

For the mountains may depart and
the hills be removed, but my steadfast love
shall not depart from you...

-Isaiah 54:10



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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, most holy God, we who come before you today are sinful, and unworthy of your love. Sins are evident in our lives day after day. We confess our sins before You, seeking Your grace in Christ Jesus for the pardon and peace. By Your Holy Spirit working through the gospel we hear this morning create clean hearts within us, and renew in us steadfast spirits, that we may know the joy of Your salvation and the peace and assurance of Your presence. Guided by Your Holy Spirit lead us to confess Your name before the world that sinners may know the path to repentance and life that is found in Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (242:1-3)

HYMNS: 24; 427; 759; 48

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

The Children of Israel were desperate for water. In their desperation they failed to trust the Lord to deliver them, but rather turned against the Lord and His prophet Moses, complaining contentiously. They failed to understand that the Lord is “a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46). Moses turned to the Lord for direction and deliverance, and the Lord did deliver them providing water for the people to drink.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:22-34

Sometimes it seems that the storms of life run contrary to the way the Lord sends us. Indeed we may feel very much like the disciples stranded in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, tossed by the waves. We need not fear; the Lord comes to help in our time of need. He calls to us through His Word that we might be of good cheer. With the Lord all things are possible. We need only keep our eyes of faith fixed on Jesus rather than looking with fear at the dangers of life. Even when our faith fails us, and doubts assail us, He will lift us up. He is the Son of God!

THE SERMON: Acts 24:22-26

Theme: Examining Paul’s example of Testimony in Adversity

- I. Testifying to the Indifferent
- II. Testifying to the Truth

CALENDAR

TODAY: July Council meeting is scheduled to follow the service this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Deuteronomy 32:1-9.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

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

Cleaning: Nelson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 17 Worship – 21

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,155.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 829.00	Memorials Prop Imprv. Fund	
Needed for Year:	\$33,495.00	Irene Eichstadt	\$100.00
Received for Year:	\$26,092.98	Thomas Baker	\$ 10.00

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: The Rev. Bruce Naumann, associate pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has declined the call to become the CLC visiting foreign missionary. <> The Rev. Caleb Schaller, associate pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has declined the call to Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI. The congregation has now called the Rev. Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, St. Paul's Lutheran, White River and Peace Lutheran, Mission SD. <> Teacher Sara Pfeiffer has resigned her call as principal and teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA. <> Teacher Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has declined the call to St. Stephen Lutheran. The congregation has called Kirsten Gullerud as principal and Carly Meyer as a third teacher. <> Mt. Zion, Madison Heights MI, has called the Rev. Delwyn Maas, pastor of Gift of God Lutheran, Mapleton ND.

CLC Mission Helpers in India – Nine Mission Helpers in India are working with Missionary Peter Evensen. Two teams are busy 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 242:1-3 *Father of Heav'n Whose Love Profound*

“Father of heav’n, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy pardoning love extend.

“Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend,
To us Thy saving grace extend.

“Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend
To us Thy quick’ning pow’r extend.