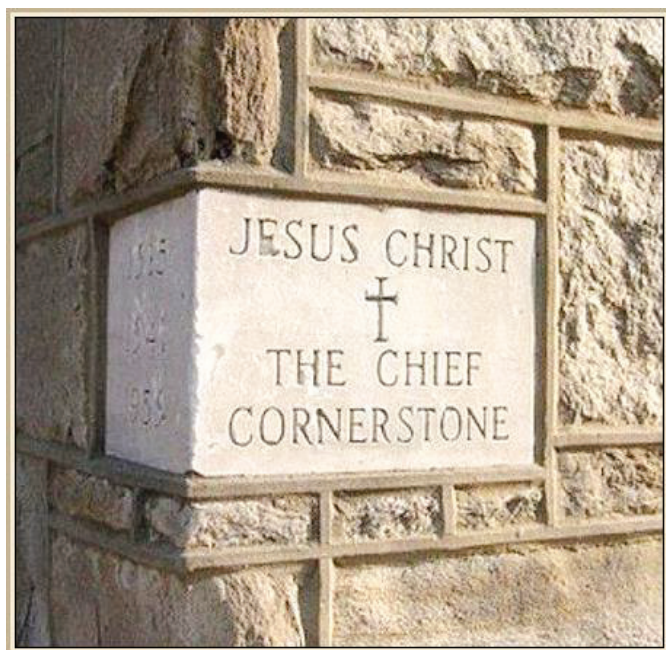




July 24-25, 2021

Pentecost 9



*...Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.
Ephesians 2:20*

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For hearing assistance, ask an usher.

Today's Worship

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

Pre-Service Devotion: "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...a time to tear down and a time to build." (Ecclesiastes 3:1,3)

At this time, offering plates are not passed during the service. The plates are located on a stand at each church entrance. You may also give electronically – see the "eGive" button at eauclairemessiah.com
"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: 767 116 460 438:4-5 465

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹ "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the LORD. ³ "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. ⁴ I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD.

⁵ "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD,
"That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;
A King shall reign and prosper,
And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.
⁶ In His days Judah will be saved,
And Israel will dwell safely;
Now this is His name by which He will be called:

THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Gospel Reading Mark 6:30-34

³⁰ Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. ³¹ And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming

and going, and they did not even have time to eat. ³²So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves. ³³But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. ³⁴And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

SermonEphesians 2:13-22

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

“JESUS, Our Divine G.C.”

- I. He demolished our prison of failure
- II. He’s building His cathedral of PEACE

Preaching Today: Pastor Bruce Naumann



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This Week at Messiah

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

Sun, 7/25 9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #8, Counters D)

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	

5:00 pm Evening Bible Class

6:30 pm Quarterly Voters’ Meeting

Tues, 7/27 9:00 am Koffee Klatsch

Wed, 7/28 1:45 pm Lake Hallie 2:30 pm Our House

4:30 pm Building Committee

Sat, 7/31 9:00 am Church work day

2:00 pm Lone & Irvine Wedding at Aichele Estate

6:30 pm Communion Service (Ushers #1)

Sun, 8/1 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

6:30 pm Evening Bible Class

- Upcoming Dates at Messiah:**
- August 2-6, VBS Session 2 at ILC
 - August 8, Church Picnic
 - August 11-15, Youth Group: Porkies Camp-Out
 - August 14, VBS in the Park (Riverview)

Announcements

Sunday evening Bible study - Our evening Bible class continues this Sunday, as we take up Matthew chapters 8-10. Please note that **this weekend only we begin at 5:00 pm**, due to the 6:30 pm voters’ meeting. Come and share God’s Word!

Messiah’s Quarterly Voters’ meeting will be held this Sunday, July 25 at 6:30 pm. Voters, please do your best to be present for our work together for the LORD. A packet previewing the meeting is available in the narthex, and can also be seen online at tinyurl.com/packet-07-25.



Next Sunday, August 1, there will be a time after the morning worship service for refreshments and fellowship. Weather permitting, this will take place on the north lawn, outside the glass church doors (otherwise in the narthex). Please plan to stay after church to enjoy some coffee, juice and goodies, and to get caught up on how your fellow members are doing! We will also plan for this event on the first Sunday in August and September.

Our new Photo Directory – Those who did not get a professional portrait are asked to submit a photo. You may email it to church.office@ecmessiah.org or send it by regular mail. If there is enough interest (20+ families), another photography session will be scheduled for Monday, September 13th, 2-8pm. Contact the office 715-834-2865 if you are interested in scheduling an appointment.

VBS Second Session will be held August 2-6, 9 am - noon for Pre-K (4 yrs) through 8th grade, at ILC. We need additional staff for this session. **Please contact Amanda Roth at 715-577-0190 if you can teach a class.** There will also be a 1-day “VBS in the Park” at the Riverview Park Island Pavilion, 9 am - noon on Saturday, August 14. All students are welcome (including those who attended either of the week-long VBS sessions). To register for either of these events, click on the banner at www.eauclairemessiah.com. There are paper registration forms in our narthex.

Next Weekend we will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper during our Saturday and Sunday services. The word “communion” itself means *sharing*. There are several kinds of sharing going on when we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. The Holy Spirit, through this means of grace, is sharing the good news of the forgiveness of our sins with us. Christ’s real body and blood are shared in the bread and the wine, with the Word of God. Also, we share blessed fellowship with each other when we receive the sacrament. To gain the best benefit from this blessed sharing, bear in mind your own great need of forgiveness, Christ’s complete payment for all sins on the cross, and the gift of His true body and blood, given and shed for you. Please register for Communion on the set of sheets in the narthex, or by contacting one of the pastors.

Church Picnic: All are invited to attend the annual church potluck picnic on **Sunday, August 8** at Mount Simon Park, beginning at noon. Please bring a main dish [or your own meat to grill] along with a side dish or dessert to pass and your own plates and utensils. Volunteers will grill any meat you bring. Beverages will be provided. There will be organized games for the younger children while others take advantage of the volleyball, Frisbee golf, or softball available at the park--or just sit and visit with your fellow Christians. We want to welcome especially the new members who have joined our church since last June. Please join us for this enjoyable fellowship event!

Help would be appreciated with the church picnic - if you can bring coolers with drinks, staff the grill, or organize/assist with children's games, please contact Deacon Dan Sullivan at daniel.sullivan.978@gmail.com or (646) 388-1716.

CLC Call News – Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ has been called by Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO. + Ms. Rebecca McKenney has been called to be the upper grade teacher at Grace School, Valentine, NE, for the 2021-2022 school year. + Miss Moira Drager, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Clarkston, WA, has accepted the call to be the lower grades teacher at Valley Bible Academy - St. John's Lutheran.

Motorcycle ride - Calling all motorcyclists! We're planning our group ride on Saturday, August 21, at 1:00 pm. We'll meet in the parking lot off of Harrison around 12:45. Feel free to invite a friend. If you know anyone in nearby congregations that might be interested please invite them. The more fellowship, the better! Rain date is Sunday, 8/22. If you need more info contact Matt Kelly at 715-497-4222.



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

Sermon Text – Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16
Sunday Evening Bible Class – Gospel of Matthew, Lesson 4

Christians Serving Us:

<i>Saturday 7/31 6:30 pm: Usher Team 1</i>		<i>Sunday 8/1 9:00 am: Usher Team 2</i>	
Joel Carstensen	George Carstensen	Dan Sydow	Bryce Sydow
Dennis Oster	Jason Zimmerman	Ethan Sydow	Noah Sydow
Ryan Zimmerman	Rich McGeorge	Adam Schmid	Jerry LeDuc
		Steve Mielke	

Counters for the week following 8/1 – E
Caleb Oster, Mark Hammond, Jon Oster

Communion Setup 7/31 – Steph Quam

Thank you!



POSTPONING DATE FOR LOCKER REINSTALLATION - In last week's bulletin, the Messiah Building Committee (MBC) had tentatively identified Saturday July 31 to reinstall Messiah School lockers that had been removed to facilitate the building project. That event has now been postponed as efforts are underway to try and repaint those lockers prior to reinstallation. Please stay tuned to future bulletin announcements and the Thursday weekly email from Pastor Naumann as to when that event will be rescheduled. Right now we hope the repainting effort will only delay the move by one week. Thank you!

The annual (private) Garage Sale, August 12-14 will be held at Darin and Kathy Oster's - 1616 South St. Eau Claire. Drop-off times will be August 10 from 4-8 and August 11 from 8-1. Contact Lori Mueller for more info at 715-563-4526.

Address Update: PV2, Fox, Sarah
Echo Co., 3rd BN, 34th IN REGT
1st Platoon "Mud Dawgs"
11951 Golden Arrow Road
Columbia, SC 29207 [she appreciates mail!]

In the hospital: <> M.J. Stewart underwent knee replacement surgery on Monday. She hopes to be released tomorrow. <> Leanne Boyea was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday, due to troubles with her oxygen level and blood sugar. We pray for the LORD's care for her. <> Missionary Todd Ohlmann reports: *"BELC Chairman T. Sampath in India has a blood clot in his heart that is causing problems with a heart valve and he needs surgery. Please remember him in your prayers."*

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 ~ July 17-18, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 96 – Sun. 259) 355

Weekend Online: 139

Sunday Evening Bible Class: 18

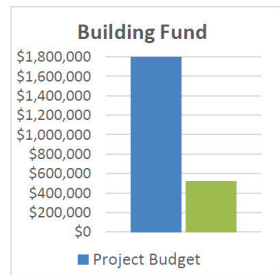
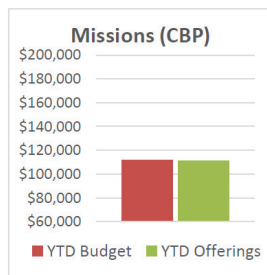
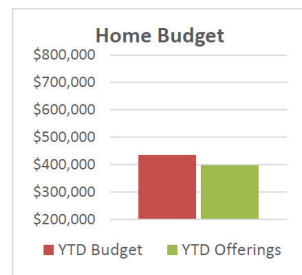
Dove West: 13 Heritage Court: cancelled Dove South: 6

Heritage Assisted: 5 Lake Hallie: 21 Our House: 10

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00
YTD Budget	\$433,885.00	\$111,538.00
YTD Offerings	\$396,912.02	\$111,401.25
Weekly Need	\$16,569.00	\$3,852.00
Last Week (7/18)	\$15,338.25	\$4,791.25
Amount Still Needed	\$381,087.98	\$88,598.75

Building Fund	
\$1,800,000.00	Project Budget
\$523,404.01	Received to Date
\$1,390.00	Last Week (7/18)



Note that since we have exceeded our initial goal for a “down payment” on our building project, we are now graphing funds collected compared to total project cost. In addition to some sizeable personal loans we have received from our members, we expect to borrow about \$1.2 million from the CLC Church Extension Fund.

CLC Financial Report - June

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 12 Months	Balance 6/30/2021
General Fund	0	998,765	1,037,570	1,097,400	- 38,805
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,329,126	1,332,554	1,378,140	- 3,428
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	52,159	129,017		124,590
ILC Building Projects	14,542	2,176,220	1,094,046		1,096,716
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	244,700	196,441		132,313
Kinship	86,093	242,254	146,228		182,119
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	2,132,149	518,635		3,527,885
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	160,138	110,833		133,585
Reserve Fund	294,092	5,067	0		299,159
Total	\$2,678,880	\$5,012,687	\$2,195,200		\$5,496,367

General Fund – June offerings: \$115,970 vs disbursements: \$80,858, resulted in a net gain for June of \$35,112, reducing the closing General Fund deficit to -\$38,805. Offerings at year end fell short of CBP estimated budget revenues by \$98,635, but disbursements at year end were \$59,830 less than estimated expenses. The four Boards (Missions, Trustees, Regents, & Ed Pub) did their best to stay under budget & our members did their best to bring their offerings for the budget. But in the end, the Lord has done the best of all, sacrificing His Son to cover our eternal deficit, and also blessing us with a Reserve from previous years of His abundant blessings to cover these material shortfalls! The Trustees will transfer funds from the Reserve Fund to cover these year-end deficits. Our Boards will start the new fiscal year with a new budget of our congregations' estimated offerings for the estimated work they have approved our boards to do!

ILC Operations – June revenue: \$77,164 (incl \$49,500 subsidy) vs disbursements: \$136,182, but with the May balance of \$55,590 ended the fiscal year with a small deficit.

ILC Building Projects – June offerings were \$770 plus some portfolio capital gains and no disbursements from the Planning Committee. June earnings (Div/Int) were \$5,010 for a fiscal year total of \$66,068. The Committee presented footprints & renderings of the proposed multi-level new gym facility to the recent CLC Convention. The Convention Proceedings will report the resolutions of the delegates for this project and other Convention actions when it is published in August.

CEF – June revenue: \$42,350 (\$42,260 loan payments, \$90 offerings) vs disbursements: \$40,458 (incl \$36,748 note repayments & interest). Over the next several months of the calendar year, the Trustees will be funding new CEF congregational building loans of \$1.58 million.

MDF – June offerings: \$30,363 of several special offerings vs disbursements of \$11,042, which includes the 12th & final \$10,000 building construction grant for the Nepal Bible Institute facility.

SAF – June receipts: \$22,193 from several lump sum SAF student loan re-payments & a \$2,370 gift.

Kinship – June Offerings: \$57,531 (\$30k special gift) vs disbursed: \$26,312 Medical & Disaster Aid.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. (Malachi 3:10)

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees



CLC World Missions Prayer List July 2021

From CLC Traveling Missionary Todd Ohlmann

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you... 2 Thessalonians 3:1

India – Pastor T. Sampath, who has served faithfully as a district chairman in the BELC for many years, has been admitted to the hospital for heart surgery. **Pray** that the Lord would bless the efforts of the doctors and staff as they use their God-given gifts to treat our brother in Christ that the surgery will be successful. **Ask** the Lord to give comfort and strength to Sampath's family and to the many souls that he serves.

Myanmar – Many in this country continue to struggle through the uncertainty and despair of the February military coup. Many are living in fear of daily conflicts and violence. Daily food and necessities are scarce and banks and most businesses remain closed. The pandemic has hit Myanmar very hard and reports indicate that the military Junta is withholding Covid vaccines, treatments, and even oxygen supplies as a way to control the people. Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Myanmar are suffering. The CLC has been unable to send financial resources, Kinship sponsorships for the children, and Covid relief aid. **Pray** that the Lord will keep and protect and provide for the sheep of His Myanmar flock, especially our brothers and sisters in Yangon, Kalaymyo, and Chin State. **Pray** that the truth of God's word will have free course to strengthen and encourage the faith of His children and that many more will be brought to faith and find hope in Jesus during these uncertain times and always.

India – Pastor Jyothi B. in India, who was hospitalized in the ICU for several days while he was treated for a rather severe case of Covid, was able to return to his home a few weeks ago. He is still dealing with some weakness but has been able to return to work and has been active in assisting with the distribution of Covid relief aid to those of the CLCI who are in need. Continue to **Pray** for complete healing along with God's strength, comfort, and courage for Jyothi, his family, and the many souls that he serves.

Nepal – Progress on the building project has been delayed by a couple of months due to the pandemic. Raju reports that they hope to be able to, at least partially, move in by late September and then begin hosting

students and begin seminary classes as soon as October. **Thank** the Lord for His continued blessings on this project and ask Him to grant patience to Raju and his family and the students as they wait for completion. And then **ask the Lord** to bless the teaching of His word in this building that many more faithful preachers and teachers will be trained to proclaim the saving truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Nigeria – Mark Bohde and Missionary Ohlmann are planning a visit to Nigeria to conduct a pastoral training seminar and to meet with the various Nigeria-CLC boards and committees. **Ask** the Lord to bless these preparations over the next few weeks that visas will be granted and that Covid travel restrictions will not hinder these plans to do the Lord's work.

Bangladesh – Pastor M. asks that we continue to pray for a man who was recently converted to Christianity from Hinduism. This man has been assaulted, persecuted, and falsely accused of crimes by his family, and was arrested in an effort to force him to return to Hinduism. **Pray** that the Lord will bless the printing and distribution of the Catechisms as a tool to train more believers in the saving truths of Scripture. **Ask the Lord** to protect and defend His new disciple and to give him the necessary strength and courage to persevere under persecution.

Liberia – Pastor Joseph K., who was involved in a serious motor vehicle accident a couple of months ago, is still struggling in his recovery. He is working with a bone specialist to treat both knee caps and one finger. **Pray that the Lord** will bless his treatments and grant full recovery from his injuries.

Uganda – Pastor Daniel Mugeni has been studying with CLC missionaries and attending pastoral conferences in Kenya for many years. Missionary Mike Gurath, along with a representative of the CLC appointed by President Eichstadt, will begin the formal process of reviewing Pastor Mugeni's doctrinal positions for a possible recommendation for a declaration of fellowship. Pastor Mugeni serves a congregation in Uganda and also cares for several orphan children. **Pray** that the Lord would bless this process of establishing God-pleasing fellowship. **Pray** for the children that Pastor Mugeni cares for and that He would continue to provide for all their needs. **Ask** the Lord to continue to bless the preaching and teaching of His saving word in Uganda that many more will be led to repent and believe in Jesus Christ for salvation.

Christian School Instructor Supervisor (CSIS) - Retired teacher, Ted Quade, who also serves as the chairman of the Kinship Committee, has accepted this call. This new position was created to aid the school headmasters and teachers in the schools that Kinship supports in Kenya.

The CSIS will offer support and encouragement in the area of teaching Bible stories, teaching methods, and classroom management, as well as Christian Doctrine and Christian leadership. **Ask** the Lord to bless Ted with the necessary wisdom, patience, zeal, and love for this work. And **pray** that the Lord would bless those with whom he will be working, that they too will be gifted with wisdom, patience, zeal, and love for the work they have been given by the Lord. And **pray** for the children entrusted to the care of these two schools in Kenya that they may grow in the understanding of God's saving word, that faith in Jesus will be guide and strength through life and into eternity.

Togo, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, D.R. Congo, and Mexico – please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are struggling to stay healthy, provide for their families and the ministry as they proclaim the Gospel...trusting the promise of our Savior that His word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sent it.

Mission Trips – are being planned for Nigeria and East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, and Uganda) over the next few months. The Covid pandemic continues to make planning uncertain. **Ask the Lord** to bless the trip preparations and to clear any obstacles that may stand in the way of this work.

Missionary Evensen – was able to return to the U.S. for a furlough. He is now ready to return to Togo to continue the work of assisting in the training of pastors at the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Bible Institute. His flight leaves on July 27th. **Thank** the Lord for his safe travel back to the U.S., his service to the Lord at our CLC convention, and time spent with family and friends. **Pray** for safe and uneventful travels back to Togo and for continued blessings on His service to the Lord and His kingdom work in Togo.

New and Ongoing Opportunities – The Lord continues to provide opportunities to proclaim the truths of His saving word in different areas of the world in places such as South Sudan, Pakistan, Yemen, Egypt, Puerto Rico, Haiti, the Philippines, Russia, and Italy. **Thank the Lord** for the privilege of teaching His word to others! **Pray** for these individuals as they seek to grow in their understanding of God's word to be better equipped to spread the Gospel.



Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 26-31, '21

Mon Jeremiah 23:1-6 God has a big concern on His heart—and it's about shepherds (that is, clergymen) and their sheep (that is, God's people). Who has the courage to denounce unfaithful clergy, Bible-bending theologians, or the televangelist who masquerades as a servant of God but is not? Jeremiah had the courage (1-2), and God rewarded him with the vision of Jesus, who supersedes all other shepherds as the *LORD, OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS* (5-6).

Tues Mark 6:30-34 These under-shepherds of Jesus were tired from weeks of ministering to wandering or lost sheep—and they needed a day off (31-32). However, other wandering sheep turned up, seeking shepherding, and they figured out how to connect with Jesus (33). *Jesus was moved with loving compassion for them, so He began to teach them many things* they should know about themselves, about the true God, and about His own mission.

Wed Ephesians 2:13-22 Christians of Jewish background had been brought up to believe that God didn't want non-Jews in His kingdom. That was false doctrine, of course, and God authorized Paul to explain it to the Ephesian church. God does love (and save) Gentiles (13), and He intends Christian Jews and Christian Gentiles to bury their background prejudices (15-18) and enjoy what God has put into their foreground (19-22).

Thurs Psalm 23 We understand the imagery—that Jesus is our Shepherd, who attends to all our spiritual needs (1-3), keeps us in His protective care in threatening circumstances (4-5), and showers blessings upon us. [When our cup runs over, we drink from the saucer.] As sure as God is sure, His goodness and mercy keep close track on us from here to eternity (6). Hallelujah!

Fri 1 Peter 2:13-17 We regularly face situations that challenge us to behave as God's children rather than misbehave. Let's take it to heart that *we submit ourselves to every ordinance of men*, observing traffic regulations when we are out driving, obeying the boss at our job, following the building codes if we are constructing, doing our school work honestly, and following the local health ordinances, too. We do so because God expects it of us.

Sat John 10 Does submitting ourselves to every ordinance make us sheep? Well, that's confusing cause and effect; Jesus claims us as His sheep, so we are His sheep. We recognize the sound of His voice and follow Him (4, 27); He knows each of us personally, and we know Him (14, 27); He did not desert us but laid down His life in order to grant us eternal life (28); He keeps a tight grip on us so that nothing/nobody can snatch us away from Him or from our Father in heaven (28-29). Now then, since God has seen fit to call us His sheep and members of His flock, we wear the badge proudly. Yeah!