

CHRIST
IS OUR **stone**
 **Corner** **Bethel**
Lutheran Church



God hath
from the beginning
chosen you to salvation
through sanctification
of the Spirit ...

2 Thessalonians 2:13

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Sunday Worship: 10:00am - Bible Class 11:15am



A member congregation of the *Church of the Lutheran Confession*

✠ Sixth Sunday of Easter ✠

May 6, 2018

Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 98

¹ Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

² The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. ⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King. ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, ⁹ For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

Hymn #246 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Invocation – p. 5

[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]

Confession & Absolution – pp. 5-6

[We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness]

Introit – Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

[Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.]

- P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,
C and I will tell what he has done for my soul.
P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
C sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!
P Bless our God, O peoples;
C let the sound of his praise be heard,
P who has kept our soul among the living
C and has not let our feet slip.
P Blessed be God,
C because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

- P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,
C and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Gloria Patri – p. 6

[Latin for “Glory to the Father” ~ We glorify the Triune God]

The Kyrie – p. 7

[Greek for “O Lord” ~ We approach our Lord with a cry for help and mercy]

Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #237 v. 1)

[Latin for “Glory in the Highest” ~ A hymn glorifying and praising our God]

All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

The Collect for the Day – p. 9

[The main thoughts for the day are “collected” together in this prayer]

First Reading – Isaiah 12:1-6

¹ And in that day you will say: “O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. ² Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; ‘For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.’” ³ Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation. ⁴ And in that day you will say: “Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth. ⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!”

The Gradual – Mt 28:7; He 2:7; Ps 8:6; Ro 6:9; Jn 16:33b

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

- P** Christ has risen from the dead.
C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,
P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
C he has put all things under his feet.
P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
C death no longer has dominion over him.
P Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation.
C But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

Triple Hallelujah – p. 10

[Hebrew for “Praise the Lord” - We Praise God for giving us His Word.]

Gospel Reading – John 17:1-11

¹ Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² “as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³ “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ “And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. ⁶ “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷ “Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸ “For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. ⁹ “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰ “And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

Confession of Faith – Apostle’s Creed – p. 12

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #413 – I Walk in Danger All the Way

Sermon Text – 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, ¹⁴ to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

Sermon – Sail Forward with Christ at the Helm

I. Give Thanks to be on Board

II. Stay the Course

Offertory – p. 12

[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]

Offering of Thankful Hearts

[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]

General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #649 – Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Prayer for the Church – p. 14

[We ask God to bless what we have heard and learned today]

The Benediction – p. 14

[We receive God's blessing for another week]

Hymn #215 – Draw Us to Thee

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✠ Announcements ✠

Sunday Bible Class – In our Sunday Bible Class hour, we will be watching a video from an evangelism workshop done by our sister congregation, Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI

Midweek Bible Class – There is no midweek Bible Class this week as Pastor Sauers is on vacation.

Spring Cleaning – Our annual spring cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th, beginning at 9:00 am.

Candidates for Immanuel Professor Call - The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Schaller at the end of the 2018-19 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include courses in English (high school and college) and history (high school, college, and potentially seminary). With the duties including teaching God's Word to adult males, the person is to be a male (1 Tim. 2:12). To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, preferably someone who is pastorally

experienced. This person may potentially serve as the Dean of Students, one who counsels and disciplines students on campus. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2019-20 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight July 15, 2018 (letters postmarked July 1, 2018) to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240th Rd.; Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: danschierenbeck@gmail.com.

CLC Call News - Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, has called Principal Ted Quade, Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners WI, to be principal/teacher.

<u>Bethel Offerings:</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>FY2018</u>
CLC General Budget Fund (GF)	1170.00	13464.00
CLC Church Extension Fund (CEF)	40.00	1611.00
CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF)	0.00	1296.00
CLC Project Kinship (PK)	0.00	0.00
ILC Building Project (ILCBP)	75.00	155.00
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	0.00	1140.00
ILC Student Aid Fund (SAF)	20.00	1180.00
Bethel General	3948.00	
Bethel Parking Lot fund	1600.00	9075.00
Bethel Organ Fund		60.00

<p>Fruits of Faith: 4/29/18 Worship Attendance: 22 General: \$1520.00</p>	
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