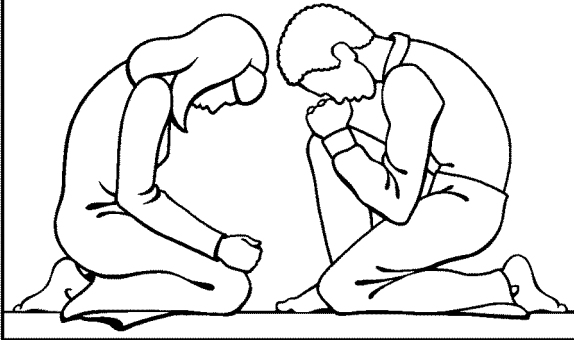


The Prayer of the Righteous is Powerful and Effective.

James 5:16



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PRAYER: Oh God, You declare that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I receive Jesus' body and blood, the sacrifice offered for my sins, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace and that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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HYMNS: 279; 456; 310; 309

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 8: 26-38

We see in this account of Philip and the Ethiopian that God does want all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Even as the Spirit opened this man's understanding and called him to faith, so the Spirit would work through our words of testimony yet today that sinners might know Jesus and salvation in His name.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:7-12

In this second half of the beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount Jesus exhorts us in the Christin qualities of mercy, purity of heart, and peace. These are the qualities we need to show toward others, including enemies, sinners, or those who would persecute us for righteousness' sake. We may even rejoice in persecutions as the prophets and the apostles and many Christians who went before us have suffered for His name, knowing that Jesus has a place reserved for us in heaven.

THE SERMON: Genesis 18:20-33

Theme: Abraham's Prayer for Sodom Offers Lessons
in Intercessory Prayer

- I. A Lesson in Mercy
- II. A Lesson in Humility before the Lord
- III. A Lesson in the Confidence of Persistent Prayer

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday and school and Bible Class are in summer recess.

WEDNESDAY: Our second Vacation Bible School session is scheduled to begin at 6:00 and run to 8:00. We had 8 children in attendance last Wednesday. We began learning the hymn “I am Jesus’ Little Lamb” (#648) to sing in church on one of the first Sundays in July. If you are planning on attending please let Pastor or Denise Barthels know so that we can be prepared with proper craft materials.

THURSDAY – SUNDAY: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI. Pastor will be serving at the convention as chairman of the Finance floor committee. Joe Ubl will serve as our delegate.

NEXT SUNDAY: - Due to the absence of the pastor and the elders who normally serve as lay leaders we will not be having a normal service next Sunday. The church will be open for those who desire to come and pray, and Melvin Eichstadt will read a short devotion in the fellowship hall, where those present may also join in singing hymns. We will return to our regular schedule the following Sunday.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesdays June 15, 22, 29. VBS from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

June 23-26, 2016: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday so that lay delegates need take fewer days off work in order to attend.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Melvin Eichstadt, Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Preston Johnson

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 12 Worship – 23;

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 1,280.98	Prop Imprv. Fund	\$540.00
Needed for Year:	\$27,720.00	ILC Student Aid	\$25.00
Received for Year:	\$22,409.98		

There is a need for considerable contributions to the Property Improvement Fund. We have received the bill for \$6800 for the new furnace and air conditioning that was installed in the parsonage. Paying this bill depletes all the funds in the Property Improvement Fund and requires borrowing about \$2000 from the Memorial fund. The Lord has placed a challenge before us, which is also an opportunity to show our gratitude to Him for the gospel. Any gift, great or small is seen by the Lord for the thank offering it is.

CLC NEWS: The Rev. Nathanael Mayhew, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye and Faith Lutheran, New Ulm MN, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran, Markesan.

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