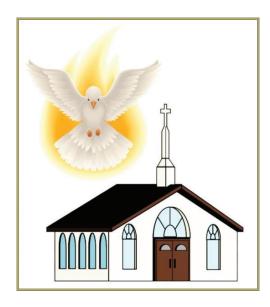


# July 31 - August 1, 2021 Pentecost 10



"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

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# Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 8.

**Pre-Service Devotion:** [Jesus said] <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; ... <sup>14</sup> He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. (John 16:13a, 14)

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:** 229 360 473 442:2 310,305 230

### Old Testament Reading ...... Exodus 24:3-11

<sup>1</sup> So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do." 4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said. "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient." 8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity. <sup>11</sup> But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

#### Gospel Reading......John 6:1-15

<sup>1</sup> After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. <sup>3</sup> And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

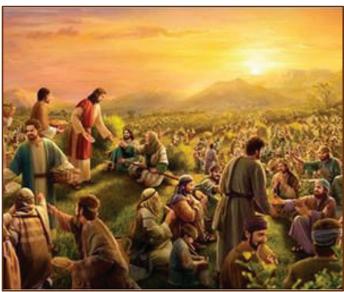
<sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" <sup>6</sup> But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

<sup>7</sup> Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

<sup>8</sup> One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. <sup>11</sup> And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." <sup>13</sup> Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup> Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.



<sup>1</sup>I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ...

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

**Sermon Theme:** The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to

- 1. Create the oneness of the Holy Christian Church
- 2. Preserve that unity against attacks from without and within

Preaching Today: Pastor Paul Tiefel



**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.

**Communion 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 the 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.

Gluten Free and non-alcoholic wine are available at the stands as you approach the communion rail.

#### This Week at Messiah

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

Sun, 8/1	9:00 am	Communion Service (Ushers #2, Counters E)	
	<u>9:40 am</u>	Dove West	11:15 am Heritage Court
	<u>10:30 am</u>	Heritage Assisted Living	1:00 pm Dove South
	Fellowship Time		
	6:30 pm	<b>Evening Bible Class</b>	
Mon, 8/2 – Fri, 8/6		Vacation Bible School – Session 2, 9:00-Noon (Held at ILC Academic Center)	
Tues, 8/3	9:00 am	Koffee Klatsch	
Wed, 8/4	1:45 pm	Lake Hallie	2:30 pm Our House
Thur, 8/5	5:00 pm	Stewardship Committee	2
Fri, 8/6	5:00 pm	Rehearsal for Naumann/Rodebaugh Wedding	
Sat, 8/7	2:00 pm	Naumann & Rodebaugh Wedding	
	6:30 pm	Worship Service (Ushers #3)	
Sun, 8/8	9:00 am Communion Service (Ushers #4, Counters		shers #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	
	12:00 pm Church Picnic (noon) at Mount Simon		
	6:30 pm	<b>Evening Bible Class</b>	

- **Upcoming Dates at Messiah:** August 11-15, Youth Group: Porkies Camp-Out
  - August 14, VBS in the Park (Riverview)
  - August 21-22, Christian Education Weekend
  - August 22. Opening Service at ILC
  - August 23, First Day of Classes at ILC
  - September 7, Tentative Opening Day at Messiah

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Micah Gurgel who on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 received the gift of eternal life through Christ Jesus.

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. Another option if there is enough interest (20+ families), photography session will be scheduled for Monday, September 13th, 2-8pm. Presently we have 4 families; this is the time to indicate your interest. Contact the office 715-834-2865 if you are interested in scheduling an appointment.

#### Announcements

Sunday evening Bible study - Our Bible class continues this week at 6:30pm with a study of Matthew chapters 11-13. There are different ways to study God's Word. Verse by verse has its benefits, as also a broader and faster paced overview. This study is the second kind, a look at the big picture. We are nearing the halfway point (Lesson 4 out of 10). It is still a good time to come and bring a friend.

VBS will be held August 2-6, 9 am - noon for Pre-K (4 yrs) through 8th grade, at ILC. There will also be a 1-day "VBS in the Park" at the Riverview Park Island Pavilion, 9 am - noon on Saturday, August 14. To register for either of these events, click on the banner at www.eauclairemessiah.com. There are paper registration forms in our narthex.

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 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 and adults--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. 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. Please join us for this enjoyable fellowship event!

**VBS Flyers:** Distributing flyers has always been one of the more effective ways to invite non-members to VBS. This has been a difficult year to distribute flyers. Last Saturday July 24th 12 members met at ILC and went around the south side. About 2500 went out and we already have 3 non-member signups as a result. Another option is for members to take a stack of 20-30 flyers (or more) and simply walk the area around their homes. Flyers are available on the table in the narthex, next to the display of last weeks' effort. While it is too late to promote this week's VBS (unless handed out this Sunday!), there still is time to announce the August 14th single day VBS at Riverview Park. It would be great to get nearby neighborhoods covered. (The Flats, the planets, and such.) Are you able to hand out some flyers?

United in marriage under Christ: We offer our prayers for Morgan Lone and Jamison Irvine who were married on Saturday July 31 in a Christian service conducted by Pastor Naumann in Fairchild. Morgan is serving again this year as our school secretary. Jamison works as a welder. The couple will be living at:

3258 White Oak Lane, Eau Claire 54703

May the Lord Jesus bless their marriage with His daily presence and the Spirit's special gift of love.

#### News About Our Schools

#### Messiah "2nd Family" program for new ILC students:

Each year, a number of new students arrive at Immanuel Lutheran High School to live away from home for the first time. Messiah is once again organizing a way for these young people to experience a little "home



away from home." Messiah families can sign up to sponsor a student or students. On Sunday, September 12, the Messiah families will meet the students by taking them home for Sunday lunch, following the worship service. We anticipate that our sponsor families will take an active interest in their "adopted" students' ILC activities in sports, drama, music, etc. Please sign up on the sheet on our kiosk in the narthex, or email Pastor Naumann at brucenaumann@gmail.com.



Introducing our new 5th-6th grade teacher, Mr. Nathan Buck: "I am Nathan Buck, and I am proud to be here at Messiah teaching 5th-6th grade. I grew up in Eau Claire, graduated from Messiah and Immanuel High School and College, and accepted a teaching call out at Valley Bible Academy in Clarkston, Washington where I taught for 2 years. I married my South Carolinian wife, Jessica 'nee Salter, in 2020 - we currently have a baby kitten, and just recently purchased our first house on Eau Claire's West Side! My favorite animals are dolphins, I collect coins and stamps, and love to kayak, run, and hike. I so greatly enjoy teaching, and can't wait to begin

my work at Messiah Eau Claire! Thank you all for your kindness and prayers -- I am glad to grow in faith and overjoyed at the prospect of getting to know our families and students better." Mr. Buck and Mrs. June Schmid, who will be taking up her new position in the  $1^{\rm st}$  and  $2^{\rm nd}$  grade classroom, will be installed during our services on Education Weekend, Aug. 21-22.

The annual (private) Garage Sale, August 12-14 will be held at Darin and Kathy Oster's - 1616 South St. Eau Claire, and will benefit the Messiah Building Fund, the ILC Student Aid Fund, and the family of infant Lila Schaller. 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.







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<u>A Big Thank You!</u> The Messiah Building Committee would like to extend a thank you to everyone that showed up last weekend moving boxes and cleaning the classrooms. The teachers are now busy getting those rooms ready for the year.

**Building Project Update:** Significant milestones were reached this past week with sheetrock installed in all the areas within the old sanctuary and school. This is the area we refer to as 'Phase 1' and is the area needing to be completed to start school as scheduled on September 7<sup>th</sup> just after Labor Day. Taping and texturing will occur this week with the expectation we can paint those areas by the end of this week. Putting down the waterproof roofing membrane is scheduled to start next week on the new addition. That should take about a week after which the rooftop heating and cooling units will be installed. That is another important milestone as those units will provide heating and air conditioning to the classrooms in the old sanctuary that are part of Phase 1 opening. Progress continues to be positive for scheduled school opening after Labor Day.

Building Project Painting Event -- Volunteer Help Needed: The Messiah Building Committee (MBC) is scheduling a painting event with member volunteers for Saturday, August 7 starting at 8 AM. Three classrooms, a small section of hallway, new men's and women's restrooms, and faculty restroom are the areas to be painted. Completion of this work is critical to keep Phase 1 of the project schedule and allow school to open as planned the first week after Labor Day. All painting will be done with rollers. Many of the walls have no ceiling in place so you can paint without worrying about hitting the ceiling or trim painting. We are looking for a crew of at least 10 people but probably no more than 15. A crew of that size should be able to complete the necessary painting within 3-4 hours. All equipment necessary for the work will be provided. Please contact Tom Beekman at 715 491-2025 or <a href="mailto:thomasbeekman1961@gmail.com">thomasbeekman1961@gmail.com</a> if you are able to help. Even though the crew size appears small, don't assume there will be more than enough volunteers. August is an optimal time to take vacation prior to school year starting which can limit the availability of volunteers.

Open For a Walk Thru: We hope soon to be able to offer "tours" of the new construction after our weekend services. Listen for an announcement after an upcoming service. The few that have seen the progress are amazed at the size of the project and the efficient design. It is evident that God is blessing the whole effort. Part of God's blessing has been the Spirit's work in moving the hearts of our members to contribute generously to the Building Fund. We have already exceeded our goal of 25%. Yet our dollars contributed now reduce the amount we need to borrow and save us 30 years of interest on that amount. The Building Fund will remain open for offerings until the end of the year when it will be converted into the "Debt Retirement Fund".

**In need of housing:** A CLC family is hoping to move to town and needs a modest house both in size and price. If you know of something that might work, please speak to Pastor Tiefel 715-829-2000.

#### In case you missed it:

- Man Up Retreat, Sept. 30 Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, Wyalusing State Park
- Motorcyle ride, August 21st
- Fellowship Time, August 5th

For more details see last week's bulletin.



In the hospital: <> Marge Eckel fell and underwent surgery for a broken wrist and hip on Thursday, and remains hospitalized. <> Anita Matysik has been diagnosed with an advanced state of cancer, and will begin chemotherapy prior to surgery.

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 24-25, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 77 – Sun. 208) 285 Weekend Online: 126

Sunday Evening Bible Class: 12

Dove West: 8 Heritage Court: 25 Dove South: 7 Veterans: 4

Heritage Assisted: 9 Lake Hallie: 19 Our House: 9

(Weekly Offering Information will be reported in next week's bulletin.)

#### Highlights from the July 25, 2021 Quarterly Voters' Meeting

For the various reports presented, see the Voters' Packet at tinyurl.com/packet-07-25, or on our narthex kiosk

<> The meeting began with a devotion and prayer. <> Elders, Membership: Transfers In: Nathan and Jessica Buck from St. John's Clarkston, WA. Transfers Out: Drew Naumann to Trinity Spokane, WA. Katie Naumann to Immanuel Winter Haven, FL. Claire Naumann to Peace Thru Christ Middleton, WI. Paul III and Emily Tiefel, along with their children Virginia, Adelyn, Elaine, and Jacqueline, to Messiah Hales Corners, WI. Emily Zimmerman to Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. <> Board of Deacons: We have adjusted as COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. A motion passed to add Heritage Assisted Living, 3706 Damon St, Eau Claire, to our roster of regular Health Care Facility services. There was discussion on the need for volunteers to serve off-site services, and all were encouraged to consider serving in this way. Our new Photo directory is progressing; 107 family photos were taken, more are being submitted, and we are looking at potential makeup pictures on September 13 if we get 20+ families to sign up. A motion passed that we update the church calendar to reflect the decision to conduct a single Christmas Eve service for 2021. Sandy Ayres has joined church secretarial staff. <> Pastors' report: We are picking up visits that were curtailed during COVID. Our Sunday evening Bible Class is going well. The pastors have coordinated their vacations and time off. Normal preaching/teaching duties, pastoral counseling, visits and Elders work continue. <> Board of Education and Principal: The Board has taken over December VBS, with the date set for Dec 12. The first summer VBS session had an average attendance of 75, and the second session begins on August 2. Sunday school is on hold until new classrooms are available. We are scheduling athletics and finding coaches for this school year. Lockers will be painted and reinstalled. We are coordinating with Building Committee getting school ready for fall. Nathan Buck has arrived and is arranging for permanent housing. We have a plan in place to cover school technology duties. We are planning for the new school year to begin Sept. 7, without requirements for masks or social distancing. We are planning for teachers to get into their classrooms by Aug 24. Standardized test results from last year indicate no significant negative impact from COVID changes. The current projected enrollment for K-8 is 119 (with additional students in Pre-K). <> Board of Property: Jerry LeDuc reported on various maintenance items, and working with the Building Committee on tasks related to the project. A lot of outside work has been done early in summer. We are getting pews repaired and some fabric replaced. We will need another janitor for cleaning once the building project is done, due to more time needed to clean the additional space. A list of upcoming work within the church and parsonages was presented. A motion passed to approve \$6K from the Property Improvement Fund for replacement of the HVAC system in the Schaller parsonage (as recommended by the Council). The remaining cost (about \$1K) will come from the BoP budget.

Outreach: We had a small group at the Memorial Day parade to promote VBS. We gave out many "Silent Sunday School" packets at Northern Wisconsin State Fair. We have printed T-shirts for volunteers at outreach events. Our large outdoor VBS yard sign was displayed; it will be repaired this winter. New VBS yard signs are available and in use. Flyer distribution for the first session didn't go well. although we did distribute flyers near ILC last week for the August session. We are working on promoting and staffing the August 14 VBS at Riverview Park. <> Building Committee: Chairman Dan Sydow presented an update with slides, which can be seen at tinyurl.com/july-mbc-21 (Tom Beekman provided a verbal report after church on July 24-25; the video can be seen at tinyurl.com/tbeekman-07-25). The Building Publicity and Finance Committee reported that the first large check for Royal Construction has been delivered (\$315K). In August we'll use the personal loans and start drawing from the CEF loan. The Scrip program has contributed about \$7K to the Building Fund. <> Technology Committee: The new microphone system is working well. We are looking to replace the sanctuary streaming camera this fall. We are upgrading computer network cabling throughout the facility. Jon Sandeen is heading up this effort and could use some volunteers. We need a new phone system for the new facility. The committee evaluated options and decided to go with a system including multiple phones and intercom speakers, to be installed by a vendor, at an estimated cost of \$9,200. A motion passed that up to \$10K for this be paid from Undesignated Gifts and Memorials Fund, as recommended by the Council. <> Finances: For the first 6 months of 2021, receipts are \$354K, about \$4k more than last year (1% increase). At this pace, we would end the year about \$56K below our budget. Total contributions are up 16% over last year at this time (the major increase is in the building fund). As of June 30 there is a balance in the General Fund of \$20,053. The balance in Building Fund is \$335,593. The balance for other non-budgetary funds (such as Debt Retirement, Property Improvement, Messiah School, Gifts & Memorials, etc.) is \$81,562. Our overall cash balance is \$474,208. Our YTD contributions to the CLC total \$121,871; \$99,648 is to the General Fund (CBP). This represents approximately 50% of our annual CBP contribution plan. Our Treasurer reported that Messiah is eligible to receive an "Employee Retention Tax Credit," which credits employers who remained open during COVID for payment of FICA taxes. A motion passed that we take advantage of this credit. <> 2022 Offering Envelopes: President Gerald Oster reported on Council actions: Our boxed offering envelopes for 2022 will have the "Building Fund" line item removed, to be replaced with "Debt Retirement." A line for "Messiah School Fund" will be added back on. Special offering envelopes for Christian Education Weekend (Aug. 21/22) will be designated for the Messiah School Fund, which will be in need of various classroom items for the new building. <> Election: A motion passed to accept the resignation of Jason Zimmerman from the Outreach Committee. Dan Kelly was elected to fulfill the term. <> The meeting was **adjourned** with the Lord's Prayer.

#### Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 2-7, '21

Mon Exodus 24:3-11 After Moses had climbed up and down the mountain a number of times amid some preparatory warnings (ch. 19), God laid out His Ten Commandments (ch.20) with some real-life applications (chs. 21-23). When He invited the people's response (ch. 24), they declared they were ready to commit themselves to obey God's plan. A good first step.

**Tues John 6:1-15** Just five small buns and two fishies to feed 5,000 families? Some of those folks caught on to the point of the miracle—it proved that Jesus was God in the flesh (Deut. 18:18 was a good clue). Let us also note that Jesus enlists His disciples to handle the Bread of Life and distribute Him to the human family. Scriptural leftovers can be taken home and digested at leisure—or shared with other wayfarers traveling through life.

Wed Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16 God expects us to behave as members of His dear family, with warm affection toward our siblings first of all (2-6). We are never too old to learn (11-12), we still have room for improvement (13-15), and we work at strengthening the bond between us (16). [That's the Readers Digest version of the book of our life, with some chapters yet unwritten.]

**Thurs Psalm 84** We understand how the psalmist felt about the Temple, for that's where he and God interfaced. He enjoyed being close to God (10-11) and his *heart and soul fainted* when he was absent (1-2). As nesting birds enjoy God's provision, so also do we enjoy God's blessings both at home and at our church/worship facility—and raise our youngsters accordingly.

**Fri Matthew 6:22-23** We understand how light/brightness/sunshine befits God, and that we are small reflectors of Jesus, the Light of the world. The summer solstice is already a month behind us, and we notice the days are getting shorter. That's how God keeps reminding us that time is running short on our little day. The darkness deepens; Lord, with us abide!

**Sat Genesis 8:22** God put His finger on the North Pole, nudged it 23½ degrees off kilter, and that destabilized everything. Tectonic plates were wrenched loose, continents arose and sank; everything became fluid; climate changed, etc., etc. When things settled down a year later, God assured Noah that *as long as the Earth remained, seed-time and harvest, winter and summer, day and night* would cycle like clockwork. Fast-forward: In today's world, temporary hitches and local glitches may come and go, but God is sticking by His promise that agriculture will dependably provide food for humanity and animals, and your garden will produce whatever you plant (besides those dependable weeds). When God decides to stop the clock, He will destabilize planet Earth with atomic fire. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us!