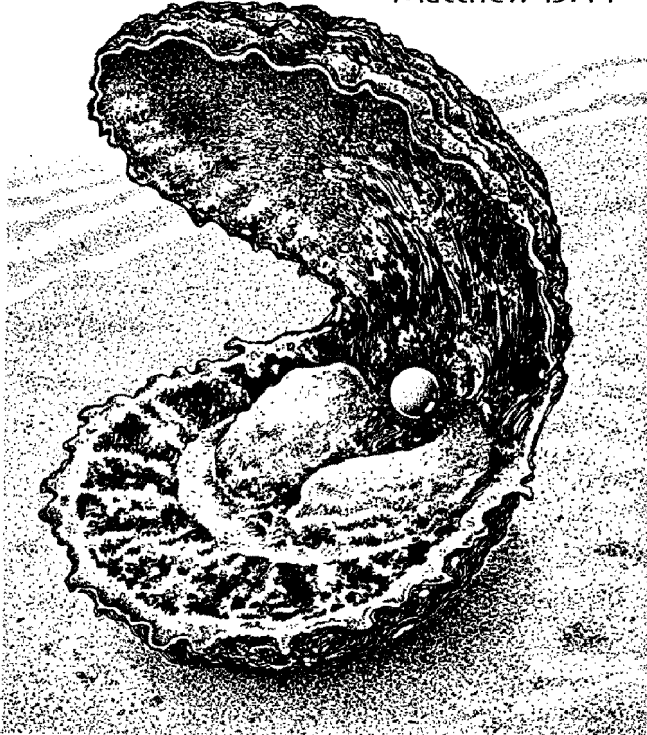


The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden.

Matthew 13:44



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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (248:1-3)

HYMNS: 758; 777; 779; 48:2

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob, in his greed for the greater material blessing, had deceived his father and betrayed his brother. Alone and on the run for his life Jacob came to a place he would call Bethel or the house of God. There God revealed to Jacob the Ladder to heaven that was to come from Jacob's special Descendant, or Seed. God blessed Jacob, not because of Jacob's desire or Jacob's merit, but because of God's grace. So the blessing of the Promised Seed was transferred to Jacob, and the Lord was with him. May we also be brought to a greater appreciation of the spiritual blessings we have received from the Lord in His grace toward us.

THE EPISLTE LESSON: Acts 16: 22-33

When Paul and Silas were thrown into the deepest dungeon, and there placed in the stocks, they sang hymns of joy and praise for the salvation they had in Christ Jesus. When the earthquake popped open the doors of all the prison cells and the jailor was about to take his own life in despair, they called out to him, and called him to repentance. That night the kingdom of heaven was opened to that jailor and his entire family.

Children's Anthem: I Am Jesus Little Lamb!

THE SERMON: Matthew 13: 44-46

Theme: Parables of the Treasure and the Pearl Reveal the Precious Nature of the Kingdom of Heaven.

- I. Your Place in the Kingdom of Heaven is a Hidden Treasure.
- II. Your Place in the Kingdom of Heaven is Rare and Precious

CALENDAR

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Church Council is scheduled to follow the service (Pastor requests a one week postponement of church council meeting.). Sermon text: Exodus 3:1-14.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Ken Nickson, Arnie Ottjes, Joe Ubl

Cleaning: Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 3 Worship – 18;

Following report is for two weeks: June 26 & July 3

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 1,335.00	ILC Student Aid	\$20.00
Needed for Year:	\$31,185.00	Mission Devlp. Fund	\$20.00
Received for Year:	\$24,449.98	Prop Imprv. Fund	\$100.00
		(in Memory of Licon Cole)	

There is still a need for considerable contributions to the Property Improvement Fund following the replacement of the parsonage furnace and air conditioning. 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: *CLC Mission Helpers to India* – *Nine Mission Helpers will depart on an afternoon flight from Chicago on Monday (7/11) on their way to Chennai, India where they will be met by Missionary Peter Evensen. These ten individuals will divide into two teams as they spend the next three weeks proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approx. 2000 children at CLCI and BELC congregations. Pastoral training classes will also be taught among more than 100 pastors and seminary students of the CLCI and BELC. You can follow the progress of the trip at: <http://2016clcmhtindia.blogspot.com/> Your prayers are much appreciated.*

Hymn 248:1-3 Father of Glory, to Thy Name

Father of glory, to Thy name
Immortal praise we give
Who dost an act of grace proclaim
And bid us rebels live.

Immortal honor to the Son,
Who makes Thine anger cease;
Our lives He ransomed with His own
And died to make our peace

To Thine almighty Spirit be
Immortal glory giv'n,
Whose teachings bring us near to Thee
And train us up for heav'n.