,
2021
The Second**



*Do you not know that your body is the
temple of the Holy Spirit?*
1 Corinthians 6:19a

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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 18.

Pre-Service Devotion: ¹⁸you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, ... ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Peter 1:18a-19)

Hymns:	127	296	453	52
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Old Testament Reading.....1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation. ²And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, ³and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, ⁴that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" ⁵So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. ⁶Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷(Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.) ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

Gospel Reading.....John 1:43-51

⁴³The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of

whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Sermon.....1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹² All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. ¹³ Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. ¹⁵ **Do you not know** that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Or **do you not know** that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. ¹⁸ Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or **do you not know** that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Sermon Theme:

Christian, do you know these truths revealed only in the Bible?

I. Your body is a member of Christ (an outward connection)

II. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (an inward connection)

III. Your body should not be involved in sexual immorality (a sinful connection)

Preaching Today: Pastor Paul Tiefel

At the Sunday Service:

THE BAPTISM OF BENNETT RICHARD SCHLEGELMILCH

God's Gift to parents Brian and Emily and siblings Evelyn and Frederic.

Serving as sponsor, Prof. Joel Gullerud, Pastor Naumann doing the Baptism.

The baptismal hymn on page 4 is based on hymn 300 from the Lutheran Hymnal with edits by Prof. Gullerud. He also wrote the melody and will sing verse 1 as a solo. The congregation will join in on verses 2&3 before the baptism and verses 4&5 after the baptism.

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

1. Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -
 2. Your com-mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
 3. There-fore we have come to You, In our arms this
 4. Gra - cious Head, Your mem-ber own; Shep-herd, take Your
 5. Now in - to Your heart we pour Prayers that from our
 mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
 in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;
 hearts pro-ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;
 In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You he
 Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
 May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
 Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let
 May our hearts' de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name of
 shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."
 shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.
 Ben - nett Rich - ard; Write it in the book of heav - en!

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Building Fund Update: As of Jan. 10, we are now within about \$32,000 of our initial goal of \$425,000 in contributions in order to go ahead with our school expansion project. The Building Committee is readying the final plan for voter approval in February. It would be a blessing to have reached our financial goal soon and a help in making the final decision to build.

Annual Voters' Meeting: on January 31 at 6:30 pm. Several important items are on the agenda including matters of soul care, possibly two calls for teachers, and the latest on the

building project. Looks for the Voters' packet coming out next weekend.

This Week at Messiah

Masks required indoors as instructed by the public health department.

Sunday services are live-streamed and archived on eauclairemessiah.com.

Sun, 1/17 9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #8,
Counters A)

10:15 am

Bible class/Sunday School/Young Adults

Tue, 1/19 6:30 pm Board of Education

Wed, 1/20 4:30 pm Afternoon Catechism

6:00 pm

Outreach

7:15 pm

Council

8:00 pm

Ruth's Retreat

Thur, 1/21 5:30 pm Building Committee

6:30 pm

Steam Club via Zoom

Sat, 1/23 6:30 pm

Worship Service (Ushers #7)

7:45 pm Bible class/Sunday School

Sun, 1/24 9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #1,
Counters B)

10:15 am

Adults Bible class/Sunday School/Young

Coming Up:

- Jan 29, Youth Group Snow Event, (see announcement)
- Jan 31, Annual Voters' Meeting at 6:30pm

Announcements

Our Weekend Bible Class will conclude Pastor Naumann's series on "Rainbow Savior." Next weekend Pastor Schaller will present the final video installment on congregational outreach,

produced by the CLC Committee on Domestic Fields, entitled "Bringing the Message Home."

The Young Adults Bible Study will meet with the regular Bible class this Sunday. Next weekend Prof. Gullerud will continue with discussion of the book *Red Sea Rules: 10 God-Given Strategies for Difficult Times*.

Last Call:

- Tour Choir DVD "Worthy is the Lamb": see the table in the narthex
- Outreach Billboard: corner at Rudolph & Brackett

CLC News: Pastor David Ude and Pastor Mike Eichstadt returned calls from Cheyenne and Eden Prairie respectively. <> Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has accepted the call to West Columbia, SC as teacher and principal.

Trying to locate a member - We have been unable to contact Melissa (née Otte) Parker. If anyone has recent contact info for Melissa, please get in touch with one of our pastors.

Church Mailbox Reorganization in brief:

- A new bank of boxes
- Alphabetized by entire row
- Names above boxes

Youth Group Snow Party at Pinehurst! Come join us January 29th from 4-7 at Pinehurst Park. We will begin with a snow machine at Pinehurst and then have many different activities from. We can rent gear for free on a first come first serve basis, so we need everyone who wants to attend to be there. They have snowshoes, sleds, hockey sticks, soft hockey pucks and kubb available for rent. If you have your own equipment to bring, you can do that as well. Parents please drop off your kids at Pinehurst, 3523 Delbert Rd Eau Claire, at 4pm and pick up at 7pm. If you have any questions about the event or during the event you can contact Amanda Roth 715-577-0190 or Anne Vaver 715-456-3418.



Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend
GOD'S WORD SERVING US:



Bible Readings - Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Bible Class - CDF - Bringing the Mission Home

CHRISTIANS SERVING US:

Saturday 1/23 6:30 pm: Usher Team 7

Sunday 1/24 9:00 am: Usher Team 2

Tom Joos
Levi Wittorp
Gerald Oster

Charles Wittorp
Jeremy Gurgel
Sam Oster

Dan Sydow
Ethan Sydow
Adam Schmid
Steve Mielke

Bryce Sydow
Noah Sydow
Jerry LeDuc

Counters for the week following 1/24 – B

Jeremy Gurgel, Paul Heinze, Nathan Quade

Thank you!

Messiah S.T.E.A.M. Club starts this new year with activities for our students' minds. For students 5-8 attending Messiah Church and School. Adults welcome as coaches and mentors.

- **Be a Game Builder:** Choose the format, make the rules, create the players and environment, plan the victory. And, play each other's games.
- Club meetings will be done online, evenings once per week. Limited in person activities to protect health. Work on your games anytime.
- Attendance not mandatory, but completing projects will be exciting.

This theme runs January until April with option of Summer activities. For Virtual Meeting invite information, contact Stacy Behlmer - stacy.behlmer@jamf.com or, contact STEAM Club Coordinator: Lawrence Bade - lmsbade@gmail.com. Our Initial Meeting is on Jan 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm. To join the Zoom Meeting: tinyurl.com/MessiahSteamMeeting ~ Meeting ID: 982 5074 8858 Passcode: 821344

In the Hospital: <> Mike Markus continues his recovery in the hospital. He has been moved to the physical therapy floor. <> Ted Thurow has been released to his home to continue recovery which has been long and difficult. <> Nona Schaller and Darin Oster went to the hospital early in the week, but both were able to return home to regain strength.

Messiah Shut-ins: Ida Drews (2455 Sawgrass Place #213, Altoona), Marge Eckel (1431 Peterson Ave.), Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), Mae Noeldner (3706 Damon St. #17), Ellen Knuth (Care Partners, 887 Brian Lane, Altoona), Connie Larson (1500 S. Edgewater Dr.), Tom and Linda Larson (3134 Eldorado Blvd.), Betty Nolting (HeatherWood Assisted Living #213), Mavis Thelen (418 N. Barstow), Ted Thurow (2512 New Pine Dr, Altoona), Paul Tiefel, Sr. (2455 Sawgrass Rd #419, Altoona), Johanna Williams (2118 Augusta St.) and Shelly Williamson (Bellevue, IA).

Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ January 9 & 10, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 45 - Sun. 77) 122

Communion: (Sat. 9 - Sun. 18) 27

Bible Class: (Sat. 14 - Sun. 16) 30

Sunday School: (Sat. na -

Sun. 12) 12

Online: (Worship: 292, Bible Class: 105)

Young Adults: 10

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2020 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$190,000.00
YTD Budget	\$14,962.00	\$3,654.00
YTD Offerings	\$6,401.75	\$1,886.25
Weekly Need	\$15,129.00	\$3,689.00
Last Weekend (1/3)	\$6,401.75	\$1,886.25
Amount Still Needed	\$771,598.25	\$188,113.75

Building Fund	
\$425,000.00	Goal
\$390,540.64	Offerings-to-date
\$34,459.36	Still Needed
\$1,390.00	Last Week (1/3)

Given in memory of...

Micah Gurgel

50.00 Mission Development Fund

LeRoy Hulke

200.00 Messiah Building Fund

Roger & Mary Lou Lentz

200.00 Undesignated

Good Stewardship Tax Deduction Info: A CLC pastor recently shared this information on "clergytalk" and it seemed wise to pass it on: The CARES Act included a provision to claim up to \$300 in charitable contributions in 2020 even if you claim the standard deduction. This is an "above the line" deduction, which means it is subtracted from gross income and does all kinds of good stuff to your final tax bill. The deduction is taken on Line 10b of the 2020 Form 1040. Cash contributions to churches qualify. Obviously you will need records to verify, but your year-end statement from your financial secretary satisfies that requirement. Saving cancelled checks (or images thereof) is also recommended.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Jan. 18-23, '21.

Mon 1 Samuel 3:1-10 We're not surprised; when God's Word becomes obscure, the clergy sink into degeneracy—for that's cause and effect. So God acted: *"I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind"* (2:35). That was Samuel, a miracle baby. We assume that his parents shared God's Word with

their child, and Samuel was ready to absorb more. God set him up for lifetime epiphany.

Tues John 1:43-51 God finds us—just as Philip found Nathanael and shared the good news: “We have found Him of whom Moses and the prophets wrote.” Nathanael questioned whether anyone from Nazareth could be the Messiah, and our answer is “Yes!” Not only does Jesus know our human psyche (47-50), He also opens heaven’s front door, and angels from heaven attend Him on Earth. Yes, Jesus finds doubters and can change their doubts into affirmations (49)! We praise the Lord for such epiphanies.

Wed 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 We hardly need to be reminded that we are lustful by nature, but perhaps we do need to be reminded that we belong to Jesus—in both our body and our soul. Here the Holy Spirit lays it out in a logical manner—so that after our mind has absorbed the facts, our heart will become convinced that we are so special to God that we cannot desecrate His property with sexual immorality. Epiphany flavors our everyday life.

Thurs Psalm 67 opens with *God*, God’s *mercy*, and God’s mercy *on us* (1)--for the good purpose of enlightening [epiphany] others, so that humans all over the world will understand what God has done for them, and they will let loose with loud praises (2-4). In this electronic age God has salvaged many souls from Satan via the internet. Who knows when such epiphanies will be superseded by Jesus’ final Epiphany (6-7)? Lord, have mercy on our nation!

Fri Matthew 24:29-31 On the subject of the final Epiphany, let’s remind our-selves of the facts: The *tribulation of those days* and the return of Jesus seem to be joined in a time warp; Jesus will preside over the Universe’s chaos; humanity in general will tremble in fear (30) as He gathers together His elect from all over this planet. Hallelujah for His Appearing!

Sat Acts 20:1-16 God’s faithful spokesman Paul was well aware that Jesus could return at any moment, so he re-visited young congregations in Greece and Macedonia on his route to Jerusalem. At the stopover in Troas/Troy, God used Paul to restore life to dead Eutychus; then he hop-scotched southward along the coastline of modern Turkey, avoiding

trouble from idolaters but spending time with his fellow believers. Paul had much to share with his dear friends in the Ephesian congregation. Stay tuned for further details. Amen.