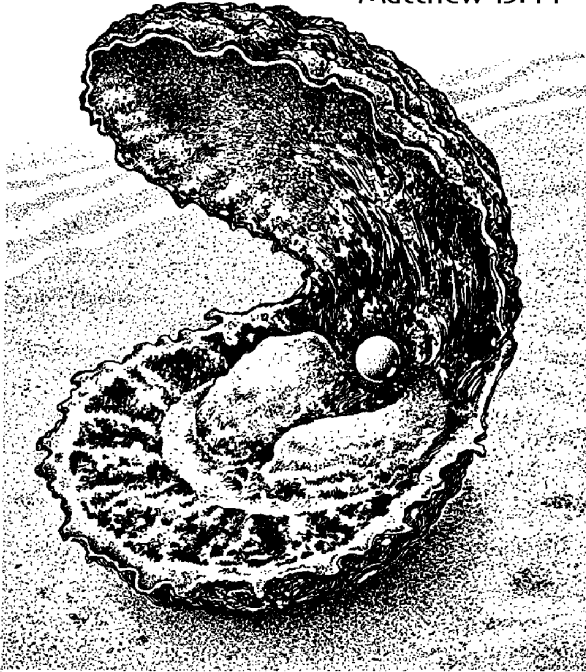


The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure hidden.

Matthew 13:44



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10th Sunday after Pentecost

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: 477 **Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head**

1. Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head, Thou art her one Foundation;
In Thee she trusts, before Thee bows, And waits for Thy salvation.
Built on this Rock secure, Thy Church shall endure
E'en though the world decay and all things pass away,
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!

2. O Lord, let this Thy little flock, Thy name alone confessing,
Continue in Thy loving care, True unity possessing.
Thy Sacraments, O Lord, And Thy saving Word
To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain
Our only strength and comfort.

3. Help us to serve Thee evermore With hearts both pure and lowly;
And may Thy Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow;
The pow'r of sin destroy And all that doth annoy.
Oh make us faithful Christians!

4. And for Thy gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear Thy blessed cross, To find in Thee all pleasure.
Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress,
That we Thee ne'er forsake, Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and glory.

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: 1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

⁶ And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. ⁷ Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I *am* a little child; I do not know *how* to go out or come in. ⁸ And Your servant *is* in the midst of

Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. ⁹Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

¹⁰The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

¹¹Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, ¹²behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:28-30

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 430:1, 4, 5 What is the World to Me

1. What is the world to me with all its vaunted pleasures
When thou, and thou alone, Lord Jesus, art my Treasure!
Thou only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shalt be;
Thou art my peace, my Rest – What is the world to me!

4. The world seeks after wealth and all that Mammon offers,
Yet never is content Tho' gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my Wealth -- What is the world to me!

5. The world is sorely grieved Whenever it is slighted
Or when its hollow fame And honor have been blighted.
Christ, Thy reproach I bear Long as it pleaseth Thee;
I'm honored by my Lord -- What is the world to me!

THE SERMON: Matthew 13:44-46

Theme: God's Kingdom: The Most Precious Treasure of All!

- I. A Hidden Treasure.
- II. A Treasure Revealed by the Lord in His Word.
- III. The One Treasure that Matters.

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 366:1, 2, 5, 7 One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure

1. One thing needful; Lord, this treasure Teach me highly to regard;
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
The gain of this one thing all loss can requite
And teach me in all things to find true delight.

2. Wilt thou find this one thing needful, Turn from all created things
Unto Jesus and be heedful of the blessed joy He brings.
For where God and Man both in one are united,
With God's perfect fullness the heart is delighted;
There, there, is the worthiest lot and the best,
My One and my All and my Joy and my Rest.

5. Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, lies concealed in Thee;
Grant that this may still the measure Of my will and actions be.
Humility there and simplicity reigning,
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
Oh, if I of Christ have this knowledge divine,
The fullness of heavenly wisdom is mine.

7. Therefore Thou alone, my Savior, Shalt be All in all to me;

Search my heart and my behavior, Root out all hypocrisy.
Restrain me from wand'ring on pathways unholy
And through life's pilgrimage keep my heart lowly.
This one thing is needful, all others are vain;
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.

BENEDICTION;
C: Amen.

Hymn 430:8 What Is the World to Me

8. What is the world to me! My Jesus is my Treasure,
My Life, my Health, my Wealth, My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
My joy, my Crown, my All, My bliss eternally,
Once more than I declare: What is the world to me!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Please exit the building as efficiently and quickly as possible. Restrain 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: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. During this pandemic period please register for communion by texting or calling Pastor Barthels. Regular August church council meeting should follow the service. (If weather permits we may meet outside, or we may have a ZOOM meeting at a separate time. Council should give the pastor direction in how they would like to proceed.)

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: July 26 worship – 10 August 2, no in person worship

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings/Memorials
Offerings Received	\$ 760.00	
Needed for Year:	\$37,500.00	
Received for Year:	\$33,918.00	

Church Cleaning - Nelson

August lawn mowing - Mike Nelson

CLC NEWS: Pastor Douglas Libby has resigned his call to Living Word Lutheran Church of Eden Prairie, MN, reentering retirement. This means that his call to serve as Visitor of the Minnesota Conference is also ended. Pastor Jim Albrecht of Okabena, MN has been appointed by President Eichstadt to finish the pandemic extended term as Minnesota Conference Visitor. <> Pastor Luke Bernthal, St, Stephen, Mountain View and St. Stephen, Hayward, Ca has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester Missouri has returned the call to Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Prof. Steve Sippert of Immanuel College has declined the call to Bethel, Morris, MN. *Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest.*

Bequest to ILC Building Fund: A sizable bequest directed to the ILC Building Fund has been received. It pays off the mortgage balance on the Academic Center as well as the Northwest Hall (Dormitory) renovations which stood at \$1,050,000. It also extends a balance of \$1,000,000 into the ILC Building Fund for future building projects. An ILC planning committee has been appointed by President Eichstadt which will bring their recommendations to the 2021 CLC convention. *Oh, give thanks to the Lord who has blessed us all so abundantly and opened hearts to offer such gifts to the Lord. May we see this as a model of Christian giving that we also might show our appreciation of the Lord's blessings in our lives.*

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>.