

# November 13-14, 2021 Pentecost 25 Saints Triumphant



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-Hebrews 10:17-18 (ESV)

## Messiah Lutheran Church & School

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# Today's Worship

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

**Pre-Service Devotion:** (on the cover)

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:** 751 755 776 441:1-2 744

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<sup>1</sup> "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

## **Epistle Reading .......John 5:25-29** (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

# Sermon ...... Hebrews 10:11-18 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool

for his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:
 I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

<sup>17</sup> then he adds,

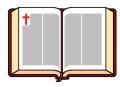
"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Sermon Theme:

# "We are the Champions"

The supreme greatness of Christ's sacrifice leaves only one option for those in Christ – absolute triumph.



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.

**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 are live-streamed/archived at <u>eauclairemessiah.com</u>. Service times for local care facilities are posted on the online calendar.

Sun, 11/14	10:15 am	Stewardship Weekend Worship Service (Ushers #2, Counters D) Sunday School/Young Adults/Bible Class Sunday School Teachers Meeting
Mon, 11/15	•	Council Ladies of Messiah
Tues, 11/16		Men's Koffee Klatsch at Perkins Outreach
Wed, 11/17	•	Afternoon Catechism Ruth's Retreat
Fri, 11/19	9:45 am	Pastoral Study Club
Sat, 11/20	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Practice #1 Worship Service (Ushers #1) Sunday School/Bible Class
Sun, 11/21	0.00	Messiah School Choir Sings "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Ushers #4, Counters E) Sunday School/Young Adults/Bible Class Messiah Band Concert

#### Upcoming...

- November 24 & 25, Thanksgiving Services 6:30 pm & 9:00 am
- November 28, Youth Group Church Decorating at 1:00 pm
- December 1,8,15: Wednesday Advent Services 1 pm & 6:30 pm
- December 11, Christmas VBS
- December 11, Ladies of Messiah Cookie Exchange and Tie Dye

Special offering for Stewardship Weekend will be giving to the Property Improvement Fund to try to "take care" of some special long-standing issues. A special envelope can be found in your church mail box and on the kiosk.

### Announcements

**Weekend Bible Class** will be studying Psalm 18, where King David praises the LORD for delivering him from staggering opposition. This will be the first of two studies on this Psalm because of its length (50 verses).

#### Messiah Home Bible Studies:

- Sun, November 14, 6:30 pm, Jon and Sam Kelly, On-site childcare is available.
- Mon, November 15, 6:30 pm John and Sandra Fox 2208 Crescent Ave. Eau Claire. "The 10 Commandments of Bible Interpretation."
- Wed, November 17, 6:30 pm at the ILC Academic Center Library. The Bible Class, Shadows and Substance, will take a break for Advent and Christmas after Nov 17. We will resume on January 5, 2022. Videos of the ILC/AC Bible study can be seen at <a href="mailto:ilc.edu/shadows">ilc.edu/shadows</a>. You can pick up the manual at the CLC Bookstore or download it from the ILC web site link.

**Children's Christmas Eve service:** Please sign your youth by using the form here: <u>tinyurl.com/chr-eve-21</u>, or reply to our church office at 715-834-2865 or church.office@ecmessiah.org.

India flooding impacts our sister churches - CLC Missionary Peter Evensen reports: "South-east India, where the BELC is located, is currently being hit by heavy rain that is causing massive flooding. Many of our BELC pastors are surrounded by flood water and unable to leave their homes and unable to do their daily work to earn their livelihood. This heavy rain is expected to continue until the 16th of November. Chennai has been particularly hard-hit. While the states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have set up some flood relief shelters in Chennai and major cities, they are neglecting the villages where most of our pastors and fellow Christians live. I have not heard anything from the CLCI. They are more north than the BELC, and so they might be escaping most of the flooding, but I know they have some churches along the coast that may be impacted as well. Please keep the people in these hard-hit areas in your prayers!"

Date adjustment for one-Day Christmas VBS - The new date for this outreach event (our members are also invited) is Saturday, December 11, from 1-4 pm. You may register your child at the following online form - tinyurl.com/21-chrvbs or with the paper form on our narthex kiosk. We are in need of a craft coordinator for this event. If you may be able to help please contact Ryan Hammett at 715-210-3653 or hammettr@gmail.com.

The Messiah Squires will present a band concert on Sunday, November 21 at 4:00 pm in our fellowship hall. All are invited to attend!

Highlights from the November 7, 2021 Quarterly Voters' Meeting are printed and available on the narthex kiosk. You may also see the summary online at this address: <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/vsummary-11-7">tinyurl.com/vsummary-11-7</a>. For the various reports presented, see the Voters' Packet at <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/vpacket-11-07">tinyurl.com/vpacket-11-07</a>.

#### In Case You Missed It:

- Web Design Help needed for God's Kids Bible Camp (Contact Anne Vaver at 715-456-3418)
- 2 Directors for God's Kids Bible Camp (Contact Anne Vaver or Pastor Schaller)

Cookie Exchange & Tie-Dye Event: On Saturday, December  $11^{th}$ , the Ladies of Messiah will be hosting a Cookie Exchange & Tie-Dye Event during the morning Christmas Eve service practice (9:00 – 10:30 am). Bring a batch of your favorite Christmas treat and copies of the recipe. Sample a variety of goodies, then take home a mixed plate and some delicious new recipes! You can also tie-dye a shirt

(or several shirts, if you're looking for Christmas gift ideas). There are two different designs. One reads "Unashamed" in script and has "Romans 1:16" printed under the script. The other reads "Fearless" and has "John 16:33" printed under the script. Both passages make excellent witnessing opportunities if anyone asks you about your shirt while you're wearing it! Prices are \$10 for a short-sleeve t-shirt, \$14 for a long-sleeve t-shirt, and \$16 for a hoodie. Unisex sizing from Adult S — 5XL. Please email or text Jessi Scheberl



(715.379.6716) with your choice of design AND preferred size no later than Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. You may also pay Jessi via cash, check, PayPal (<a href="https://documents.org/nc-university-nc-un



**Youth Group Church Decorating**-Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We will start at 1pm with a devotion. Join us for Christmas music and Christmas themed snacks and drinks while we decorate. Parents can pick up their kids at 3pm. Contact Amanda Roth at 715-577-0190 with any questions.

**CLC News:** Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, *is still considering* the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN ● Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI, *is still considering* the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MI.



#### Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend

Sermon Text – John 18:33-37

Bible Class – Psalms Series Continued



## Christians Serving Us:

Saturday 11/20 6:30 pm: Usher Team 1
Joel Carstensen George Carstensen
Dennis Oster Jason Zimmerman
Ryan Zimmerman Rich McGeorge

Sunday 11/21 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 11/21–E

Mark Hammond, Caleb Oster, Jon Oster

Thank you!

**Excess Church and School Furniture:** Items include computer desks, lockers, and old church pews which can be viewed outside along the temporary storage unit and the storage garage. If interested in any item, contact Tom Beekman at thomasbeekamn1961@gmail.com or 715-491-2025.

This last Thursday on November 11, America remembered those who have served our country in the military, we do the same here at Messiah. Our Savior spoke of the great love when someone is willing to give his/her life for another. We thank the following for

their service to our country.

#### Served in our country:

Collin Aichele Michelle Arredondo Stacy Behlmer Greg Boldon	Trysten Hallahan Mark Hammond Bill Heisel Burgess Huehn	Rich McGeorge Jamie Quam Fred Radichel Jonathan Radtke	Will Schrader Gordy Stratton Paul Tiefel Sr. Brian Vaver
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Mike Buck	Kurt Knoblock	Dave Rodebaugh	Walt White
Dave Cavanaugh	Blane Knutson	Aaron Roth	Tom Williams
Aaron Durst	Al Lamovec	Krysta Roth	
Gus Falkenberg (younger)	Adam Lillo	Jon Sandeen	
Paul Gurgel	Jeremiah Madison	JD Schierenbeck	

#### Presently serving our country:

Hunter Diede	Gabrielle Knutson	Riley Noeldner	Bryan Sydow
Sarah Fox	Shannon McDonald	Stacy Noeldner	Rhonda White
Emily Johannes			

Please let us know if we have missed any current members that have either served or are currently serving.

#### **CLC Financial Report - October**

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 4 Month	Balance 10/31/2021
General Fund	0	317,723	411,861	420,000	- 94,138
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	571,065	486,079	482,400	84,986
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	124,590	263,465	16,754		371,301
ILC Building Projects	1,096,716	116,909	9,862		1,203,763
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	31,062	31,576		131,799
Kinship	182,119	52,121	49,592		184,648
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	3,527,885	101,453	1,191,726		2,437,612
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	133,585	26,642	36,088		124,139
CLC Reserve Fund (YTD gains/losses	300,222	30,448	0		269,774
Total	\$5,497,430	\$561,204	\$1,335,598		\$4,723,036

**General Fund – October** offerings were \$67,759 (Ave needs \$105,000) **VS** disbursements of \$91,730, a negative monthly cash flow of --\$23,971. YTD offerings are \$102,300 short of budget needs, while YTD disbursements are \$8,000 under budgeted expenses, resulting in the General Fund deficit of --\$94,000 after the 4<sup>th</sup> month of our fiscal year. The General Fund provides \$1,260,000 of subsidy for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Education & Publication. "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' ... and immediately he will send them." (Matt 21:3)

ILC Operations – October revenue was \$118,279 (incl \$61,667 subsidy) VS disbursements of \$117,522, resulting in a positive YTD balance of \$85,000.

IIF - October .revenue: \$251,087 (hail insurance) VS \$16,754 professorage hail repairs.

ILC Building Projects – October revenue: \$100,970 (\$100,000 special offering) VS \$0 in disbursements. The 2021 CLC Convention allocated \$20,000 to the ILC Planning Committee to study and present a firmer cost estimate to the 2022 Convention for the proposed new gymnasium including plans & costs for repurposing the existing fieldhouse (preliminary estimate: \$6.4M). October earnings (dividends-interest) were \$4,624, while changes in principal (capital) value were +\$15,772 (Sept was -\$22,301) due to market conditions. Fluctuations like this are expected in our portfolio value month to month and the net gain or loss YTD is reported in the chart above for this fund (also for IIF, CEF, SAF. & Reserve Fund). Realized earnings for FY22 to date are \$16,577...

**CEF – October** revenue: \$22,207 loan repayments, \$40 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$381,808 (\$350,000 Cong loan construction draw #3; \$27,720 Note interest paid; \$4,087 admin expenses).

**MDF** – **October** revenue: \$7,362 in offerings **VS** disbursements of \$4,701, including \$1,556 Africa/Asia outreach; \$2,000 church building aid, & \$1,144 admin expenses.

**SAF – October** receipts: \$6,907 (SAF loan repayments & gifts) **VS** \$7,861 disbursed (\$6,879 student grants & loans, & scholarships; \$980 admin expenses. Endowment earnings YTD: SAF: \$21,672.; PMPG: \$26,638; Scholarship Fund: \$1,759.

**Kinship – October:** Received:\$7,967 offerings & sponsors VS disbursed: \$2,300 (\$1,530 orphanages, \$180 Seminary student sponsorships, \$500 emergency medical assistance).

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

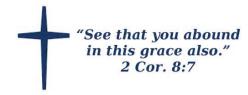
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Melrose) pew moving on Sunday, November 14th at 2:30 P.M. Contact Pastor Chad Sevbt: cmsevbster@vahoo.com or 307-214-7033.

Retired Prof. Paul Sullivan is facing severe challenges with advanced lung cancer. He reports that, although his condition is terminal, he is thankful that recent treatments have been very beneficial for relieving his symptoms. We continue to pray for him, his wife Jan, and the rest of his family as they rely on God's gracious promises in Christ.

In the Hospital: Katie Jo Satherflynn has been suffering from serious respiratory problems, and was hospitalized in Rochester. She has been making good progress, though she is still very weak. Her parents, Randy and Jennifer, have expressed their appreciation for all our prayers, and hope that she'll be home yet this week.

Messiah Shut-ins: Marge Eckel (1431 Peterson Ave), Tom Heian (Rutledge Home, Chippewa Falls) Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), 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 ~ November 6-7, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 146 – Sun. 228) 374 Service Online: 159 (current views)

Communion: (Sat. 89 – Sun. 162) 251

Bible Class: (Sat.26 - Sun. 45) 71 Bible Class Online: 38 (current views)

Sunday School: (Sat. na - Sun. na) na Young Adults: na

Dove South: 7

Dove West: 9 Heritage Court: 20 Heritage Assisted: 8

Lake Hallie:

Our House: 7

# Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary	Home Budget	Missions (CBP)	
2021 Budget	\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00	
YTD Budget	\$673,269.00	\$173,077.00	
YTD Offerings	\$641,741.55	\$190,736.86	
Weekly Need	\$19,465.00	\$1,323.00	
Last Week (11/7)	\$14,241.25	\$4,099.75	
Amount Still Needed	\$136,258.45	\$9,263.14	

Building Fund		
	Project Budget	
\$672,834.14	Received to Date	
\$2,825.00	Last Week (11/7)	

# Continuing Under God's Grace A Reflection on the Past 60 Years IX. Faithful Servants (part 2 of 2)

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news. who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7

In last month's installment of our series reflecting on God's continuing grace, we reviewed how we have been blessed with faithful teachers to serve in our church and school. We continue this month by looking at those He has provided to serve in the important role as pastors since our congregation began.

And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15 This promise from God through the prophet Jeremiah was a call to repentance. In contrast to the kings Israel had appointed themselves according to the desire of its heart, God promised that if Israel would return to the Lord, He would provide rulers according to His heart. Even so today, God graciously receives those that return to Him – if we confess our sins, the Lord is faithful and just to forgive them. Furthermore, He assures that those chosen according to His heart will shepherd with wisdom and understanding as they preach the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make [one] wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17 Recognizing it is the Lord who has blessed us with faithful pastors, it is our duty to honor and respect them as His representatives. As fellow Christians. we must not consider ourselves too wise, too good, or too great to learn. We are to continually search the Scriptures and as long as our ministers teach according to God's Word, we are to joyfully receive their instruction as the Word of God – that which works in the hearts of those who believe.

We are also reminded from this verse that they "watch out for our souls." Our pastors have no selfish aim in this but do so for our good and for our salvation. They must give account to God for their faithfulness in performing their responsibility. On our part we must do whatever we can to support them in their work, including receiving their admonition when needed. Honor them and pray for them, remembering the account they must give to God for those entrusted to their care.

When our congregation first organized back in 1961 there were 71 members. Through God's continuing grace, our membership has now grown to nearly 900. Providing spiritual care for this number of souls is an enormous task – one requiring not only the faithful service of our pastors, but also the help of dedicated lay members to assist wherever possible. Please consider carefully how you can help with our ministry here at Messiah.

Following is a list of pastors the Lord has provided to serve our congregation through the years.

Served		
1960-1962		
1960-1969		
1969-1969		
1969-1982, 1991-1995**		
1982-1982		
1982-1991		
1991-present		
1995-2009		
2009		
2010-present		
2014-present		

<sup>\*</sup> Served as vacancy pastor

The Lord has truly blessed our congregation and preserved His Word among us through these faithful servants. Pray that He continue to bless our children and generations to come by moving hearts to serve as shepherds in His Kingdom. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

Oh, may Thy pastors faithful be, Not lab'ring for themselves, but Thee! Give grace to feed with wholesome food the sheep and lambs bought by Thy blood, To tend Thy flock, and thus to prove How dearly they the Shepherd love.

Oh, may Thy people faithful be And in Thy pastors honor Thee And with them work and for them pray And gladly Thee in them obey, Receive the prophet of the Lord And gain the prophet's own reward! LH 493:2-3

Living for HIM.

Who died for us.

Messiah Stewardship Committee November 2021

#### Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 15-20, '21

Mon Daniel 12:1-3 Even if we don't understand all the visions God gave Daniel, this one seems clear enough — it's the countdown to Judgment Day, when trouble melds into *deliverance* for God's people (1). The *multitudes who are asleep* in their graves shall *awake*, *some to everlasting life*, *but others to shame and everlasting* separation from God (2). God has stellar benefits for His dear children who are wise (like the five virgins), and for those who *turn many to righteousness* via Jesus, the Savior.

Tues John 5:25-29 dovetails well with Daniel's vision, for the Holy Spirit is the author of both. Note: Hearing (not just auditing, but heeding) God's Word is primary; then the Holy Spirit can produce the miracle of believing that Jesus is the Messiah/Savior. God's ultimate purpose is to bestow everlasting life on mortals, as Jesus provides for us His secure passport from death to life (24).

Wed Hebrews 10:11-18 Many have benefited from this exposé of a church that touts priests ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. And why doesn't that work? Because Jesus has already offered one sacrifice for sin forever... for by a single sacrifice He has perfected (made holy) those who are still growing in sanctification (13-14). Bottom line: Where there is remission of sins, there is no longer an offering needed for sins. No longer! Thank You, Jesus.

Thurs Psalm 118 God is good! How so? Because His mercy never quits (1). That bears repeating (2-4). Let's declare ourselves on this (5-9), and even get aggressive about it (10-13). Let's admit where we stand with God (14-18) as our personal confession and affirmation (19-21). We see Jesus in v. 22 and His impact on our everyday life (24). We close with another round of praise for Jesus, who has come to us in the name of Jehovah (25-27). I will praise You; I will exalt You (28) --- and I invite you to join in (29). Amen.

Fri John 8:31-36 Our souls depend on God's Word (a Reformation theme), and if we continue in (persevere in, remain faithful to) His Word, then we are His disciples in the truest sense. Taking God at His Word squares us with the truth, and that in turn frees us from being victimized (31-32). First and foremost, Jesus frees us from bondage under sin and Satan (34-36).

**Sat Hebrews 10:13** Jesus is enthroned in heaven, busy with our prayers and directing angel traffic, but He is also waiting, *expecting*, anticipating the hour when all His enemies get subjected under His feet. The *footstool* image is borrowed from Psalm 110:1 and echoed by Jesus in Matthew 22:44.

Well, we are awaiting that hour, too, and so we appeal, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus!" Amen . . . and Amen!

<sup>\*\*</sup> Served as assistant pastor