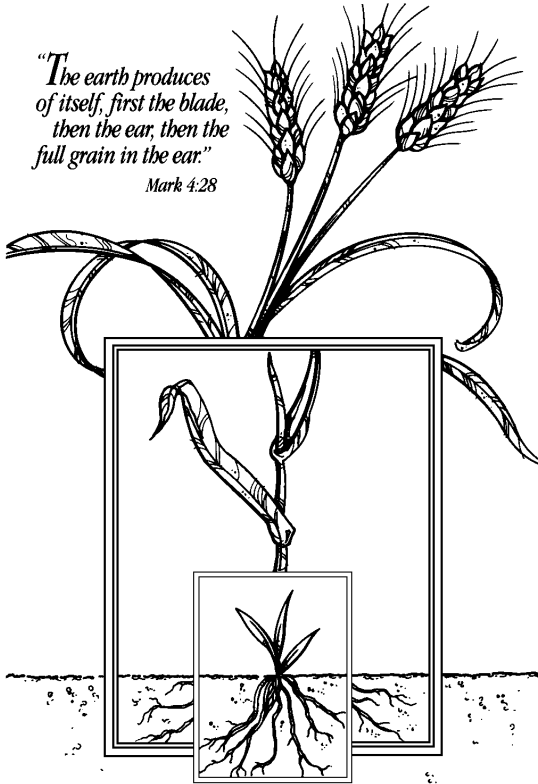


*"The earth produces
of itself, first the blade,
then the ear, then the
full grain in the ear."*

Mark 4:28



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PRESERVICE PRAYER Heavenly Father, today I am approaching Your altar where I shall receive the true body and blood of Your Son sacrificed for me and my sin upon the cross. I know and confess my sin. Bless my reception of this communion that I may gain confidence that You have forgiven all my sins. Use this blest communion to assure me of the abiding relationship You have established with me as Your child and heir of everlasting life. Help me defeat temptation in my daily life, and glorify Your name before the world in all my ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

HYMN 294 O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky--
We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from her dear Master, Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture Of Christ, the living Word.

3 It floateth like a banner Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon Above the darkling world;
It is the chart and compass That over life's surging sea,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

4 Oh, make Thy Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Thy true light as of old!
Oh, teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see Thee face to face!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

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

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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: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also *one* of the highest branches of the high cedar and set *it* out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* on a high and prominent mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done *it*." (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, ³if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. ⁴For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. ⁹Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 507:1-4 Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word

1 Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n.

2 Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world and keeps it still,
How His only Son He gave,
Man from sin and death to save.

3 Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who forever doth remove
By His holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.

4 Tell them of the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us up to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

THE SERMON: Mark 4:26-34

Theme: Sowing the Seed of the Word with Confidence

- I. This Seed Will Bring Forth Faith
- II. This Seed Has Great Growth Potential
- III. The Lord Grants Spiritual Understanding

SERMON TEXT: Mark 4:26-34

And He said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸ For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Then He said, “To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? ³¹ *It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth;* ³² but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade.”

³³ And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear *it*. ³⁴ But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 306:1,4,6 Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared

1 Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared
A feast for our salvation,
It is Thy body and Thy blood;
And at Thy invitation
As weary souls, with sin opprest,
We come to Thee for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Thy precious Word believing
That Thy true body and Thy blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This word remains forever true,
And there is naught Thou canst not do;
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

6 Lord, I believe what Thou hast said,
Help me when doubts assail me;
Remember that I am but dust
And let my faith not fail me.
Thy Supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

PRAAYER

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blest am I! How good Thou art!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave.

THURSDAY – SUNDAY: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. **The CLC Convention Communion service** will be held at Messiah, Eau Claire on Saturday, June 26, beginning at 7 pm. The service will be live streamed. To view, go to www.eauclairemessiah.com and click on the "Live Stream" button (lower left). The Convention itself, while in session, will also be live streamed. To view, search for "ilcvideos" on www.youtube.com. The Convention schedule is printed in the Convention *Prospectus*, beginning on page 6. The *Prospectus* is available online at tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21..

NEXT SUNDAY: **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to Pastor Barthels attendance at the CLC Convention in Eau Claire **we will not have in person worship** but a streamed service on YouTube.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 13 worship – 12

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	other offerings	
Offerings Received	\$1080.00	Kinship	
Needed for Year:	\$30,840.00	(overseas COVID relief)	\$35.00
Received for Year:	\$28,483.00		

June Church Cleaning – Ubl

June Lawn Mowing – Valerie Barthels

CLC NEWS: Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynwood, WA has returned the call to Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Redeemer has now called Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld, Faith, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has returned the call by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Tim Daub, Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

KINSHIP COVID Aid - With the recent surge of COVID infections in Asia, our brothers and sisters in Christ in India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh are suffering as they struggle to stay healthy and provide for daily necessities due to the lockdown measures that are being strictly enforced. Both the CLCI and BELC report deaths of pastors and members. With all of this and more, the CLC

Board of Missions and the KINSHIP Committee have decided to provide financial help to assist with humanitarian efforts and medical bills. Offerings to the KINSHIP General Fund will help with this effort to help those who are suffering in Asia at this time. Please remember our brethren in your prayers!

CLC WOMEN'S RETREAT WEST: Hosted by Grace Lutheran in Valentine NE, this retreat is scheduled for September 17-19, 2021 to be held at Chadron State Park, Chadron, NE. Registration deadline is August 10th. For information and registration forms please look on the mailbox table.

Black Hills Family Bible Camp: Friday, July 16th, through Tuesday morning the 20th. Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. All ages are welcome, children will need to be accompanied by a chaperon or family. There will be many possible outdoor activities such as zip lining, rappelling, swurfing, hiking, swimming, fishing, bonfires, s'mores, etc. The cost (including food, campsite, and activities) is \$75 for ages 13 and up, \$55 for ages 5-12, children ages 2-4 are \$15 and kids 1 and under are free. Yes, there will be flush toilets and hot showers. Yes, you can bring your camper, otherwise bring a tent. To sign up or for more information, contact Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email aaronude@gmail.com.