

CLC Call News: Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. Michael Wilke, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI, to serve as co-pastor; Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck of Eau Claire WI, to serve as interim pastor; and member Eric Libby of Mankato MN, to teach 11-12 grade Religion for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year. <> Teacher Matthew Thurow, Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran school, Markesan WI.; Faith Lutheran has now called Teacher Barry Hay to be principal for one year and Teacher Marie Muehlenhaupt full time for one year and they both have accepted their calls.

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Worship 10:00am

11th Sunday after
Pentecost
August 20, 2017

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Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00am (Sept – May)

Divine Service 10:00am

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Pre-Service Devotion: Isaiah 40:6-8

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Today's Order of Service:

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Today's Hymns

277 (red hymnal) – *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

371 (red hymnal) – *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

294 (red hymnal) – *O Word of God Incarnate*

290 (red hymnal) – *We Have a Sure Prophetic Word*

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Welcome Everyone! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

Next Sunday is the 12th Sunday after Pentecost
10am – Divine Service

Reformation Seminar: In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, Mt. Zion is proud to be hosting a CLC-sponsored Reformation Seminar on Friday October 27, 2017 at 7pm. Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck, Pastor Caleb Schaller, and Pastor Tom Naumann will be presenting. Please plan to attend this faith-strengthening event! Tell your friends and family! It would be wonderful to have as many guests and visitors as possible and share with them the message of the Reformation: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone! More info coming soon!

Free E-devotions have been made available to everyone! A number of CLC pastors write the easily consumable (1-2 minute read), Law and Gospel devotions which are delivered straight to your email inbox at no cost. Devotions are mailed out six days a week (none on Sunday). I strongly encourage all of you to subscribe to these e-devotions. I am confident that they will serve as a faith-strengthening resource for you. Please go to <http://www.redeemerclc.info/ministries> to subscribe!

Prayers for Nepal: Heavy rainfall has led to massive flooding in hundreds of villages in Nepal. Approximately 100,000 people in 37 of Nepal's 75 districts have been affected, and at least 110 deaths have been reported. Among those affected are about 300 families from among our brothers and sisters in the HCLCN, many of whom have been displaced from their homes. The Board of Missions has authorized an initial \$5000 from the CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF) to assist our fellow Christians with recovery efforts. Please pray for the Lord's protection and provision for those who are suffering in Nepal, and pray that He provides wisdom and resources to those who are working to assist the many who are in need.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15:21-28*

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Sermon: *1 Peter 1:18-25*

[For you know] that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers, and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

God's Word Gives Imperishable Promises

I. The Promise of Redemption from the Very Beginning

II. The Promise of Preservation until the Very End

The Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 23:29-32*

"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? ³⁰ Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who steal my words from one another. ³¹ Behold, I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who use their tongues and declare, 'declares the LORD.' ³² Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, declares the LORD, and who tell them and lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them. So they do not profit this people at all, declares the LORD.

The Psalm of the Day: *Psalms 67*

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us

Congregation: And make his face to shine upon us.

P: That your way may be known on earth,

C: Your saving power among all nations.

P: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you!

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

P: The earth has yielded its increase;

C: God, our God, shall bless us.

P: God shall bless us;

C: let all the ends of the earth fear him!