

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 Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN: 16 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

1. Blessed Jesus, at Thy word We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to god canst win us; thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, Thyself impart, Light of Light from God proceeding;
Open Thou our ears and heart, Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry Thy people raises, Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to Thee and adoration!
Grant that we Thy Word may trust And obtain true consolation
While we here below must wander, Till we sing Thy praises yonder.
P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-11

¹⁰“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,

And do not return there,

But water the earth,

And make it bring forth and bud,

That it may give seed to the sower

And bread to the eater,

¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;

It shall not return to Me void,

But it shall accomplish what I please,

And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

(NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

(NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 427:1-3 How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints in the Lord

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
Who unto the Savior for Refuge have fled?

2. In ev’ry condition – in sickness, in health,
In poverty’s vale, or abounding in wealth,
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea –
The Lord, the Almighty, thy strength e’er shall be.

“Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed;
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

THE SERMON: Exodus 33:12-23

Theme: Enduring Hope.

I. In Hope All Creation was Subjected to Futility.

II. Eager Anticipation of Glory!

SERMON TEXT: Romans 8:18-25

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the

earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³ Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 370 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 644: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Please exit the building as efficiently and quickly as possible. Remember to take bulletins home, or dispose of them in the wastebasket at the entrance to the nave. You may visit outside but please remember to maintain social distancing of 6 feet. May the Lord keep us all safe!

NEXT SUNDAY: **No in person worship.** Pastor Barthels will be out of town. Worship on line go to our webpage (stpaulclcaustin.wordpress.com) and then download the bulletin for order of serve, and click on the YouTube link for the day's service.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DURING PASTOR'S ABSENCE:

Retired Pastor Paul Fleischer is covering for Pastor Barthels while the Barthels are out of town. Pastor Fleischer's phone numbers are: 651-309-7403, and cell 307-286-7180. If he cannot be reached then contact Pastor Ed Starkey in Red Wing, MN. His contact number is 651-376-5509.

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist: Mr Leon Hellickson

Sermon reader: Mr Joe Ubl

Organist: Ryan Mueller

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 19 worship – 14

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings: Memorial
Offerings Received	\$ 1130.00	Irene Eichstadt
Needed for Year:	\$36,250.00	Kinship Disaster Relief \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$33,158.00	

July Church Cleaning - Hellickson

July lawn mowing – Leon Hellickson.

August lawn mowing - Mike Nelson

CLC NEWS: Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, Morning Star, Fairchild; Peace with God, Onalaska; and Trinity, Millston, WI has accepted the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon. SD.

CLC Christian author Deborah Ude:

Take a refreshing walk, basking in the Sunshine. Deborah Ude’s third book, “*Sunshine in Shadows*,” is now available. This book paints the dark miasma of this life’s valley of tears but shows the Light from above is shining. By faith we too must continually struggle, yet we do not walk in shadows but in the light of Christ’s empty tomb. Though part of a series, this book stands on its own. Here is the link to its sale on Amazon: <https://tinyurl.com/SunshineinShadows>. (The digital version is \$2.99 and the printed paperback is \$11.99.) All three of Debi’s books are also available in printed form at the CLC Bookstore or directly from John Ude, john.ude@ilc.edu.

Trip to Israel - A group trip to Israel, which has been planned for January 2021, is still scheduled and is now less than six months away. The dates are set for January 13-22, 2021 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. We currently have 17 members of CLC congregations registered for the trip, and over a dozen more have expressed an interest. The tour company is expecting that our tour will be possible, but they do have options available for us if it has to be cancelled due to the situation at that time. You are invited to join this group of like-minded believers as we see the places where God stepped into History to fulfill His plan of salvation for sinners! The trip will

include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602 or nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). To see the trip brochure go to <https://tinyurl.com/IsraelTrip2021>