

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Speakers: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Liturgy: Setting Two WS page 17

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Services are streamed live to the TV in the kitchen (channel 4).

Hymn 1 — Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C 🎜 A-men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child.

 But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.

 Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins.
 By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord
 Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever.
 You are his own dear child. May God give you
 strength to live according to his will.
- C A A-men.
- C 🎜 Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

C Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

P Let us pray . . . Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A A-men.

THE WORD

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. 23 "On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. 24 "And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it."

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now He who has

prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!
- C Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

 These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 296 — Speak O Lord Thy Servant Heareth

SERMON

Mark 4:26-34 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, 27 "and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. 28 "For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. 29 "But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." 30 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? 31 "It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; 32 "but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade." 33 And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. 34 But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

THE POWER HIDDEN IN THE SEED

The power of God is hidden in earthly things that seem to be nothing, the word and the sacraments. These things appear small and pointless, yet the power of God is active through them. These small things will bring people to faith. They will grow people in their faith.

C 🎜 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit free.

Hymn 781:1,3,5 — Preach You the Word

OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 442 VS. 2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C 🎜 A-men A-men A-men.

Hymn 777 — Amazing Grace (MFH pg100)

Calendar

THIS WEEK

Sunday 6/17

9am Worship Service

Monday 6/18

7pm Monday Night Service

Thursday 6/21

CLC Convention

Sunday 6/24

9am Worship Service (Communion)

Monday 6/25

7pm Monday Night Service (Communion)

UPCOMING

July 23 - 27 VBS

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #4: Mitch Newton, Andy Kohn

Next Week: Team #5: Mark Kempenaar, Jim Kok

JUNE SUNDAY USHERS

John Bobek, Dan Thiem, Clay Bobek, Andrew Reyes

JUNE MONDAY USHERS

Greg Jones, Bob Kirst, Dennis Jones, Jim Kok

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance: 57 / 24

Genevral Fund: \$3,343

Missions: \$995

Building: \$90

Announcements

GUEST AND VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

SPOKESMAN RENEWAL

Time to renew your Lutheran Spokesman subscription. Check the appropriate box on the form on the table in the hallway. Then write out a check to "Faith Lutheran Church" and place it in the pastor's box. The rate is \$10 for a renewal, and \$5 for a new subscription.

CALL MEETING

Last Sunday the voters called Marie Muehlenhaupt as teacher for 3-5 and Barry Hay as principal, both are temporary one year calls.

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

State grant request has been submitted.

VBS July 23-27

Faculty and school board are in favor of continuing full time kindergarten. Voters will ratify this decision at the July voters meeting.

Letter will be sent in August reminding parents of school dress code.

VBS

Flyers for VBS and signup sheets can also be found on the table in the hallway.

COUNCIL NOTES

Inmates will clean buildings on August 27th

Pastor will be gone August 7th – 14th Paul Sullivan will preach on August 12th

CALL NEWS

Mrs. Samantha Kelly, member at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI has accepted the call to be music teacher at their school.

Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI. has called the Rev. Robert Sauers, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN.

Teacher Seth Schaller, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran school, Markesan WI.

CANDIDATES FOR IMMANUEL PROFESSOR CALL:

The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites nominations for an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Schaller at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. Nominations must be post marked before July 1, 2018. More details can be found on the bulletin board

BLACK HILLS FAMILY BIBLE CAMP

Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. All ages are welcome, children will need to be accompanied by a chaperon or family. There will also be many outdoor actives such as hiking, swimming, caving, fishing, kayaking, bonfires, s'mores etc... The dates are Friday evening July 17th. If you interested there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Even if you aren't sure if you can make it you can still sign up as interested.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION:

Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, college and seminary grants, scholarships, and work study. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, these other items are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2018, for the 2018-19 academic year. If any student has a potential interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at ilc.edu/resources/ under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."



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