



May 22-23, 2021
Pentecost



Messiah Lutheran Church & School

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Today's Worship

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

Pre-Service Meditation: "...in those days I will pour out my Spirit ... And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Acts 2:18, 21)

Hymns: 234 245 233 438:4-5 47

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NKJV)

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. ²Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. ³And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

⁴Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. ⁶I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." ' "

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

⁹Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' " ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off! ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. ¹⁴I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD.' "

Letter ReadingActs 2:1-21 (ESV)

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Sermon TextJohn 14:25-27 (NKJV)

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

"Two Gifts from the Messiah"

1. The Helper
2. Jesus' Peace



Preaching Today: Pastor Caleb Schaller



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Mask Requirements for Worship Lifted - On Tuesday, May 18, the local Eau Claire County and city ordinances requiring face coverings and social distancing were lifted. Our Board of Deacons has decided that beginning this coming weekend, May 22-23, all of our worship services will be mask-optional. Please keep the following in mind:

- We advise our members to be aware of CDC information on the subject of vaccinations and masks, to make their own health care decisions, and to be sensitive to the concerns of others (Phil 2:4).
- The section of pews on the north side of the sanctuary (by the windows to the right as you face the altar) are reserved for those who wish to be seated in a socially-distanced setting. Every other pew in that section will be vacant.
- A notice of this change in policy will be posted at the church entrances. Please pass along this information to our members who may not be subscribers to "News & Needs."
- We thank our LORD for the opportunity to sing His praises together as we sing His praises together with unmasked enthusiasm!



This Week at Messiah

Sunday services live-streamed/archived at eauclairemessiah.com.

Sun, 5/23	9:00 am	Worship Service (Ushers #6, Counters C)	
	11:00 am	Worship Service (Ushers #Extra Group)	
		Messiah 8 th Grade Graduation Ceremony	
	9:30 am	Dove West	1:00 pm Dove South
	10:15 am	Heritage Assisted Living	2:00 pm Veterans
	11:15 am	Heritage Court	
	12:00 pm	Reception for Outgoing Messiah School Staff	
	12:00 pm		
Mon, 5/24	6:30 pm	Messiah Band Solos	
Tues, 5/25	9:00 am	Koffee Klatsch	
Wed, 5/26	1:45 pm	Lake Hallie	
	5:00 pm	Stewardship	
	7:00 pm	Outreach	
Sat, 5/29	6:30 pm	Worship Service (Ushers #7)	
Sun, 5/30	9:00 am	Worship Service (Ushers #8, Counters D)	
	10:15 am	Ground Breaking Ceremony for Building Project	
	10:00 am	Dove West	1:00 pm Dove South
	10:15 am	Heritage Assisted Living	2:00 pm Veterans
	11:15 am	Heritage Court	

Upcoming Dates at Messiah:

- May 31, Outreach: Memorial Day Parade
- June 2, 6:30 pm 8th Grade Examination
- June 6, 11:00 am 8th Grade Confirmation
- June 7-8, Great Lakes Delegate Conference
- June 13, 6:30 pm Open meeting on Joint Statement at Messiah
- June 24-27, CLC Delegates Convention at ILC
- July 7-10, Membership Directory Photo Shoot at Messiah
- July 12-16, VBS Session 1 at ILC
- August 2-6, VBS Session 2 at ILC
- August 11-15, Youth Group: Porkies Camp-Out

Announcements

Parking Lot Change: Due to the building project, the north entrance (by the church mailbox) and parking lot will be closed off completely on weekdays beginning on Monday, May 24th and will be open only for thru traffic on the weekends. This will allow Royal Construction to better secure the worksite and will also give them room to work more efficiently. We expect this to last for the entire summer. Overflow parking will be up on the athletic field. Although the future west-side parking lot (by the detention pond) may look like a good place to park, do not use this area since it is part of the active worksite. Signage and fencing will help remind us where we may not safely go.

The CLC Convention Prospectus is now available at tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21. Printed copies are available on our narthex kiosk.

Open Meeting on the "Joint Statement" - One of the key topics of discussion at this summer's CLC Convention will be deciding what to do concerning the proposed "Joint Statement" on the doctrine of church fellowship and its termination. This document has already been adopted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). If the CLC adopts it this would be one step toward establishing fellowship between us and the other church bodies (though there are other doctrinal differences that would need to be resolved first). **An informational and open meeting for the members of Messiah on the topic of the Joint Statement has been set for Sunday, June 13, beginning at 6:30 pm in our sanctuary.** Awareness of the issues at hand is important for our members, and our delegates to Convention would like to hear the viewpoints of all. For background information, please see the appropriate sections of the Convention *Prospectus*. Hard copies of the *Prospectus* are available on our narthex kiosk; you may also see it online at tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21. The CLC Convention meets at ILC on June 24-27.



Birth and Rebirth: We rejoice with Joe and Madie (née Wirth) Schierenbeck at the birth of their son, Jackson Allen, on May 7, 2021. Jackson was baptized by his great-grandfather, retired Pastor John Schierenbeck, on May 16 at the home of Randy and Lori Wirth. His sponsors are Zach and Melissa (née Schierenbeck) Mikesell. *"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."* (Gal. 3:27)



Regular Communion Restored: At our next Communion worship services (June 5-6), we will once again be offering the Lord's Supper at the front of the sanctuary as before. For the time being, individual Communion kits will be available for those who wish to use them from the pew.



Communion setup helpers needed: With the return of regular Communion, a schedule is being made for volunteers to come in on a Saturday afternoon to fill cups and arrange the Communion ware. It takes about an hour, and each team is scheduled about 3 times per year. If you may be able to help, please contact Pastor Naumann - brucenaumann@gmail.com.

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

Sermon Text – John 3:1-17
Bible Class – Recessed until Fall

Christians Serving Us:

Saturday 5/29 6:30 pm: Usher Team 7		Sunday 5/30 9:00 am: Usher Team 8	
Tom Joos	Charles Wittorp	Paul Heinze	Seth Schaller
Levi Wittorp	Jeremy Gurgel	Christian Schaller	Tim Schaller
Gerald Oster	Sam Oster	Jim Sandeen	Peter Reim
		Dave Cavanaugh	

Counters for the week following 5/30 – D
Mike Markus, Tom Joos, Barry Schlegelmilch

Thank you!

Graduates: We are getting a list together of members who are graduating from high school, college or another school. Please pass on names to the church office at church.office@ecmessiah.org or 715-834-2865 or tell a pastor.



Vacation Bible School Yard Signs are now available in the narthex. This summer's sessions are: July 12-16 and August 2-6. They will be held on the campus of Immanuel in the Academic Center. This yard sign is a new design by Kelly Beekman with a new phone number. It also has been improved with a new system for adding dates each year. Please return old signs to the church office. We thank Kelly for her gift of time and talents.



Building Update: Work on the outside started last week. The detention pond was greatly enlarged, tree stumps removed, and a rough grade for a second driveway and new parking area put down. This week work starts on the inside. Reminder that next weekend, there is a short ground breaking ceremony right after the 9:00 am worship service.

"Daily Rest" Subscription Renewal Time: The annual subscription rate is \$15 for four issues during the coming year. You may send a check, made out to "Messiah - Daily Rest" to 2015 N. Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703, or drop off your check or cash in the box on the narthex table under the cross. NEW – you may pay online via PayPal by sending \$15 to brucenaumann@gmail.com, and he will direct your funds to Messiah. The deadline for renewals or new subscriptions is May 31.



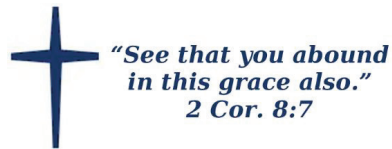
The "Koffee Klatsch" is a weekly informal gathering of men of the congregation at the local Perkins restaurant. They are beginning to meet again, each Tuesday at 9 am. Come and enjoy good conversation and fellowship! For more information contact Walt Schreiber at (715) 835-5609.

The Branches magazine is a publication designed and published by women of the CLC. It's time to renew, subscribe for the first time, or purchase gift subscriptions for others in your life who may benefit. Mother's Day, confirmations, and graduations are upon us! A subscription makes a great, year-long gift. \$15 for 4, 24 page issues each year. Make checks payable to "The Branches" - Laura Wales, 8727 Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369. Or, pay by PayPal at lewales@gmail.com.

Church Office Secretary Changes: Kari Behlmer has left our work force this month in order to move to South Carolina. Jen LeDuc will be switching to focusing only on the bulletin work. We want to thank Kari and Jen for their faithful service and recognize that they labored not for the financial gain but as a way to serve the LORD with gladness. We welcome Sandy Ayres to the church office group working along with Amanda Roth and Dotty Lillo. Stop in at the "new" church office and say hello.

In the hospital: Leanne Boyea was released from the hospital Wednesday and is recovering at home. Maxine Culver is undergoing physical therapy at Dove West.

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).

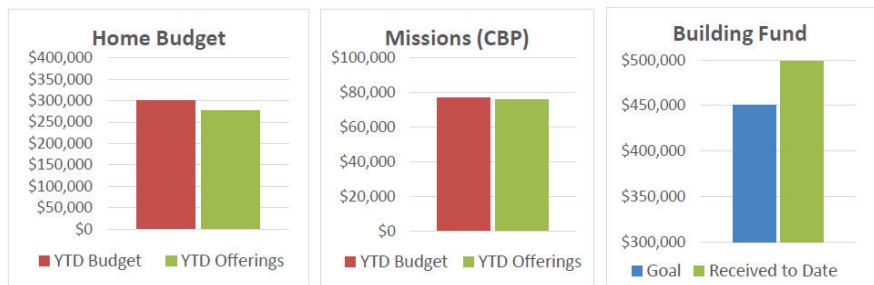


Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ May 15 & 16, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 97 - Sun. 168) 265
 Bible Class: (Sat. 14 - Sun. 59) 73 Sunday School: (Sat. 4 - Sun. 31) 35
 Young Adults: 22 Lake Hallie: 19
 Dove West: 13 Heritage Court: 17 Dove South: 7
 Weekend Online: Worship: 180, ILC Streaming: 22, Bible Class: 41

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)	Building Fund	
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$450,000.00	Goal
YTD Budget	\$299,231.00	\$76,923.00	\$498,216.16	Received to Date
YTD Offerings	\$276,203.13	\$75,794.75	\$7,770.00	Last Week (5/16)
Weekly Need	\$15,681.00	\$3,881.00		
Last Week (5/16)	\$17,257.75	\$4,263.00		
Amount Still Needed	\$501,796.87	\$124,205.25		



Highlights from the May 19, 2021 Church Council Meeting



<> **The meeting began** at 6:34 pm with a devotion based on Isaiah 44:1-5. There were 9 members present, including church officers, board chairmen, and pastors. <> **Elders:** We are working on a draft proposal for post-COVID fellowship encouragement program. We are holding an open meeting on the proposed CLC/ WELS/ELS *Joint Statement* on June 13th at 6:30 pm. A motion passed that we accept by affirmation Todd and Stephanie Lundquist and their children Elijah, Molly, and Connor. <> **Deacons:** Due to repeal of the city and county mask mandate, we are no longer requiring masks for services. We are returning to our normal practice for Communion, but including private kits for those who wish to use them instead (from home or at services). The Church Security Committee continues to refine policies & procedures. The CVTC training they have found would be 24 hours of training for \$4,000 for up to 18 participants. The Church Hymnal Committee is working through The Lutheran Hymnal and are anticipating the new WELS hymnal for review later this year. We are developing a list of duties for a proposed digital communications coordinator. We offered the use of our sanctuary for ILC for concert this Friday, and they accepted. We have also offered the use of the sanctuary for the CLC Convention Communion service. We are moving forward with pictorial directory. Photo dates are set for July 7-10. There are several changes to our office staff among several part-time people. <> **Pastors:** They are working on upcoming confirmation, delegate conference, and convention. They have been involved in moving office materials & other building project work. Have mapped out summer activities among the pastors with their vacation plans. <> **Outreach:** distributed 500 invisible SS at "Here We Grow Again." Still considering whether or not to participate in the Memorial Day Parade & Doll & Pet Parade. VBS sessions in July & August have been moved to Immanuel, and we hope to do a one-day VBS in a park sometime this summer. We are working on the Northern Wisconsin State Fair booth, and have just completed a new banner for promoting our online services. New VBS signs will be available this weekend. <> **Property:** Workdays were held on April 24 & May 15. Dropped & cleared 3 trees, moved boxes to storage container, cleaned up lawn, removed chips from front lawn to the back hill. Also chipped brush and stacked lumber. The shed roof is almost done; we repaired the playground steps and pruned branches. There are a number of upcoming projects. The next workday is planned for Saturday, June 26. We are working on a list of people

with specific skills who are willing/able to help with tasks as they come up.

◁> **Board of Education and Principal:** We are planning on Dec 12 for the one-day Christmas VBS. Summer VBS is set, and have coordinators lined up. The teacher/staff appreciation event is planned for May 23. We are working on transition of technology duties. Our faculty is planning a get-together to celebrate the service of Paul, Carrie, and Kâren.

◁> **Treasurer:** A motion passed to approve the current list of bills for payment as presented. General Fund: \$235K YTD receipts, disbursements \$249K. There is a balance in the General Fund of \$29,172, down from the balance of \$43,162 on Jan. 1. The non-budgetary fund balance (including Building Fund, Helping Hands, Current Project Fund, etc.) is \$101,655. CLC General Fund contributions total \$76,699, which is 32% of our year-end goal of \$200,000. Treasurer's Comments: *"April was a down month for our General Fund. In fact, through April the receipts are only \$1,500 more than they were through April of last year, while expenditures are up \$17,000. Said another way, one-third of the way through the year we are at a pace very much like last year but our budget of \$778,000 is significantly greater than the \$713,000 of receipts for last year. We have a lot of ground to make up in the next two-thirds of the year. Contributions to the CLC General Fund are about \$3,000 greater through April than they were a year ago."*

◁> **Miscellaneous:** Building Committee - earthmoving has started. Plan is to close off the north driveway & parking lot during the week; on weekends it will be open just for egress, not for parking on that side of the building. The Elders were directed to study the role of women in the church and how it is practiced in our congregation, according to God's Word. ILHS Student Grant Committee - 10 students from 8 families applied. Set grants for 9 totaling \$11,250. Motion carried to recommend to the voters a budget of \$11,250 for the year.

◁> **The next Council meeting** is scheduled for June 16th at 7:30 pm.

◁> **A Special Quarterly Voter's meeting** is scheduled for June 20th after worship to discuss membership matters and the Messiah ILHS Student Aid Grant Fund budget (proposing aid to 10 students from 8 families, with a Messiah commitment of \$11,250).

◁> **The meeting adjourned** at 7:52 pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction.



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; May 24-29, '21

Mon Ezekiel 37:1-14 In ch. 36 God prepped Ezekiel to expect renewal for Israel, but this visit to the cemetery was a shock, all the same. The skeletons responded to the LORD's command and to His breath of life - - illustrating the miracle of new life God was preparing for dead Israel. God does this miracle every time he enlivens a dried-up soul by His Spirit delivered via His Word. His Pentecost miracle is still functioning in our world. Thank You, Lord Jesus.

Tues John 14:25-27 Jesus prepped His disciples to await the Holy Spirit of the Trinity, Jesus' replacement in the classroom of life. The Spirit reviews what Jesus spoke, so that Jesus' words will never be forgotten. Bottom line: The Holy Spirit uses Jesus' words to deliver God's merciful forgiveness, which brings peace to troubled, fearful hearts. We know; we were/are there.

Wed Acts 2:1-21 Jesus gave His spin on the agricultural festival of Pentecost by sending His Holy Spirit down to Earth, enabling the disciples to break the language barrier, preaching the good news of forgiveness in a way that really resonated with foreigners (5-14). Peter clarified that God had pre-programmed Pentecost into Israel's history (14-21). **How great Thou art!**

Thurs Psalm 51:10-14 Yes, the **Offertory** (TLH 12, 22) quotes this psalm after we have confessed our sins (1-6) and are assured that God still loves us. In the **Offertory** we tunelessly beseech God to keep up His good work, to enliven us with His Spirit to live in harmony with Him (13). That's a psalm/ prayer worth rehearsing and repeating every day of our lives.

Fri Luke 12:32-34 If your world has shrunk, narrowed by illness, sorrow, or other limitations - - you will benefit from God's assurance that you belong to His flock. Though it be a small flock, He delights to center His attention on each member and shares His treasures with every member (33). His treasury is supported without taxes, is safe from terrorists and cyber attack, secure against inflation and/or depression - a treasure "out-of-this-world"!

Sat Acts 26:12-18 [If you want more details, check out the accounts in Acts 9:1-16 and 22:6-16.] Jesus explained: He stopped Paul in his tracks because He wanted to use Paul as His spokesman. But why choose such a renegade? Because Paul was the best example of what Jesus can do: He can turn the worst sinner into a messenger of God's grace and mercy. God can change the most hostile, obnoxious hater of Jesus into the opposite. Paul's intense personality, his toughness, and his resiliency would be useful when he testified that Jesus had acquired salvation, so hostile Jews would repent and receive forgiveness of their sins. Praise the Lord! Stay tuned for further developments.