



June 12-13, 2021
Pentecost 3

All In



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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 14.

Pre-Service Devotion: "So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33 ESV)

Hymns: 5 144:1-4 (tune of TLH 207) 365 441:1-2 418

Old Testament **Proverbs 9:8-12 (NIV84)**

- ⁸ Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you;
rebuke a wise man and he will love you.
⁹ Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still;
teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.
¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
¹¹ For through me your days will be many,
and years will be added to your life.
¹² If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;
if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer.

Psalm of the Day **19 (NIV84)**

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- P:** The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- C:** **Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.**
- P:** There is no speech or language
where their voice is not heard.
- C:** **Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**
- P:** In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,
which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a
champion rejoicing to run his course.
- C:** **It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;**

nothing is hidden from its heat.

P: The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul.

C: **The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.**

P: The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

C: **The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.**

P: The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

C: **The ordinances of the LORD are sure
and altogether righteous.**

P: They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the comb.

C: **By them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.**

P: Who can discern his errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

C: **Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.**

P: Then will I be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

C: **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
pleasing in your sight,
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

NT Letter..... Philemon 1:1, 10-21 (ESV)

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker

¹⁰I appeal to you for my son, Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both

to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴But I did not want to do anything without your consent so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced. ¹⁵Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good—¹⁶no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me, but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Sermon Luke 14:25-33 (ESV)

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Sermon Theme:

"All In"

Preaching Today: Pastor Caleb Schaller



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Communion Announcement: Since the Lord's Supper implies a unity of faith and confession, we ask that those who have not previously participated with us in the Lord's Supper meet first with the pastor to discuss our Scriptural doctrine before partaking of the Lord's Supper in our services. In this practice of closed communion, we seek to follow and obey the Word of God.

Regular Communion Restored: During covid we used Communion kits from home or in the pew. Last week we went back to normal Communion up front. Kits are still available for home or pew use. Those using kits will partake as the "first table" (from home or from their pew). Then Pastor will invite the rest to come forward to celebrate the Lord's Supper at the direction of the ushers. This arrangement is so the first table can hear the pastor speaking.

This Week at Messiah

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

Sun, 6/13	9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #4, Counters F)	
	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	
	6:30 pm Open Meeting on Joint Statement	
Tues, 6/15	9:00 am Koffee Klatsch	
Wed, 6/16	1:45 am Lake Hallie	2:30 pm Our House
	6:30 pm Deacons	
	7:30 pm Council	
Sat, 6/19	6:30 pm Worship Service (Ushers #5)	
Sun, 6/20	Father's Day	
	9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #6, Counters G)	
	10:15 am Special Voters' Meeting	
	9:40 am Dove West	11:15 am Heritage Court
	10:15 am Heritage Assisted Living	1:00 pm Dove South

Upcoming Dates 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

Announcements

An open Meeting on the "Joint Statement" will take place on **Sunday, June 13**, beginning at 6:30 pm in our sanctuary. For background information, please see the appropriate sections of the Convention Prospectus (found online at tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21 and on our narthex kiosk).



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. **Also, VBS Yard Signs** are now available in the narthex.

Messiah VBS Helpers Needed – Our first session of Vacation Bible School will be held July 12-16, and staffing is still needed. We are looking for at least one more teacher, classroom aides, and helpers for crafts, snacks, and playground/recess. If you are able to help, please call or text Anne Vaver, 715-456-3418. VBS will be held on the ILC campus from 9-12:00 PM.

Snack donations for the July VBS: We are in need of snack donations for the July VBS session (12th through the 16th). If you are willing to contribute, please contact Joey Mielke (715-491-3672). We are also in need of 2 volunteers willing to help serve the snacks. It will be roughly sometime between 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. each day. If you would be willing to help, please contact Joey Mielke.

Special Voters' Meeting Sunday, June 20: Voters please be present to approve/alter the Messiah Student Grant Fund monies distribution for this coming school year. We will also be voting to fill a vacancy on the Board of Property (Nominees: Paul Heinze, Jesse Ude), and on the Board of Elders (Nominees: Charles Wittorp, John Fox). Additional nominees may be added from the floor. We will also be voting to replace the Chairman of the Elders (Possible Nominees: Brett Bailey, Paul Meyer, Steve Mielke, Ross Roehl, and Scott Wuerch). Current Chairman Kevin Hulke is moving to MN.

The CLC Women's Retreat West will be held September 17-19, 2021 at Chadron State Park in Chadron, Nebraska. Please join us! We are so excited to be able to host the retreat again this year and look forward to welcoming newcomers and also those who have attended previously! The Retreat Program - *EXALT CHRIST* John 3:30 - and Registration Form is located on a table in the Narthex. Please register by August 10; the Registration Form can be mailed to Candy Ohlmann, 822 West 3rd Street, Valentine, NE 69201. If you have any questions please email

WomensRetreatWest@gmail.com or contact a member of the planning committee. The brochure can also be downloaded from the CLC Ladies page on Facebook.

CLC News: Ann Sprengeler and Jessica Krueger have accepted calls to serve as co-principals for one year by Faith, Markesan WI. • Greta Brown-Kempenaar has been called as music teacher and preschool aid for one year by Faith, Markesan WI. • Mr. Caleb Noeldner, a member of Messiah, Hales Corners WI, has returned the call by Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston WA. They have now called Mrs. Michaela Winters, Messiah, Hales Corners WI. • Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven FL, has returned the call by Redeemer, Cheyenne WY. • Mrs. Vanessa Wales has been called to be 2-6 grade teacher at Grace, Valentine NE.

Kinship COVID Aid: With the recent surge of COVID infections in Asia, our brothers and sisters in Christ in India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh are suffering as they struggle to stay healthy and provide for daily necessities due to the lockdown measures that are being strictly enforced. Both the CLCI and BELC report deaths of pastors and members. Also, Pastor Jyothi in India was hospitalized and was very near death. He was able to receive care in an ICU bed for a few weeks where he received lifesaving treatments while he was unconscious for several days. We thank our Savior that Jyothi has recently been released from the hospital and is staying with a relative near the hospital. He is currently receiving oxygen and injections to prevent blood clots. With all of this and more, the CLC Board of Missions and the KINSHIP Committee have decided to provide financial help to assist with humanitarian efforts and medical bills. Offerings to the KINSHIP General Fund will help with this effort to help those who are suffering in Asia at this time. Please remember our brethren in your prayers!

Construction Area Notes: You'll probably see signs to this effect, but here's a summary of some do's and don'ts during our construction time.

- No parking in fenced off area (north lot)
- No parking on the North side of the Harrison Street entrance
- Park on the athletic field for church (if you can)
- Use narthex bathrooms since the school ones are shut down
- Please stay out of the school construction area inside the building

In the future we will have some announced times when people can walk through to see how things are coming along. –Pastor Caleb

ILHS Art Teacher Needed: ILC is seeking an instructor for high school art. 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.

Messiah will be producing a member photo directory in 2021 (see the flier in your church mailbox). On-site photos will be taken on July 7-10 here at church; you may sign up on the weekends at our narthex table, or contact our office for an appointment. Online scheduling is open now at www.ucdir.com

- Click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling" (on the right column)
- The Church Code is **wi120** - the password is **photos**
- Slots are available Wed-Fri, July 7-9, 2 to 8:30 pm
- Slots are available Sat, July 10, 10:30 am to 5 pm

If you can't be present for portraits, we would very much appreciate it if individuals and families would send us a suitable photo for the directory. You may send it by regular mail, or email your photo to: church.office@ecmessiah.org



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


Sermon Text – To be announced
Bible Class – Recessed until Fall

Christians Serving Us:

<i>Saturday 6/19 6:30 pm: Usher Team 5</i>		<i>Sunday 6/20 9:00 am: Usher Team 6</i>	
Mike Markus	Mark Franson	Darin Oster	Ben Oster
Jim Sydow	Ben Thurow	Tim Oster	Jeremy Plath
Jim Lau	Andy Buck	Isaiah Plath	Gabe Plath
Mark Kranz		Andrew Plath	

Counters for the week following 6/20 – G
Mike Buck, Darin Oster, Jamie Quam

Thank you!



In the hospital: • Baby Lila Schaller (Tim and Laura) is growing and in good condition at Mayo, Rochester MN, following a premature birth. • Beth Fleischer remains hospitalized at the Sacred heart CCU with covid. She reports making steady progress, and hopes to be transferred to a regular room before long. • Pastor Frank Gantt (CLC pastor near Atlanta, GA) was readmitted to the hospital due to blood clots in his legs, but he has since returned home. He is hampered by crutches and hopes for further answer from his doctors soon. • Rachel Naumann (wife of Pastor Joe Naumann of Mankato) remains hospitalized in the Twin Cities. She is in danger of going into very premature labor.

Messiah Shut-ins: 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 ~ June 5-6, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 51 – Sun. 9:00am 149 – Sun. 11:00 am 300) 500
 Communion: (Sat. 43 - Sun. 9:00am 108 - Sun. 11:00 am 217) 368
 Weekend Online: 9:00am 126, 11:00am Confirmation 73
 Dove West: 9 Heritage Court: 13 Dove South: 8
 Heritage Assisted: 6 Lake Hallie: 16

Weekly Offering Information

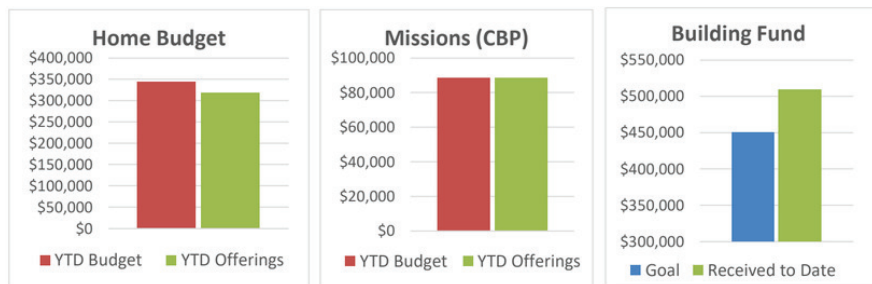
Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$344,115.00	\$88,462.00
YTD Offerings	\$317,535.80	\$88,553.25
Weekly Need	\$15,878.00	\$3,843.00
Last Week (6/6)	\$16,202.25	\$4,715.50
Amount Still Needed	\$460,464.20	\$111,446.75

Building Fund	
\$450,000.00	Goal
\$508,936.16	Received to Date
\$1,880.00	Last Week (6/6)

Given in memory of...

Marjorie Bloom
 Micah Gurgel
 Elton Hallauer

10.00 Messiah Building Fund
 100.00 Messiah ILHS Student Grants
 25.00 Mission Development Fund



Continuing Under God's Grace A Reflection on the Past 60 Years IV. Outreach Efforts

In this our 60th Anniversary year, we have already reviewed the beginning for Messiah. As the handful of Christians in obedience to the Word of God left their former fellowships, they faced the urgent need to have a place to gather to worship the LORD God of Salvation. Another need to carry out the Savior's desire to feed His lambs was met with the start-up of Messiah Lutheran School. Both needs were met when the LORD blessed the building project of Messiah Lutheran Church and School (a project that continues even today).

Even as this building project got started, there was a greater building project going on. The small but faithful group also carried out the Lord's instruction to "Preach the Gospel to every creature." This month we take a look at outreach efforts over the years.

"We cannot help but speak the things that the Lord has made known to us." From the shepherds in the hills outside Bethlehem to the Christians imprisoned in jail to early missionary journeys to different lands down to us here at Messiah Church in Eau Claire – the single most effective outreach tool is one Christian, a sinner redeemed, speaking to another sinner redeemed already by the Lord Jesus but not yet knowing it. One heart to another. Jesus to the Samaritan woman, Philip to the Eunuch, Peter to Cornelius.

So, every weekend sermon and every Bible Class has the dual purpose of nourishing our own personal faith and preparing us as witnesses of the Risen Savior to others.

In addition, we join together to try other ways to connect and share the Gospel. Here are some of these efforts tried over the past years:

- "Cornerstone of Life" – broadcasts on the radio
- Vacation Bible School, starting with one week, then expanding over the years to two, and even three (this has been a reliable way to reach unchurched children)
- Distribution of flyers to promote VBS, and other special events (over the years over 75,000 have been hand delivered)
- Seminars on timely topics
- A Bible-themed float with handouts in 2 different parades (with a marching band on occasion)
- A large outdoor billboard (tried two different times)
- Little church libraries around town with free Bible based materials
- Very large VBS sign in front of church property and VBS yard signs for members
- Poster and invites for Tour Choir concert

- Ads in the newspapers (in the past weekly, now occasionally)
- One attempt at TV ads
- Invites to a Thanksgiving dinner
- Very recently, “Blessing Bags” to give to the needy
- VBS in December
- A Bible-themed booth set up at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair and other festivals in town (Silent Sunday School*, and other pamphlets)
- Once or twice a year the hand-out of 500 packets of Silent Sunday School*

* A packet of 7 Bible stories usually on the life of Jesus with a related coloring page and a packet of crayons along with 1 sheet of pertinent Bible passages and information on Messiah

Part of these activities are organized by Messiah’s Outreach Committee which considers various ideas as well as suggestions from members and tries to put together programs that members can use in their personal witnessing.

In addition to these local efforts, Messiah has branched out to other communities with different efforts including:

- Going east to the Wausau area, several times
- Going west to Roberts
- Going north to Barron
- Going south to Fairchild, which resulted in the start-up of our daughter congregation, Morning Star

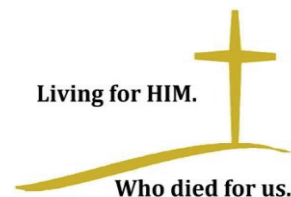
(look for a future article on offsite preaching posts here in the Chippewa Valley).

These type of building efforts are not as visible as a new sanctuary or the addition of classrooms, but this is the heart of the work of a Christian and a Christian congregation: the sharing of the Gospel for the building up of souls in Christ Jesus.

May God’s Spirit continue to use each of our members and our congregation, as well as our physical plant, to extend Jesus’ Kingdom of forgiveness and external life.

*God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure.
Throughout all generations. TLH 283*

Messiah Stewardship Committee
June 2021



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; June 14-19, '21

Mon Genesis 3:8-15 Adam hid in the bushes, for he was ashamed of himself. When God pressed him to confess and repent, he played the blame-game, and so did Eve. Satan had ruined God’s dear children, but One greater than Satan thwarted Satan’s game-plan by putting Jesus between us and Satan (15). We love Him who first loved us; thank You, dear Lord Jesus.

Tues Mark 3:20-35 Jesus didn’t need buffers, for He was fully capable of defending Himself – with logic that was right-on (23-27). [Bad-mouthing Jesus is the same as bad-mouthing the Holy Spirit (28-30).] When His relatives tried to take Him home, He chose to remain with His spiritual family. Bottom line: One’s blood relatives must come in second-best to God’s family.

Wed 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 We trust God to treat us as He treated Jesus (13-14); *therefore we do not lose heart* (no matter how stressful life can get) because we know God is following His own recipe for our blessing. IOW, we overlook the stuff that’s temporary and focus on blessings that are eternal.

Thurs Psalm 51:1-6 We know the drill: Don’t face God until you face yourself; If you can’t (or won’t) face up to your cheating on God and your fellowmen, don’t ask God to be nice. We are derelicts because we were born that way (5), and we are on a learning curve spiritually. For all these reasons we throw ourselves on God’s mercy—which means we go to the foot of the Cross.

Fri Luke 8:22-25 We feel the sting of Jesus’ question: “*Where is your faith?*” Do we come to Jesus only after we have gotten too exhausted to do anything else? Jesus ought not be our last resort – but our ally in all of life’s difficulties. Let’s not be backward about “awakening” Him to our problems; He has put Himself into the same boat with us – to share our difficult times and to use His powerful influence to calm our troubled waters.

Sat Acts 27:13-38 The tensions were mounting for crew and passengers; their cargo/passenger vessel was being blown every which way, day and night, for two weeks; they were half-starved, sea-sick, groggy from lack of sleep, and they needed HELP. Paul knew God would rescue them in His own good time and in the best way (21-26) – as long as nobody cheated (27-32). God was teaching 276 people a good lesson, and they seemed to be catching on (35-38) that when you are facing death, it’s high time to throw your excess baggage overboard and lighten yourself for the swim to safety. [That is, throw your burden of sins into the sea of God’s forgiveness, and use Jesus as your life-jacket to carry you safely to the shore of eternal salvation.]

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us! Amen.