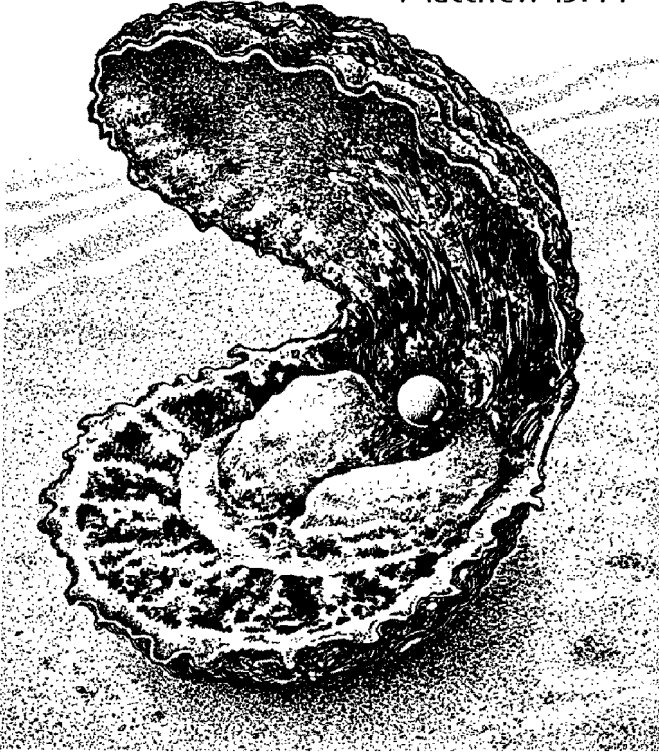


# The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden.

Matthew 13:44



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PRAYER: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (244:1-3)

HYMNS: 234; 366:1-5, 521:1-4; 413:5,6

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 125:1-4 NKJV)

Those who trust in the Lord *Are* like Mount Zion,

***Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.***

<sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

So the Lord surrounds His people

**From this time forth and forever.**

<sup>3</sup> For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest

On the land allotted to the righteous,

**Lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.**

<sup>4</sup> Do good, O Lord, to *those who are* good,

**And to *those who are* upright in their hearts.**

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*Glory be to the Father...*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Given the chance to ask anything from the Lord, what would it be? Solomon was given that opportunity early in his reign as King of Israel. He did not ask for long life, or wealth, or health, or the death of his enemies, but rather for wisdom that he might better serve the Lord in his station in life. The Lord granted that request and also blessed Solomon in many other ways. May we realize that the wisdom that comes to us from God is the greatest of blessings to seek from the Lord, knowing He will grant it.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:44-52

In these parables concerning the kingdom of God Jesus directs our attention away from the treasures of this life to the treasures of heaven. During this life some may try to be included in God’s kingdom apart from faith, but in the end all will be sorted out and the angels of God will separate the wicked from those who are just by faith.

THE SERMON: Romans 8:28-30

**Theme:** All Things Work Together for Good

- I. God Graciously Works
- II. God Works for those Called according to His Purpose
- III. God Works for Our Eternal Glory

CALENDAR

TODAY: Pastor asks the elders to meet very briefly with the Pastor following the service.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. **Church council** meeting follows the service. *Sermon text: Matthew 14:13-21.*

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 10: Sunday school and Bible class resume.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball, Luke Berg, Leon Hellickson, Melvin Eichstadt

August Cleaning – Hellickson    August Lawn Mowing: Katie Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 6 worship – 18

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1175.00	Memorial: Lincoln Cole for
Needed for Year:	\$38,624.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund            50.00
Received for Year:	\$30,653.00	

CLC NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. Michael Wilke, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI, to serve as co-pastor; <> The Rev. Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild; Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska; and Trinity Lutheran, Millston, all in WI, has returned the call to St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD.

**Partners in Ministry Program**: The 2016 CLC Convention approved the Partners in Ministry Program which is designed to link active CLC called servants who have obligations to repay ILC Student Aid Fund loans with sponsors who agree to provide matching funds for payments on those loans. The donor and recipient would remain anonymous to each other. This program is now ready for implementation. There are about a dozen eligible account holders who will be contacted directly to see if they are interested in participating and would then need to fill out an application annually. While donors may get involved with this at any time, it would be helpful to have the initial slate of donors in place by August 15. Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, [715-836-6622](tel:715-836-6622)/[jimsandeen@gmail.com](mailto:jimsandeen@gmail.com).

GEMS FROM LUTHER –  
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“There is no other reason why the many tribulations and evils cannot separate the saints from the love of God than that they are ‘called according to His purpose.’ Hence God makes all things work together for good to them, and to them only. If there would not be this divine purpose, but our salvation would rest upon our will or work, it would be based chance. How easily in that case could one single evil hinder or destroy it!” (Commentary on Romans by Martin Luther, Translated by J. Theodore Mueller, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, MI. c.1954 p. 112.)