



May 29-30, 2021
The Festival of the
Holy Trinity

*God the
Father,
Voice from Heaven*



*God the
Son,
being baptized*

*God the
Holy Spirit,
form of a dove*

Three Persons in One Godhead

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Today's Worship

Order of Service

Pre-Service Devotion: [Jesus said] "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. (John 15:26)

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 246

Explanation of The First Article of the Apostolic Creed (God the Father and His work of Creation)

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me.

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.

God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" ⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." ⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Hymn 249

Explanation of The Second Article of the Apostolic Creed (God the Son and His work of Redemption)

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.

Epistle ReadingRomans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Explanation of The Third Article of the Apostolic Creed (God the Holy Spirit and His work of Sanctification)

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn 244

Sermon Text John 3:1-17

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Sermon Theme: The LORD God gives salvation to the world of sinners.

I. God the Father gave His Son

II. God the Son gave His life

III. God the Holy Spirit gives life to the soul

Preaching Today: Pastor Paul Tiefel



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Confession and Absolution
(First portion from Micah 7:18-19)

Pastor: Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?

People: He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy.

Pastor: He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities.

People: You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.

Pastor: We confess our sins to the Holy God.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Hymn 37

Offering Hymn 89:5

Prayer – the Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Hymn 541

This Week at Messiah

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

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
11:00 am Heritage Assisted Living	2:00 pm Veterans
11:15 am Heritage Court (cancelled by facility)	

Mon, 5/31 **Memorial Day**
Outreach: Memorial Day Parade

Tues, 6/1 9:00 am Koffee Klatsch

Wed, 6/2 1:45 pm Lake Hallie
6:30 pm Examination for Confirmation

Sat, 6/5 6:30 pm Communion Service (Ushers #1)

Sun, 6/6 **Confirmation Sunday**
9:00 am Communion Service (Ushers #2, Counters E)

10:00 am Dove West	11:15 am Heritage Court
10:15 am Heritage Assisted Living	1:00 pm Dove South

11:00 am Communion Service with Confirmation (Ushers #Extra)

Upcoming Dates at Messiah:

- 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 14, VBS in the Park (Riverview)
- August 11-15, Youth Group: Porkies Camp-Out

A groundbreaking ceremony for our school expansion project will be held this **Sunday, May 30**, at 10:15 am (following the worship service). Please plan to join in to mark the occasion, and to seek the LORD's blessing on our work!

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."
Ps. 127:1



Announcements

Parking Lot Change: 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.

Confirmation Examination will be held this coming Wednesday, June 2, at 6:30 pm. The congregation is invited to attend.

Our schedule for June 5-6 has 3 identical services, except the confirmation of our 15 eighth graders will take place at the 11 am service. The entire 9 am worship service will be live streamed, as well as the confirmation portion of the 11 am service (beginning at about 11:40 am).

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. **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.

Pre-convention dorm cleaning is coming up Tuesday, June 8. Times are 9:00-noon, 1:00-4:00 and 4:00-7:00. Some ladies from Red Wing plan to clean Monday, June 7 starting at 9:00. Please consider joining them for a few hours. Other times and days will work, too. Please contact Lynette Roehl at 715-831-8306 or lynette.roehl@ilc.edu.

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. Individual Communion kits will still be available for those who wish to use them from the pew.

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.



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 the following:

Brief Instruction on Holy Communion

Why do you intend to go to Holy Communion?

Each communicant should put this question to himself before he approaches the Table of the Lord. There are not a few who go to the Lord's Supper either quite thoughtlessly or with a wrong intention. Some go from mere force of habit; others only because their parents admonish them to go; others again, because they consider it a meritorious deed to partake of the Lord's Supper; still others because they wish to acquire or retain before men the appearance and name of pious Christians. It is not surprising that such communicants derive no blessing from the Holy Supper but grow worse as time goes on.

A communicant who wishes to receive the Lord's Supper to his salvation must, in the first place, fully realize what the Lord's Supper is and for what purpose it was instituted by Christ; and in the second place, he must be well prepared to receive it as a poor sinner who is yearning for forgiveness.

There are those who have an entirely wrong conception of the Holy Sacrament, who consider it merely an empty memorial, instituted only for the purpose of remembering the sufferings and death of Christ. Holy Communion is that exalted, blessed mystery by means of which Christ, in the consecrated bread, gives us His body to eat and in the consecrated wine His blood to drink — the very body He assumed from the Virgin Mary and gave into death on the cross for our sins, and the very blood He shed on the cross for the remission of our sins. It is true, we cannot see this with our eyes, taste it with our mouth, or grasp it with our minds; but we are to believe it, for our Lord and Savior says: "Take and eat, this is My body. Drink all of you from it; this is My blood." Our Savior is faithful and true, and He will certainly bring to pass what He has promised in His statement. He is all-wise and knows ways and means to fulfill His promises, even though this is beyond our understanding. He also is almighty, with Him nothing is impossible. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. If we earnestly believe that we receive the true body and blood of our Savior — true God and man in one person — in Holy Communion, and not mere bread and wine, we shall then approach the Table of the Lord, not thoughtlessly and lightly, but in deepest reverence and humility of heart, saying as did the centurion, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof.." (adapted from *Treasury of Prayers*, p 46-48, c. 1956)





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



Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

Bible Class – Recessed until Fall

Christians Serving Us:

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

Joel Carstensen George Carstensen
Dennis Oster Jason Zimmerman
Ryan Zimmerman Rich McGeorge

Sunday 6/6 9:00 am: Usher Team 2

Dan Sydow Bryce Sydow
Ethan Sydow Noah Sydow
Adam Schmid Jerry LeDuc
Steve Mielke

Sunday 6/6 11:00 am: Usher Team

Josh Beekman Tim Noeldner
Steve Naumann Brett Bailey
Jon Sandeen

Counters for the week following 6/6 – E
Stacy Behlmer, Mark Hammond, Jon Oster

Communion Setup 6/5 – Amanda Roth

Thank you!

July 12-16 or Aug. 2-6



Registration for VBS is now open! We will have two sessions on the campus of ILC - July 12-16 and August 2-6, for Pre-K through 8. To register, click on the banner at www.eauclairemessiah.com. There are also paper forms in our narthex.

Vacation Bible School Yard Signs are now available in the narthex.

Gospel sharers needed for senior care centers - Our in-person weekly worship services to area nursing homes are resuming. We are in need of volunteers who are willing to conduct the services, as well as musicians to accompany the hymns. If you may be able to serve, please contact coordinator Lawrence Bade at (612) 963-5374 or lmsbade@gmail.com.

Last Call for "Daily Rest" Subscription Renewal: 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.



Messiah Building Project Update

The Messiah Building Project kicked off last week with significant re-shaping of the property for additional parking, enlarged retention pond, and added entrance from the frontage road. Site work continued this week with removal of sidewalks and parking area in preparation of pouring foundations for the expansion portion of the work. Interior work began this week with demolition of interior walls and removal of original floor tile from the 1960s in the original sanctuary and school. Big changes in only the first couple weeks of the project. This would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of Messiah staff, teachers, ILHS/ILC students, and member volunteers. As on site coordinator for the Messiah Building Committee, I'd like to take this moment to offer a few special thank you's.

Thank you...to the ILHS/ILC students, staff, and faculty who organized a work group in late April that moved large amounts of furniture, lockers, desks, and cabinetry out of the building and into temporary storage. That was a heavy lift that was made to look easy by the many eager hands from ILHS/ILC. It was their expression of thanks to Messiah for serving as their church while attending ILHS/ILC.

Thank you...to the Messiah church and school staff who have been continually packing boxes over the past several months and allowing floorspace to be cleared for early construction efforts. For creating and adapting to temporary office and workroom space for the project. And, doing all of this while still performing their daily duties for the church and school.

Thank you...to the Messiah volunteers who have made themselves available for moving efforts and special demolition efforts when requested by the building

committee. The efforts of many willing hands made short work of a number of jobs that would have been time consuming for the committee itself to complete.

Thank you...to the Messiah volunteers who manage our IT systems and equipment. Many expensive items had to be removed from walls and ceilings within a very short time between end of school and start of construction. Phone and IT connections had to be re-established as we moved the church and school office and workroom to temporary locations. It was done quickly, efficiently, and what appeared to be seamlessly.

And finally...A Huge Thank You...to the all teachers and teaching staff at Messiah who have continued to provide a quality educational environment despite COVID-19 impacts on classroom arrangements and all the packing necessary for the building project to start when school was completed. I personally have been blessed to watch the school operating on a daily basis over the past 1-2 months as I've spent time on site with building committee efforts. As the secular world continues to struggle with educating its students, the staff at Messiah has continued to provide high quality, on site education. The smiles and laughter seen from students is all the testimony necessary to show how productive and nurturing Messiah School has remained during these times.

As each of us considers our personal role in supporting the work of Messiah Church and School, and the current building project; I would encourage all to keep the image of these smiling students and the Christian education they are being provided foremost in your minds. Our role as members is to create the physical environment that allows our dedicated Messiah teaching staff to provide the high quality, Christian education. Members embraced that role the first day Messiah School opened 60 years ago, embraced it again through multiple school expansions in the ensuing years, and are now being asked to embrace it again with this current project. All of the 'thank you' items previously mentioned indicate our members continue to embrace their role of support to Messiah Church and School.

The Messiah Building Committee will continue to use the weekly email and church bulletins to make members aware of when their assistance may be needed. Stay tuned!

- Tom Beekman, On Behalf of the Messiah Building Committee

Building Project photo collection - You can stay updated on Messiah's school expansion project by seeing the latest photos, at tinyurl.com/m-build-pics. If you have Building Project photos that you would like to contribute, please email them (or a link) to brucenaumann@gmail.com - thank you!

Blessings from God in Going To Church

Psalm 122:1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

As the restrictions continue to be lifted and members are able to return to worship at Messiah, all of us have a renewed appreciation for the joy the Psalmist speaks of. There is nothing quite like having a joy taken away for a while to gain a better perspective. Think of springtime after a long winter or the return of the sun after a thunderstorm or being able to get around again after a long illness. How great it is to go to the House of God to hear the Word of God.

Psalm 84 describes the great blessings of going to the house of the LORD.

v.1-2 How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! ² My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

My soul faints – the longing expectation for something really great, in this case being able to go to God's House.

v.3-4 Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young-- Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God. ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah

The Word of God at God's House brings peace as it recounts the blessings to be found in the work of Jesus as our Savior from sin and as our mighty Victor over death. Going to church to hear the Gospel creates a desire to go to church to hear more Gospel.

v.5-7 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. ⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. ⁷ They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

Valley of Baca - place of tears, an appropriate description of life in this world where we have many reasons to cry (sin, death, sickness, war, all types of heartaches). But the child of God gains strength from God's Word and is refreshed for the journey through the desert of this world and refreshes others until heaven is safely reached.

v.8-9 O LORD' God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah ⁹ O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed.

Another blessing of going to God's House – prayer, with the sure confidence of receiving help.

v.10-11 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

God has a house,
Wickedness has only a tent.
One is permanent, the other temporary.
One provides a strong shelter, the other not.
Look at all the blessings to be found at God's House
Light Protection Grace Glory Every good thing

v.12 O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

From the one true God, the LORD, come such great blessings for His child.

In view of all that happens at God's House, it is no wonder that when someone suggests "Let's go there", there is a cheerful and willing reply "Happy to".

Thank you, LORD, for reminding us through this time of restricted attendance of how great it is to go to Your House.

L.H. 2: 1-2, 7

*To Thy Temple I repair;
Lord, I love to worship there
When within the veil I meet
Christ before the mercy-seat.*

*I though Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Thy child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Thy courts to seek Thy face.*

*From Thy house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today." Amen.*

News from around the CLC

ILHS Art Teacher Needed: Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire is seeking a member from one of our CLC congregations as an instructor for high school art. Art is a hands-on course which gives students an opportunity to learn the principles of art and apply them in a variety of two- and three- dimensional media. The instructor also would be expected to provide a Christian influence and environment in this class. Art is a senior-level class with 2 sections that meets 5 days a week (45-minute class periods). If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact ILC President Dan Schierenbeck at dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu. Please provide any relevant education or experience related to the position.

You are invited to attend the installation service of Pastor Chad Seybt as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI on June 13, 2021 at 1:30 pm. St. Paul's is located on Main Street in Melrose. A light lunch will be served following the service. Your presence would be an encouragement to this small congregation. If you are going to share a verse and words of encouragement, please inform John Schierenbeck. This congregation was formerly affiliated with the Protes'tant Conference of the WELS. The Protes'tant Conference came into existence as a result of controversy over the WELS suspending pastors and congregations beginning in the late twenties. St. Paul's was served by Pastor Marcus Albrecht for thirty years. Marcus was the son of Pastor PG Albrecht and the brother of "Doc" Albrecht. St. Paul's has not had a pastor for the past four years during which it was served by lay leaders. The congregation came in contact with the CLC in 2020 when a member came across a Palm Sunday sermon by Pastor Seybt on the internet. He mentioned a devotion booklet that he had written about Covid. She printed the booklet and distributed it to the members. It was discovered that Pastor Seybt's wife and this member had worked together in the Melrose-Mindoro school 15 years earlier. Soon they asked to receive audio sermons from Pastor Seybt which they used in their lay services. They then requested more information about the CLC. After a series of informational meetings, they declared that they were in doctrinal agreement with the CLC and requested membership in the CLC. President Eichstadt declared fellowship. They will be received into formal membership at the June convention. St. Paul's called Pastor Chad Seybt, and he accepted the call. Pastor Seybt is also presently serving the Fairchild, Millston, and Onalaska congregations and will continue to serve them.

CLC News: Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynwood, WA has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Pastor Luke Willitz has returned the call by Redeemer. Bowdle, SD/Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. <> Mrs. Sarah (Pfeiffer) Gurath, a member of Gift of God, Mapleton, ND has

returned the call to be the upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. <> Mrs. April Sydow, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to serve as ILC's part-time on-campus mentor, the female counterpart in the on-campus counseling program, beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. This role is to complement Mr. Steve Sydow in his current role as the part-time on-campus counselor. <> Mrs. Erika Hart, a member of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, has accepted the call to teach Kindergarten.

Here at Messiah

In the hospital: Alice Naumann, hospitalized early in the week has improved enough to be able to go to her son Paul's home.

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 22 & 23, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 61 - Sun. 9:00am 168 - Sun. 11:00am 237) 466

Dove West: 9 Heritage Court: 10 Dove South: 7

Heritage Assisted: 11 Lake Hallie: 12 Veterans: 8

Weekend Online: Worship: 151

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$314,192.00	\$80,769.00
YTD Offerings	\$292,543.30	\$80,795.50
Weekly Need	\$15,660.00	\$3,845.00
Last Week (5/23)	\$16,340.17	\$5,000.75
Amount Still Needed	\$485,456.70	\$119,204.50

Building Fund	
\$450,000.00	Goal
\$506,211.16	Received to Date
\$7,995.00	Last Week (5/23)

Given in memory of...

Joe Eder	50.00 Messiah Building Fund
Roy Lillo	25.00 Messiah Building Fund
Ron Porath	25.00 Messiah Building Fund

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; May 31-June 5, '21

Mon Isaiah 6:1-8 When we read chapters 1-5, we may begin to wonder: Did the Jews deserve all that scolding? How could Isaiah read their hearts and pronounce judgment on them? Well, God settled such questions, for His triune Holiness not only rules the Universe (3), but merits universal worship, for God is generous to sinners (5-7), inspiring hearts to serve Him (8).

Tues John 3:1-17 We resemble Nicodemus in being spiritually backward, so God endeavors to enlighten us: we become His children via spiritual rebirth accomplished by His Holy Spirit (1-8). Let's not sell God short on this (9), for we have it on the highest authority (11-13) that God is so merciful and compassionate that He did what He alone could do: pay off humanity's spiritual deficit with His own life-blood (14-17). Thank You, dear Savior Jesus!

Wed Romans 8:14-17 As we read these few verses more over again, we catch the drift that God is Triune, for The Holy Spirit appears in v. 14, the Father in v. 15, and Christ in v. 17. Note that Christ is referred to as an *heir* of the Father (which happens by right of son-ship), and that as co-heirs with Jesus we not only share in His suffering, but we will also share His glorification in heaven. [It's only natural that the Holy Trinity appears throughout His Bible.]

Thurs Psalm 150 Who praises the covenant God, Jehovah? Both the angels in heaven (1) and the saints on Earth praise Him (2). By what means or method does our praise rise to Him? By using the loudest brass and the sweetest stringed instruments, by the piping of flutes and clanging of cymbals, and by using our own lungs, too (6) – for it is right and proper to praise the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Praise the LORD!

Fri Luke 2:25-32 We might study many chapters in the Gospels before we come across a reference to the Holy Spirit. Doesn't the Spirit show up prior to Pentecost? Yes, but prior to Pentecost He occupied the hearts and lives of believers without fanfare—as He did with good old Simeon. We appreciate that. Next, the Spirit has made Simeon's prayer a favorite with us (*TLH*, p. 29), for He has brought us also to *see the Lord's salvation*. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for living in our hearts and keeping us close to our Savior, Jesus.

Sat Acts 26:19-32 Paul saw that he had touched a sore spot in the heart of Festus (24), so Paul eased him along by presenting the facts (25-26) and encouraging him to yield to God's Word, the Holy Scriptures (27) to get free of his sin-bondage (29). This was getting too personal and up-close for the heavies, so they recessed the hearing (30). Behind closed doors they figured that Paul was not guilty of any civil crime, and he might be set free – if he had not made a federal case of it to begin with. [Man proposes, God disposes.]