



July 3-4, 2021

Pentecost 6

THE FURNACE OF SUFFERING



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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 1.

Pre-Service Devotion: "We were completely overwhelmed--beyond our strength--so that we even despaired of life itself ... so that we would not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a terrible death, and he will deliver us again..." (2 Corinthians 1:8-10 CSB)

At this time, offering plates are not passed during the service. The plates are located on a stand at each church entrance. *"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Cor. 9:7)



Hymns: 732:1-3 437 425:1-2,4-6 442:2 307, 754 54

Gospel Reading Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43 (ESV)

²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ And he went with him ... ³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

NT Letter..... 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14 (CSB)

¹ We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia: ² During a severe trial brought about by

affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³I can testify that, according to their ability and even beyond their ability, of their own accord, ⁴they begged us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints, ⁵and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will. ⁶So we urged Titus that just as he had begun, so he should also complete among you this act of grace. ⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, speech, knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love for us—excel also in this act of grace. ⁸I am not saying this as a command. Rather, by means of the diligence of others, I am testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ... ¹³It is not that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality. ¹⁴At the present time your surplus is available for their need, so that their abundance may in turn meet your need, in order that there may be equality.

SermonLamentations 3:22-33 (CSB)

²² Because of the LORD's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! ²⁴ I say, "The LORD is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him." ²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the person who seeks him. ²⁶ It is good to wait quietly for salvation from the LORD. ²⁷ It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is still young. ²⁸ Let him sit alone and be silent, for God has disciplined him. ²⁹ Let him put his mouth in the dust—perhaps there is still hope. ³⁰ Let him offer his cheek to the one who would strike him; let him be filled with disgrace. ³¹ For the Lord will not reject us forever. ³² Even if he causes suffering, he will show compassion according to the abundance of his faithful love. ³³ For he does not enjoy bringing affliction or suffering on mankind.

"The Furnace of Suffering"

God allows us to endure periods of suffering in this life. Not because he enjoys it, but to cultivate valuable gifts through our waiting, enduring, and being humbled. These periods are followed with his compassion.



Preaching Today: Pastor Caleb Schaller

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This Week at Messiah

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

Sun, 7/4

Independence Day

9:00 am Communion Service (Ushers #2, Counters A)
10:15 am Fellowship Coffee Hour

9:40 am Dove West	11:15 am Heritage Court
10:30 am Heritage Assisted Living	1:00 pm Dove South

Tues, 7/6

9:00 am Koffee Klatsch
5:00 pm VBS Teachers Meeting

Wed, 7/7

1:45 pm Lake Hallie	2:30 pm Our House
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Wed, 7/7 – Sat, 7/10 Directory Photo Shoot at Church

Fri, 7/9

4:00 pm Youth Group: Floating down the Chippewa River

Sat, 7/10

6:30 pm Worship Service (Ushers #3)

Sun, 7/11

9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #4, Counters B)

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 Evening Bible Class

Upcoming Dates 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
- August 14, VBS in the Park (Riverview)

Announcements

Fellowship Coffee Hour: Join us on the first Sunday in July, August, and September for coffee, donuts, and visiting! This will take place after worship on the south lawn, or inside if the weather's bad.



Please Sign Up for the Directory Photo Shoot (July 7-10) - Many members have not made appointments for portraits. Please schedule yours! Slots are open Friday the 9th and Saturday the 10th. **Schedule online at www.ucdir.com.** Use Church code **wi120** and password: **photos**. Or call the church office to schedule your portraits: (715) 834-2865.

Evening Bible Class: Sat/Sun morning Messiah Bible class has been recessed due to construction. So, we've decided to hold a Bible Class in the sanctuary on Sunday

evenings, **beginning July 11 at 6:30 pm.** We'll be studying the Gospel of Matthew. We'll gather each Sunday at 6:30 pm, except for a 5:00 pm start time on July 25, due to the Voters' meeting.



Christian Standard Bible: I hadn't heard of the "CSB" until Pastor David Schaller used it in some of his Convention Devotions (he was chaplain). It stuck out to me because of how it nails the meaning of the Greek in Luke 7:47, "Her many sins have been forgiven; that's why she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little."

When I spoke with Pastor (soon to be Prof.) David Schaller he said that he had read through the entire translation once, finding no glaring translation problems. He was also delighted to find half a dozen places where he had to stop and say, "Wow. That's a really good job of translating that part!" You want an English translation to be faithful to the Greek and Hebrew, yet not difficult to read in English. I'll be exploring this one further! –Pastor Caleb Schaller

CLC Delegates Convention took place on June 24-27. Much hard work was done for our efforts together in the LORD's kingdom. A summary of the Convention (from the daily "Convention Chronicles") can be found at tinyurl.com/convchron-21 (see page 6 for the Convention resolution on the "Joint Statement"). The full Convention *Proceedings* will be published later this summer. There were two excellent essays delivered; the first, by Pastor Luke Bernthal, can be seen at tinyurl.com/conv-essay-1. The second, by Michael Schierenbeck, can be seen at tinyurl.com/conv-essay-2. You may see a selection of Convention photos at tinyurl.com/conv-pics-21. Paper copies of these documents are available in our narthex. We thank the LORD for His blessings on our work in the CLC!



July Basketball Camp Nights: The Immanuel Athletic Boosters (IAB) is sponsoring Basketball Camp nights held at the ILC gym. These nights are open to all youth.



Girls: Mondays starting **July 5th.**

- 6:30-8pm, 7th – Highschool

Contact Jim Sydow, jasydow@yahoo.com or 715-723-2459

Boys: Tuesdays and Thursdays starting **July 6th & 8th.**

- 5-6:45pm, 5th-8th Grade
- 7-9pm, Highschool

Contact John Radichel, john.radichel@yahoo.com or 715-704-0820

Building Project Update: We thank the LORD that the City of EC approved our final permits last week, allowing all phases of the project to begin. Underground utilities have been going on this past week, allowing the new addition floor slab to be poured. By next week, parts of the new building will start to be erected. Meanwhile, crews can now start installing new walls in the existing building. We hope to have work completed on the existing rooms in time to start school as

scheduled (late August or early September). During the time that the new section is still unavailable, we plan to make use of the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and narthex for the school. The new construction would then become available later in the fall. See our updated photo album at tinyurl.com/m-build-pics.

Youth Group River Float: Messiah's Youth Group will be floating down the Chippewa River on **Friday, July 9th at 4p.m.** Meet at **Phoenix Park** where we will start with devotion, and from there we will float to Hobb's. **Parents should pick up at Hobb's at 7p.m.** If you have a tube and/or life vest, great! If not, we will find one for you. Youth Group is for grades 7-12. If you are planning to join us, please RSVP to the event on Facebook, or call/text Anne Vaver. Not only do we need to know you are coming, please mention if you need a tube and/or life vest. This will help us plan ahead. If any Messiah members have a tube or life vest, and are willing to lend for this event, please call or text Anne Vaver, 715-456-3418.

Registration for VBS is open! Sessions are on the campus of ILC, July 12-16 and August 2-6, 9 am-12 pm for Pre-K through 8th grade. To register, click on the banner at www.eaudairemessiah.com. There are also paper forms in the narthex. VBS Yard Signs are also available in the narthex. **We had a last minute staffing change and still need for a Music Coordinator in the first session! Contact Anne Vaver at 715-456-3418 if you can help.** We also need to staff the second session, August 2-6. Please contact Amanda Roth at 715-577-0190 if you can help.

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 26-27, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 318 – Sun. 182) 500 Communion Sat: 143

Weekend Online: (Sat. 224 – Sun. 148) 372

Dove West: 7 Heritage Court: 21 Dove South: 8 Veterans: 4

Heritage Assisted: 7 Lake Hallie: 14 Our House: 10

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$389,000.00	\$100,000.00
YTD Offerings	\$355,349.56	\$99,647.75
Weekly Need	\$16,256.00	\$3,860.00
Last Week (6/27)	\$10,662.75	\$3,432.75
Amount Still Needed	\$422,650.44	\$100,352.25

Building Fund	
\$450,000.00	Goal
\$518,573.36	Received to Date
\$995.00	Last Week (6/27)

Given in memory of...

Joel Pfeiffer

25.00 CLC Missions (CBP)

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

Sermon Text – Mark 6:1-6
Sunday Evening Bible Class – Gospel of Matthew

Christians Serving Us:

Saturday 7/10 6:30 pm: Usher Team 3

Gary Meyer Blane Knutson
 Luke Knutson Tom Beekman
 Jon Oster Jack Mielke

Sunday 7/11 9:00 am: Usher Team 4

Dave Johannes Joel Gullerud
 Kevin Hulke Jeff Rutz
 Brent Rutz Britten Rutz
 Carter Rutz

Counters for the week following 7/11 – B

Jeremy Gurgel, Paul Heinze, Nathan Quade

Communion Setup 7/10 – Rebekah Carstensen

Thank you!

Messiah's Outreach Committee needs volunteers to staff our booth at the Northern WI State Fair in Chippewa Falls on July 7-11. Please see the signup sheet on our narthex kiosk. Tickets to enter and parking passes provided. For more info see the "Booth Instructions" sheet by the signup.

**Congratulations and God's blessings
 to our 2021 graduates!**



Immanuel High School Graduate

Rebecca Durst
 Adrie Falkenberg
 Sarah Fox
 Sarah Heinze
 Calton McDonald
 Emma Miller
 Erica Oster
 Isaiah Plath
 Paul Schierenbeck
 Ethan Sydow
 Josephine Vaver
 Ryan Zimmerman

Job Noeldner, **Memorial HS**

College Graduates

Emily Johannes, Community College of the
 Air Force
 Melissa Mikesell, UW-Stout
 Kathleen Naumann, ILC Teaching Program
 Jacqueline Schierenbeck, UWEC

Seminary Graduates

Drew Naumann

If you know of others who have graduated this year with a high school diploma or college degree, please notify our church office or one of the pastors.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 5-10, '21

Mon Lamentations 3:22-37 does not read like a lament but more like self-encouragement, and that's why this passage resonates with us, for we are learning to bear trials *patiently* (28-30). Knowing our human nature, God prompted Jeremiah to feed our souls with spiritual nutrition. God assures us that He will *show compassion* as dependably as sunrise; so we can relax, awaiting God's intervention according to His best judgment.

Tues Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43 Jairus staked a claim on Jesus' compassion even before some bad news (35), and Jesus was ready. [Now, watch this:] Jesus claimed that the girl was NOT DEAD but asleep—for that's how God sees it—and sure enough, when He coaxed her to awaken, she got out of bed, waltzed around the room, and headed for the kitchen (39-43). A great day.

Wed 2 Corinthians 8:1-9,13-15 The mother-church in Jerusalem needed a boost from overseas brethren, which Paul was organizing. Now then, if our overseas brethren took up a collection to help us state-side, *giving themselves to the Lord first and then giving themselves to us*—all to serve God (5)—that would shame us. [How are we doing with our CBP?]

Thurs Psalm 30 When you read this psalm, place emphasis on yourself—stressing that God has lifted ME up, that God has healed ME, that He has brought MY soul up; that He has kept ME alive. Now we're in touch with God's Spirit, who gets into our heart this way and turns our *mourning into dancing*. Our brain may still be groggy (8-10), but our heart/soul will be singing praises to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Fri Mark 5:25-34 Shoehorned into Tuesday's Scriptures is this episode of an unidentified woman who was too shy to step forward and spell out her problem, yet she had the courage of faith to get in touch with Jesus. What happened next shocked and scared her, but she took courage to tell Jesus her long, sad story. He then blessed her and sent her home with a new lease on life. [We make a suitable deduction to fit our own situation.]

Sat Acts 28:11-16 doesn't seem to contain much spiritual meat, but it proves this: though God's mill grinds slowly, it grinds exceedingly fine. Our travels, layovers, and pit stops all click into their appointed slots (as they should) while God's machinery inches forward hour by hour and day by day. Just imagine how God blessed those soldiers who bivouaced a whole week with Christians (14), then walked side-by-side with other Christians who were thrilled to welcome Paul into their neighborhood and homes. Those soldiers had a lot to think and talk about when they went off duty (16). God was generous with them—as He was with Paul too, of course. Praise the Lord!