



**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**September 10, 2023**

**Pastor:** David Reim Ph. - 549-5250

**Organist:** Julie Reim

**Ushering this month:** Guy & Ken

**Read Before the Service:** Psalm 33  
(Hymnal page 131)

**Opening Prayer**

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, be present with Your grace and mercy. Lord, open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may see and adore Christ as our Savior and Lord. Move us to true repentance and faith that we may receive your forgiveness and salvation that our hearts may rejoice and we may truly prosper in your grace. By Your grace may we grow in godly living and show your love in all we do. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Invocation:**

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C:



A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

**Opening Hymn: 572 Praise to God, Immortal Praise**

1. Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days;  
Bounteous Source of every joy, Let Thy praise our tongues employ,  
All to Thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.
2. All the plenty summer pours; Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores;  
Flocks that whiten all the plain; Yellow sheaves of ripened grain, --  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.
3. Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss, and public wealth,  
Knowledge with its gladdening streams, True religion's holier beams,  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.
4. As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee all our best  
And by deeds of kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove,  
Singing thus through all our days Praise to God, immortal praise.

**Call to Repentance:**

**Confession of Sins:**

**C & P:** Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. I confess that I have sinned and gone astray. Lord, you have always been faithful and loving to me, but I have been unfaithful and gone after my own desires. I have often failed to be the loving child that you want me to be. I have been hurtful and unloving to others instead of showing the forgiving love that you have given me. I have sinned against you in countless ways especially in my thoughts and desires. Yet, I come before you because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

**Absolution:**

Pastor: As the East is from the West, so far has He removed our transgressions from us, Alleluia.

5 Cong: As the east is from the west \_ so far has He re-moved

10 \_ Our trans-gres- sions from us. \_ Al - le - lu - ia Mer- cy

16 High as the sky ——— reach-ing deep as the

21 Sea. ——— As the east is from the west \_ so far has He re-moved

— Our trans - gres-sions from us.— Al - le - lu - ia

**Old Testament Reading: Acts 14:8-18**

8 In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed 10 and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

11 When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” 12 Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker.

13 The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: 15 “Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. 16 In the past, he let all nations go their own way. 17 Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” 18 Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

**Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. 14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ...

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

**Response of Praise:**

P: Behold, O God, our Shield, and look upon the face of Your anointed:

**C: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.**

P: It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:

**C: And to sing praises unto Your name, O Most High.**

P: To show forth Your loving-kindness in the morning:

**C: And Your faithfulness every night. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Praise waits for You, O God, in Zion:

**C: And unto You shall the vow be performed. Hallelujah!**

**Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29**

23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone

who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

28 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

**P:** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### **Confession of Faith:** The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Hymn: 53** Abide, O Dearest Jesus

1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Thy grace  
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Thy Word  
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.
3. Abide with heavenly brightness Among us, precious Light;  
Thy truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.
4. Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Thy Word.
5. Abide with Thy protection Among us, Lord, our Strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
6. Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Thy love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

**Sermon Text: Psalm 35:27**

*“Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them continually say, ‘Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.’”*

**Summer Series:**

God's Providence in Our Lives

Today's Theme:

**God Prospers His People**

**Hymn: 425** All Depends on Our Possessing

1. All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart. He who trusts with faith unshaken  
In His God is not forsaken And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.
2. He who hitherto hath fed me And to many joys hath led me,  
Is and ever shall be mine. He who did so gently school me,  
He who still doth guide and rule me, Will remain my Help divine.

3. Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure And that now is seldom found.
4. When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope my heart anew will quicken,  
All my longing shall be stilled. To His loving-kindness tender  
Soul and body I surrender; For in Him alone I build.
5. Well He knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never,--  
As God wills, so be it ever,-- I to Him commit my way.
6. If on earth my days He lengthen, He my weary soul will stengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in His grace.

**Offerings for Christ's Church:**

**Sing** while bringing up the offering) Melody of 568

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**Prayers of the Church:**

**The Lord's Prayer:** Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. \_\_\_\_\_ Cast me not a -  
way from your pre - sence, and take not your ho - ly Spir - it from me. \_\_\_\_\_

22 — Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

28 hold me with your spir - it free. Cre - ate in me a clean

heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

### **Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

### **Closing Hymn: 396** Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink

1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by many a foe;  
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe;
2. That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod,  
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God;
3. A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without;  
That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt;
4. That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile;  
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan's arts beguile;
5. A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled  
And with a pure and heavenly ray Lights up the dying bed.
6. Lord give us such a faith as this; And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.



**Scripture Treasure to Remember:  
Colossians 2:2-3**

*“I am doing this so that their hearts may be encouraged as they are brought together in love, and into all the wealth of assurance that understanding brings, into the knowledge of the mystery of God, which is Christ. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in him.”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Wednesday** - Skype Bible Study at 9:30.

Bible Study with Karrie at 2:00

**Thursday** - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30

**Friday** - Shut-in visits with Rosemarie and Felix

**Next Sunday**- Worship Service at 10:00

**Praying for our Family**

We continue to pray for our elderly members who are not able to be with us in person: Rosemarie Schwabe, Felix Kruger, George Rosenberg and Waldemar Goll. May the Lord bless and keep them and prosper them along their way to their eternal home.

**Daily Rest and Spokesman for September**

Unfortunately there has been a hold up with the mail and we still have not received the Daily Rest and the Spokesman for September. Hopefully we will have them by next week.

**Mission Festival**

Our Annual Mission Festival is scheduled for Oct. 1. Pastor Drew Naumann is coming early to the conference to be our guest speaker. We are planning a dinner for that occasion. Please check the sign up sheet to see what is needed for that meal.

**Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference**

We will be hosting pastors from Arizona, California and Washington for their fall Pastoral Conference from October 3-5. They will be staying together and holding their meetings in a rented home. However, we are planning a worship service together with them on Tuesday evening.

We are making plans to have a soup supper before the service on Oct. 3. There is a sign up sheet for that meal as well. This will be a great opportunity to meet these pastors and to be encouraged along with them. We thank those who use their talents to serve the Lord by preparing these meals.



## **CLC Call News**

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC is considering the call to be the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.

### **A Note of Encouragement from our CLC President**

**Mike Wilke**

“A wise pastor once told me that my paradise on earth is wherever God has called me to serve. Since a pastor is where God has put him, there should be no other place on earth that he would rather serve. The place to which you have been called, may not be the most interesting or outwardly beautiful place, nevertheless, it is your paradise on earth.”

This was a part of President Wilke’s monthly letter to all the pastors and was meant for their encouragement. But the same thing is true for all of you. You may not be called to this place in the same way that a pastor is, but it is still true that you are where God has placed you. Not only the physical location where you live but more importantly your position as a Father or Mother, a Son or Daughter, a Teacher or a Student. God has placed you where you are and has given you your own particular roll in His Kingdom. There truly is no more wonderful place to be, that is until we reach the real paradise of heaven. May God lift you up to serve the Lord with gladness in your own paradise on earth.