

“...whoever would be
great among you must
be your servant.”

Mark 10:43



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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Oh God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, may Your Spirit strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

HYMN 20: God of Mercy, God of Grace

1 God of mercy, God of grace, Show the brightness of Thy face;
Shine upon us, Savior, shine, Fill Thy Church with light divine,
And Thy saving health extend Unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise Thee, Lord! Be by all that live adored;
Let the nations shout and sing Glory to their Savior King,
At Thy feet their tributes pay, And Thy holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise Thee, Lord! Earth shall then her fruits afford,
God to man His blessing give, Man to God devoted live;
All below and all above One in joy and light and love.

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 EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 4:9-16

⁹There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His. ¹¹Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

¹⁴Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:35-45

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

³⁷ They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.”

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

³⁹ They said to Him, “We are able.”

So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared.”

⁴¹ And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. ⁴² But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN 363: To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name

1 To our Redeemer's glorious name Awake the sacred song.
Oh, may His love, immortal flame, Tune ev'ry heart and tongue!

2 His love, what mortal thought can reach, What mortal tongue portray?
Imagination's utmost stretch In wonder dies away.

3 He left His radiant throne on high, Left realms of heav'nly bliss,
And came to earth to bleed and die-- Was ever love like this?

4 Dear Lord, while we adoring pay Our humble thanks to Thee,
May every heart with rapture say, "The Savior died for me!"

5 Oh, may the sweet, the blissful theme Fill every heart and tongue
Till strangers love Thy charming name, And join the sacred song!

THE SERMON: Isaiah 53:10-12

Theme: The Servant of the Lord Defines True Greatness

I. Exposing the Vanity of Selfish Ambition

II. Revealing the Glory of Sacrificial Service

SERMON TEXT Isaiah 53:10-12

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief.
When You make His soul an offering for sin,
He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days,
And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied.

By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,

And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,

Because He poured out His soul unto death,

And He was numbered with the transgressors,

And He bore the sin of many,

And made intercession for the transgressors. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 306:1,4,7: 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.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior, And, truly grieving o'er our sins,
May prove by our behavior That we are thankful for Thy grace
And day by day may run our race, In holiness increasing.

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!

PRAYER

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 art Thou!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class follow after the service this morning. We begin a video featuring Dr. David Menton entitled The Evolution of Darwin. **POT LUCK** begins at 11:20. **Catechism class follows at 11:30 until 12:30. Voters meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:30.**

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service Catechism follows at 11:30-12:30. Also

Please note Joint Reformation service announcement below! Sermon text: Mark 13:5-11

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31: MINNESOTA AREA REFORMATION FESTIVAL – You are invited to attend a Reformation Festival Service at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN on **Sunday, October 31 at 4pm**. A meal after the service will be provided by the Ladies of Berea. Pastors Luke Willitz and John Schnose will be conducting the service. Our service will be streamed live and archived on Berea’s YouTube page www.YouTube.com/c/BereaLutheranChurch.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: October 17 worship – 13 Sunday school -0 No Bible Class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$ 1155.00	Missions	20.00
Needed for Year:	\$53,970.00		
Received for Year:	\$47,885.00		

October Church Cleaning - Ubl

October Lawn Mowing – Valerie Barthels

CLC NEWS: Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has declined the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

FALL MISSION WEBINAR The Committee of Domestic Fields (CDF), a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board, is hosting a fall mission webinar on Saturday, November 13 at 3 pm Central Time. The webinar will stream live on Zoom and include speakers from five different CLC congregations. We invite both individuals and congregational groups to join, please register by emailing Pastor Mark Tiefel – marktiefel@hotmail.com. The webinar theme is “Mission Myths” and covers 10 topics across a variety of different evangelism scenarios. Find more details on the CDF website - <https://us.lutheranmissions.org/cdf/>

CLC Financial Report - September

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 3 Month	Balance 9/30/2021
General Fund	0	249,964	320,130	315,000	- 70,166
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	452,785	368,556	361,800	84,229
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	124,590	37,468	16,754		145,304
ILC Building Projects	1,096,716	-3,318	9,862		1,083,536
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	23,700	26,875		129,138
Kinship	182,119	44,154	47,292		178,981
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	3,527,885	79,205	552,169		3,054,921
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	133,585	19,735	28,226		125,094
CLC Reserve Fund	300,222	-58	0		300,164
Total	\$5,497,430	\$200,886	\$681,178		\$5,017,138

General Fund – September offerings were \$100,472 (Ave needs \$105,000) **VS** disbursements of \$117,716, a negative monthly cash flow of --\$17,244. YTD offerings are \$65,000 short of budget needs, while YTD disbursements are \$5,000 over budgeted expenses, resulting in the General Fund deficit of --\$70,000 after the 3rd month of our fiscal year. The General Fund provides \$1,260,000 of subsidy for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Education & Publication and needs the regular support of all our members.

ILC Operations – September revenue was \$142,668 (incl \$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$120,777, resulting in a positive YTD balance of \$84,000. As previously noted, the Regents -\$60,000 deficit for July recovered quickly in August from student revenue when school resumed. Student revenue comes in steadily as most parents make regular monthly payments on their student accounts. Some pay for the whole semester in the first month. There are 120 enrolled in the 3 depts.

ILC Building Projects – September revenue: \$895 in offerings **VS** \$9,862 in disbursements for design fees and related expenses from the 2021 CLC Convention's \$20,000 allocation for the ILC Planning Committee to study and present a cost estimate to the 2022 Convention for the proposed new gymnasium and repurposing the existing fieldhouse. September earnings (Dividends/Interest) were \$3,925, while changes in principal (capital) value were negative \$22,301 due to market conditions. Fluctuations are expected in our portfolio value each month and the net gain or loss YTD is reported in the chart above for this fund (& IIF, CEF, & SAF). Realized dividends & interest earnings for the Bldg Fund for the 3 months of this fiscal year are \$11,953.

CEF – September revenue: \$29,388 loan repayments, \$50 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$437,844 (\$425,000 Cong loan construction draw #2; \$8,823 Note interest paid; \$4,021 admin expenses).

MDF – September revenue: \$10,713 in offerings **VS** disbursements of \$11,725, including \$2,500 Africa/Asia outreach; \$6,000 church building aid, \$1,200 cycles, & \$1,125 admin expenses.

SAF – September receipts: \$3,820 (SAF loan repayments & gifts) **VS** 19,536 disbursed (\$7,809 student grants, loans, & scholarships; \$920 admin expenses).

Kinship – September offerings: \$8,384 offerings & sponsors **VS** disbursed: \$22,937 (\$13,832 orphanages, \$8,850 Seminary student sponsorships).

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees