

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there thy hand shall lead me,
and thy right hand
shall hold me.

-Psalm 139:9-10



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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Oh Lord God, our heavenly Father, who of Your great goodness and mercy has caused Your only begotten Son to become incarnate, that we through Him might be redeemed from sin and everlasting death; O Lord, we pray, enlighten our hearts that we may be truly thankful for His gracious incarnation and birth, that we may be comforted by His birth in all time of tribulation and temptation, and in the end receive everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, and our precious Savior. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (238:3-5)

HYMNS: 364; 373; 370; 50:1

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 24:10-17

The wise and powerful of the world have always attempted to defy God, and take matters into their own hands, and subdue the will of God for the salvation of His chosen people. The true Ruler over all is the Star that would rise out Judah, Jesus our Lord. He holds the scepter of divine power. He is Lord of all now and forever.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:25-30

We came to faith because the Lord revealed His truth to us in Christ Jesus our Lord, not because we were smarter or wiser than others in the world. It is a matter of grace for which we praise the Lord. This grace continues. We turn to the Lord with all our burdens in life, the greatest being our burden of sin and guilt, and in Jesus we find rest for our souls.

THE SERMON: Romans 5:1-5

Theme: The Blessings of Justification

- I. We Have Peace with God.
- II. We Have Access into this Grace.
- III. We Have Hope in the Face of Tribulation

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible class follow after the service. A pot luck lunch follows after Bible Class. The annual voters' meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m. Deb Berg is scheduled as hostess.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30, with Sunday school and Bible class following the service. Sermon text: John 8:12-16.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

February 18th: Ash Wednesday. Midweek Lenten services begin.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Teresa Glocke

Ushers: Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Melvin Eichstadt, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Eichstadt

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 18 Worship 29 Sunday school 7 Bible Class 11

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1,115.00	Missions -
Needed for Year:	3,240.00	
Received for Year:	2,432.00	

CLC NEWS: Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA, has called the Rev. David Pfeiffer, pastor of Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL. <> St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston WA, has named its newly-opened school "Valley Bible Academy- St. John's Lutheran" and has called Desirae Naumann, a member of the congregation, to its faculty. <> Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI, has called the Rev. Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild, and Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI. <> Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, has called Candice Ohlmann of Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, to serve as principal and teacher of Grace Lutheran School which is set to reopen this fall.

CLC Board of Missions Visitation to Myanmar – Missionary David Koenig (part-time visiting missionary to Myanmar) and Pastor Todd Ohlmann (CLC Board of Missions Chairman) will be working with the leaders and several pastors of our sister church-bodies in Myanmar from January 27-February 10. Plans are to conduct pastoral training seminars in two different locations and to visit as many congregations as possible while they are there. Please keep this visitation and teaching trip in your prayers. You can follow the trip blog at: <http://2015-clc-myanmar-visit.blogspot.com/>

Evangelism Workshop - All are invited to participate in this year's Evangelism Workshop on Sunday, February 15, from 3:00 to 6:30 pm at Messiah, Eau Claire. The theme is "Prepared to Answer!" Questions come your way when people know you are a practicing Christian. Will you know what to say? Do you know how to use questions as an opportunity to share your faith in Christ? This workshop will leave you better equipped to serve the Lord, who first served you, by being His witness. Our format will feature presentations, as well as break-out sessions for discussion and application. A soup and chili fellowship supper will follow. Come and learn – Come and share!

Organist gratuity: During the past year several individuals have stepped forward to serve us by enhancing our worship with their musical abilities. They receive no compensation from the congregation for their hours of practice and serving us in this way. Throughout the month of January a designated basket will be placed in the narthex for us to gather a gratuity to express our appreciation for their dedicated service.