



April 24-25, 2021
The Third
Weekend after Easter



Jesus lives! Jesus lives! Jesus lives!

Messiah Lutheran Church & School

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Confession ~ C.L.C.*

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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 21.

Pre-Service Meditation: ... Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. (2 Timothy 1:10)

Hymns:	210	436	202	438:4-5
		203		

Epistle Reading.....1 John 3:1-2

¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Gospel Reading.....John 10:11-18

¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. ¹² But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

¹⁷ "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself.



I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

Sermon Text.....Acts 4:23-33

²³ And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵ who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

‘Why did the nations rage,
And the people plot vain things?
²⁶ The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together
Against the Lord and against His Christ.’

²⁷ “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

³² Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

Sermon Theme: The Resurrection of Jesus, the greatest event in history, makes everyday for us great.

I. Great grace from Jesus gives daily forgiveness and life

II. The great power of God makes even “bad” days good

III. Each day we have a great purpose: witness to the Resurrection of Jesus

Preaching Today: Pastor Paul Tiefel



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This Week at Messiah

Masks required indoors by government mandate.
Sunday services live-streamed/archived at
eauclairemessiah.com.

Sun, 4/25 9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #6,
Counters G)

10:00 am

Dove West

10:15 am

Bible Class/Sunday School/Young

Adults

1:30 pm

Dove South

Mon, 4/26 6:00 pm

Outreach

Wed, 4/28 1:45 pm

Lake Hallie – Care Facility

4:30 pm

Afternoon Catechism

Fri, 4/30

ILC Visitors Day

1:30 pm

ILC Play "Mrs. Wiggs and the Cabbage" at ILC Gym

Sat, 5/1

6:30 pm

Communion Service (Ushers #5)

7:00 pm

ILC Student Performances at ILC

Gym

7:30 pm

ILC Play "Mrs. Wiggs and the Cabbage" at ILC Gym

7:45 pm

Bible Class/Sunday School

Sun, 5/2

9:00 am

Communion Service (Ushers #8,
rs H)

10:00 am

Dove West

10:15 am

Bible Class/Sunday School/Young

Adults

1:30 pm

Dove South

6:30 pm

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Announcements

"The State of Christendom in the New Century" will be the topic of our Bible Class this weekend. If you would like to get a preview of this subject, there is a paper with this title in the back of the fellowship hall, or you may find it at tinyurl.com/lau-christendom. Join us for discussion!

Young Adults Bible Study: Join us Sunday morning for our continuing series based on *"Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully In a World of Difference"* by Timothy Keller and John Inazu. - Prof. Joel Gullerud

Pastor Schaller Call: *Dear Messiah Congregation, I have received the call to serve at Redeemer Lutheran of Sister Lakes, MI. Please pray that God would help me understand all he wishes to teach me through the process of deliberating this call. Pray that God's will be done, and that I see where God would have me serve. If you have thoughts that you believe will help, please communicate them to me. calebjohn.schaller@gmail.com or 715-577-6199. In Christ, -Pastor Caleb*

In the Congregation

Changes in the Sanctuary: Three major areas:

1. The Deacons decided to return hymnals, Worship Supplements, and Liturgy Folders to the Pews since the CDC has loosened the guidelines for cleaning. This also means we will be eliminating the cleaning after services and Bible Class.
2. With the relaxation of guidelines, we are going to open up other doors for entering for worship services. Masks and social distancing are still needed precautions.
3. Along with the hymnals going back to pews, we also had the large organ speaker relocated. It is now next to the organ. Thanks to Barry Hay for doing this. This freed up the old organ area for repurposing. We have put the old furnishings from the church nursery up there. They had to be moved because of the church office relocation. This area is not intended to be a cry room for young children, but a nursery for mothers and babies. Deacons welcome feedback from families on how this area functions for this purpose and if it should be used this way long range.

The Porkies Youth Camp-Out: will be held on

August 11-15, For Grades 8-12. The camp fee is \$85 (from EC) or \$95 (from MN). Lodging and meals are included in this fee. Transportation will be provided. Check out the **Porcupine**

Mountains Camp-Out Facebook page - You'll find a registration link on the Facebook page, or you can scan this code.



Plant Swap/Giveaway: Saturday, May 1, 9:30 am (by flagpole). Due to Messiah's upcoming construction project, all of the bushes and perennials will be removed from the affected areas. These plants will all be given away. In addition to these plants, a number of members have also offered to donate plants from their own gardens. The Deacons have decided to plan a fellowship event in connection with this and will be providing refreshments. If you are interested in free plants, donating plants or just getting together for fellowship, more information (including a list of available plants) can be found at tinyurl.com/dv5r425a. In case of rain, this event will be moved to 11 am on Sunday, May 2. This is an outdoor, mask-optional event.

Little Church Libraries - We have three ready to put up. These little libraries have a variety of good Christian books free for the taking. If you would like one, please contact Josh Gurgel (715-379-7917) or Pastor Naumann (715-864-3465) or Pastor Tiefel (715-829-2000). There is a crew that will dig the hole and set everything up.

Communion Next Weekend: Communion will be celebrated next Saturday and Sunday. Communicants who intend to go to the Lord's Supper can indicate their intentions by speaking to one of the pastors or by signing the registration sheets on the table in the narthex.

As an aid to self-examination we offer this from The Pastor's Agenda p. 18-19.



Dear Friends in Christ:

It is your desire to receive the Sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the assurance of the forgiveness of your sins, the strengthening of your faith in Him

as your Savior, and the grace to serve Him with God-pleasing life.

In order that these blessings may be yours, it is necessary that you bear in mind the Word of God recorded by St. John in his First Epistle: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

I ask you, therefore, before God who searches the heart:

Do you confess the sins which you have committed in desire, thought, word, and deed? Do you heartily repent of them, believe in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and sincerely intend, with the help of God the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? Then answer: Yes.

Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God upon you, and in the place and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend
God's Word Serving Us:**

Bible Readings - Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8
Bible Class - The State of Christendom in the New Century, Pt. 3

Christians Serving Us:

Saturday 5/1 6:30 pm: Usher Team 5

Mike Markus	Mark Franson
Jim Sydow	Ben Thurow
Jim Lau	Andy Buck

Sunday 5/2 9:00 am: Usher Team 8

Paul Heinze	Seth Schaller
Christian Schaller	Tim Schaller
Jim Sandeen	Peter Reim
Dave Cavanaugh	

Counters for the week following 5/2 - H

Jeff Bomber, Randy Wirth, Jason Zimmerman

Thank you!

News from Immanuel and around the CLC

Financial Aid Applications: ILC has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, college and seminary grants, scholarships, and work study. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all,

these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2021, for the 2021-22 academic year. If any potential student is giving any interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at ilc.edu/resources/ under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."

[**Note** that Messiah also has its own Student Aid Grant Fund for high school families. Application is due by May 1. Contact Pastor Tiefel or David Johannes (715-379-9987 or Bitbybitcomputer@gmail.com) for more information.]

CLC Youth Camp: IMPORTANT! As we have progressed in our planning and the specifics of how camp will be operating this year, along with the number of registrations we have received for grades 8-12, we have this to announce: CLC Youth Camp will begin accepting registrations for 7th graders starting at **4:00 PM Central, this Sunday, April 25th**. Along with this, we have made the difficult decision that we will not be accepting 6th graders this year. This will be the last leg of registration for 2021. The registration form will continue to be open for grades 8-12 between now and then. If we receive any 7th grade registrations prior to 4:00 PM CT on Sunday, they will be voided. Also, please note that we will not be running a bus service this year due to the added difficulties of the waning pandemic. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Here is the link to register: <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp/register>

ILC Theatre Production: The public is invited to attend the Immanuel Lutheran College play production of *Mrs. Wiggs and the Cabbage Patch* on Friday at 1:30 pm and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Both play performances will be livestreamed at youtube.com/ilcvideos. The public is also invited to attend an outdoor band concert on Friday at 3:30 pm and student music performances on Saturday night at 7:00 pm in the gym. Seating in the gym will be limited and attendees will be required to wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines.

CLC News: Soon to be Seminary graduate Drew Naumann, has accepted the call assigned to him by the Call Committee to be pastor of Trinity, Spokane, WA. <> Soon to be graduated in the Education Department Kathleen (Katie) Naumann, has accepted the call assigned to her to be the lower grade school teacher at Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL. <> Both Pastor Johnathan Schnose, Morris, MN and Pastor Luke Willitz, Fairfax, MN have successfully passed the second stage of their colloquy. The Board of Doctrine

has recommended to President Eichstadt that they be declared eligible for a call into the public ministry of the CLC.

Continuing Under God's Grace

A Reflection on the Past 60 Years

III. A Legacy of Music

As we reflect on the LORD's blessings these past 60 years, one worth noting is a long tradition of sacred music at Messiah. From Old Testament times, it has been natural for God's people to take expressions of faith, pivotal events, divine truths, and deep human emotions, compose them in poetic form, and fit them to melodies drawn from somewhere deep inside (or, echoed from heaven). Worshiping people have always met together to offer praises to the LORD, the Covenant God.

Their God is our God. Those songs are our songs.

And so, as St. Paul urged, and in the best Lutheran tradition, we ***"let the word of Christ dwell in [us] richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in [our] hearts to the Lord"*** (Colossians 3:16). Singing the truths of Holy Scripture provides a way for the Spirit to strengthen God's people as they move from communal worship to their places in society. The last thing Jesus and the disciples did after the last Passover meal, before leaving the upper room, was to sing a hymn (Matthew 26:30). Music in worship is not entertainment, it is not window dressing, it is not showmanship—it is for upbuilding, it is for educating, it is for equipping the saints to move about in a fallen world.

There are quite a few aspects of Messiah's musical heritage that deserve mention:

- The use of hymnals as a vehicle for worship—*The Lutheran Hymnal* has been familiar to the hands of Messiah's members and guests in every service of worship these past six decades; more recently, the *Worship Supplement 2000* joined *TLH* in the pews. Currently, a committee for Messiah is exploring options to replace our well-worn *TLH*.
- The blessings of an organized choir—there has probably always been a group of people who dedicated time and effort to providing sacred music—some modern, some reaching back into great worship traditions. Choir directors, too, have a special role in selecting suitable

music and leading the choir members to raise a harmonious song to the Lord.

- Various choirs centering on children, singing praises to their Good Shepherd (as parents and grandparents crane necks to look on!).
- The various instrumentalists—just as many Old Testament passages list a variety of instruments of music (see Psalm 150), our worship is frequently enriched by the musicians who help worshipers in their meditations and augment the swelling voice of the congregation.
- The unique blessing of having Immanuel Lutheran College with its Tour and Mass choirs providing concerts of sacred music—ever testifying to the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. And let's not forget the deeply heartening Synod services, adding the vigor and volume of even more CLC members to our sanctuary.
- The church organ and those who play for every service. Although it is likely that some kind of organ was obtained soon after Messiah built its sanctuary, the first mentioned in our history was a used Mason-Hamlin reed organ, in 1965. This served until 1977, when Professor Robert Dommer located a pipe organ in Ohio, which he moved and restored. The pipe organ, with its full and authentic tonal quality, provided a wonderful addition to Messiah's services. In 2007, as the congregation completed the new sanctuary, this organ was expanded by several ranks, and installed by retired professors Dommer, James Pelzl, and Gordon Radtke. In 2018, most of this organ was replaced by a digital organ from Phoenix Organs. In an interesting link with the past, the new, electronic organ was set up to utilize three ranks of the previous organ's pipes, which were still fit for use.
- Special to any congregation are those who are trained to play organ for our many services of worship. In January of 1961, Nyla Christiansen and Ann Karlsrud were engaged as our first regular organists; we are now blessed with a staff of seven or more organists.

We are thankful to the Lord for providing us so many means of making music, so many and talented musicians, and, above all, such a multitude of willing hearts, young and old, who join

to lift their voices in songs, praises, and prayers to the Lord who has given us all. We pray that such faith-inspired music may adorn our worship and glorify the Lord for a long time to come—or until He comes.

Psalm 150:1-3

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

² Praise Him for His mighty acts;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

³ Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;

Praise Him with the lute and harp!

Messiah Stewardship Committee
April 2021

Living for HIM.

Who died for us.

or us.

Update on the Building Project

Saturday, April 17th a large crew of volunteers, including over 15 students from Immanuel, made a big dent in round one of our move/demo portion of the project. Some of the work included:

- Moving most of the lockers to outdoor storage.
- Emptying most of a large storage room into the storage container.
- Moving of filled boxes from the church library, church and school office spaces.
- Moving excess office furniture to the storage container
- Text book relocation from the school library to the fellowship hall
- Removal of some trees and shrubs

A thank you to all who helped, especially to those ILC students who served their “church away from home” church.

Early in the week, office equipment and needed supplies were relocated for the duration of the building project to the old church nursery/old school Pre-K room. Things are tight, but working fine. Boxes continue to be packed, moved, and stored. We are doing so well that some deadlines have been moved up.

Meanwhile the Building Committee had two meetings last week to decide some building issues, identifying especially what areas of the project we could do ourselves to save money.

On other fronts, the CLC Board of Trustees approved our request for a loan from the Church Extension Fund up to 75% of the total cost of the project at 3.5% (We have already raised the 25% needed to get started). Members can still loan personal funds (at a rate of up to 3%). This funding would reduce what we need to borrow from the CEF and lower our overall cost.

Work got started on removing the six large trees. The next step is clean-up of the downed limbs. If you can help or would some of the wood, please see Tom Beekman.

A lot of happenings, and a lot to thank the Lord for supplying such blessings.

Up Next:

Continued work on boxing, moving, and storing and large tree removal.

Plans for building project volunteers - Tom Beekman, our building project coordinator, is organizing a targeted approach for volunteer help over the coming months. In other words, he would like to have a list of volunteers to call on for specific projects as they arise. Please do let him know if you may be available for help with certain projects at 715-491-2025 or thomasbeekman1961@gmail.com.

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), Paul Tiefel, Sr. (2455 Sawgrass Rd #419, Altoona), Johanna Williams (2118 Augusta St.) and Shelly Williamson (Bellevue, IA).

*Jesus lives! The victory's won! Jesus lives! and now is death
Death no longer can appal me; But the gate of life immortal;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! This shall calm my trembling
From the grave Christ will recall me
Brighter scenes will then commence when I pass its gloomy
This shall be my confidence. portal.*
TLH 201:185

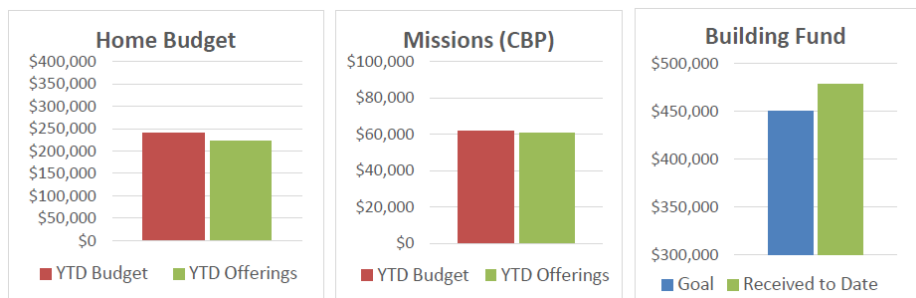
Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ April 17 & 18, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 100 - Sun. 176) 276
Communion: (Sat. 14 - Sun. 23) 37
Bible Class: (Sat. 14 - Sun. 35) 49 Sunday School: (Sat. 1 - Sun. 35) 36
Young Adults: 19 Ruth's Retreat: 5
Dove West: 9 Dove South: 11 Lake Hallie: 17
Online: (Worship: 213, ILC Streaming: 13, Bible Class: 67)

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary			Building Fund	
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$450,000.00	Goal
YTD Budget	\$239,385.00	\$61,538.00	\$478,555.04	Received to Date
YTD Offerings	\$221,399.83	\$60,486.25	\$6,890.00	Last Week (4/18)
Weekly Need	\$15,461.00	\$3,875.00		
Last Week (4/18)	\$14,131.80	\$3,825.50		
Amount Still Needed	\$556,600.17	\$139,513.75		

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Orville Noeldner 5,000.00 Messiah Building Fund



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; April 26-May 1, '21

Mon Acts 4:23-33 These Christians were troubled on every side, **yet not crushed**; perplexed, **but not in despair**, persecuted, **but not forsaken**; struck down, **but not destroyed** (2Cor. 4:8-9), for trials constituted proof they were on God's side, and they trusted God's good judgment about such things (24-28). They prayed not for a way of escape, but for the courage to use their voices and hands in God's service; everybody was on board (29-33).

Tues John 10:11-18 Good Shepherd Sunday comes around like clockwork, and Jesus still thrills us with this picture language about Himself and us. We also shiver at His warning about the fellow whose fears outweigh the needs of the sheep (11-13). We thank You, Jesus, for knowing and loving each of us, no matter what our background (16), and for serving us all the way to Your cross, into Your grave, and out the other side of the cemetery (17-18).

Wed 1 John 3:1-2 God showered His love on lost sinners, was moved to have compassion on us, adopted us as His children, and at some future moment will allow us to see Him face-to-face – all in contrast to the *world* (everything anti-God and Satan-serving). What's our reaction? We want to live as His dear children—devoted, developing, and maturing (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Thurs Psalm 23 This psalm has been typecast as the last words ever heard by a convict—which is too bad, for it is a vibrant confession of faith sung by a child of God who lives every day in the sunshine of His love and anticipates more life (6) to enjoy God's beneficence. It suits **us** because we have been pardoned of our offenses by the head Justice of the Supreme Court.

Fri Matthew 18:10-14 Jesus was generous with His time and energy, for He wants to save every wandering sheep, and because lambs are inexperienced, they need attention every minute (10,14). He's just as intent to rescue an adolescent or mature member of His flock; *if one of them goes astray, does the shepherd not seek the one that is straying? And if He should find it, does He not rejoice?* What do you think?

Sat Acts 24:1-13 An *accusation* is not the same as evidence, and sensible folks know the difference. After the prosecuting attorney buttered up the judge (1-4), he laid his cards on the table—alleging that Paul was guilty of instigating civil unrest and was an anarchist (5). Besides, since Paul had insulted the Jewish religion, his case should have been left in the hands of Jews in their own church court. “However, you be the judge” (7-9).

In pleading his own case, Paul clarified the time-line and his reason for being in the Temple—which was NOT to irritate anyone in any way whatsoever. Stay tuned.