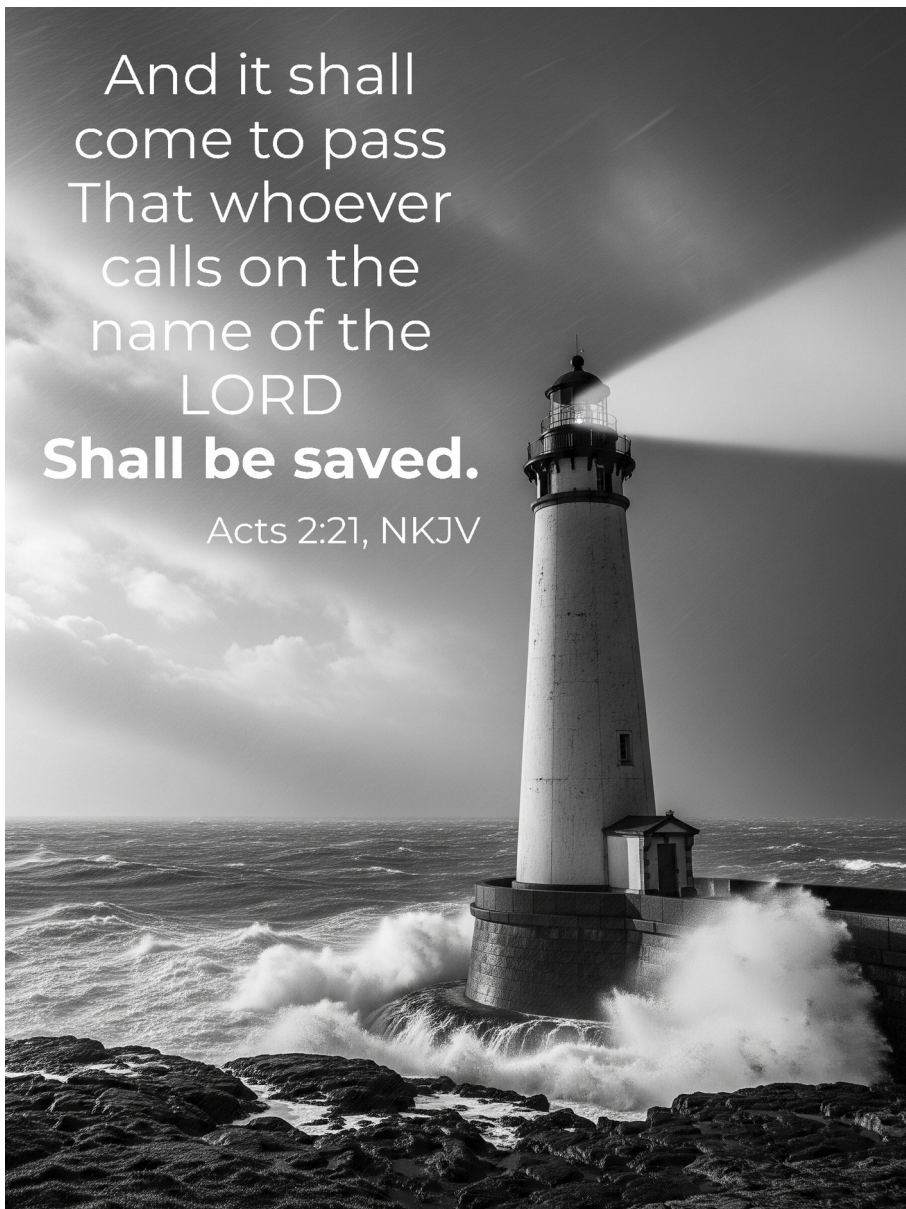


And it shall
come to pass
That whoever
calls on the
name of the
LORD
Shall be saved.

Acts 2:21, NKJV



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As We Gather

When the sky feels like it's falling—whether in the chaos of the world or the struggles of our own hearts—Pentecost speaks a powerful word of hope. Today we encounter Acts 2 not as a tame church celebration, but as an apocalyptic moment: fire, wind, and divine disruption. But it's not destruction—it's revelation. It's the unveiling of God's plan to pour out His Spirit because Jesus bore the fire of judgment in our place. As we worship today, we remember: we are not living in the last days of despair, but the first days of new creation. And “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

224 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P** The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alleluia!
- C** **The breath of the Almighty gives life. Alleluia!**
- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- C** **And kindle in us the fire of Your love.**
- P** The Lord has poured out His Spirit on all flesh,
- C** **And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.**
- P** He who has ears, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus!**
- P** The day of the Lord is great and glorious!
- C** **Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved!**

Confession and Absolution

- P** On this day, we remember how the Lord poured out His Spirit with power and fire, giving voice to the Gospel and calling all people to repentance and faith. As we prepare to hear His Word and receive His gifts, let us confess our sins and seek His mercy.

C Holy and merciful God, We confess that we have grieved Your Spirit. Our hearts have been restless, our thoughts distracted, our tongues careless. You have spoken clearly in Your Word, but we have not always listened. You have given peace through Christ, but we have clung to fear, pride, and selfishness. Forgive us. Renew us. Send Your Spirit to create in us clean hearts, to restore our joy, and to set our minds on things above, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P God is faithful. He has not left us in the darkness of our sin, but has sent His Son to bear the judgment we deserve and His Spirit to bring us life. The fire of God's wrath has been quenched by Christ's sacrifice; the wind of the Spirit now brings you peace. As a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30

P O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all.

C The earth is full of Your possessions—

P These all wait for You,

C That You may give them their food in due season.

P What You give them they gather in;

C You open Your hand, they are filled with good.

P You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;

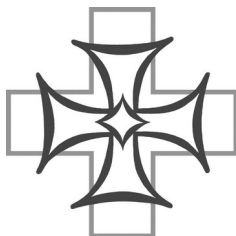
C And You renew the face of the earth.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C and to the Holy Spirit;

P as it was in the beginning,

C is now, and will be forever. Amen.



Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You
A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At
heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
God's right hand in maj-es-ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re-ceive our
Spir-it wor-shipped and a-dored, With all the
might-y Fa-ther, heav'n-ly King.
prayer, grant us Your peace with-in.
heav'n-ly host we glo-ri-fy.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³ Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 143

P Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to my supplications!

C In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness.

P Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,

C For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

P For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground;

C He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead.

P Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;

C My heart within me is distressed.

P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works;

C I muse on the work of Your hands.

P I spread out my hands to You;

C My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.

- P** Answer me speedily, O LORD; My spirit fails!
- C** **Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.**
- P** Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust;
- C** **Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.**
- P** Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
- C** **In You I take shelter.**
- P** Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God;
- C** **Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.**
- P** Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake!
- C** **For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.**
- P** In Your mercy cut off my enemies,
- C** **And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.**

Gospel Reading

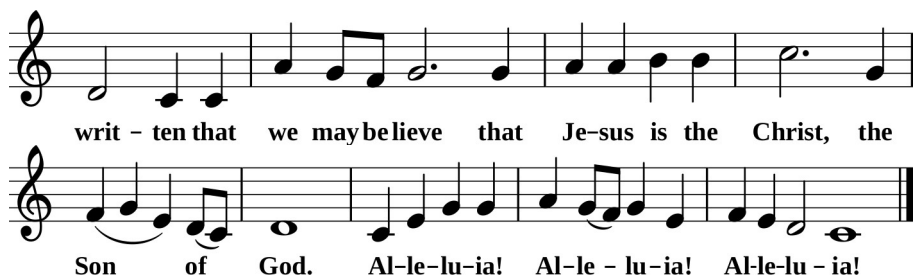
John 14:23-31

²³ Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. ²⁴ He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. ²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. ²⁸ You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. ²⁹ "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. ³¹ But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

Alleluia

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





Confession of Faith

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

233 – Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Sermon Text

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” ¹² So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could

this mean?" ¹³ Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. ¹⁵ For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. ²¹ And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'



Sermon

An Apocalyptic Pentecost

Offertory

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 pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly

Spir-it from me. Re store to me the joy of Your sal -

va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering

Offering Hymn

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Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Glad - ly,
 free - ly, of Thine own; With the sun - shine of Thy
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Thee at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

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** Amen.

Hymn

234 – Holy Ghost, with Light Divine

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✝ Announcements ✝

Upcoming Schedule

June 8	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
June 15	10:15 am	Worship Service
June 22	10:15 am	Worship Service

Upcoming Meetings: Here is a schedule of our upcoming meetings:

- **July 6** – Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- **August 3** – Education/Elders
- **September 7** – Trustees/Church Council

In Our Prayers: Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers: Don Beymer, Bob & Joan Doriot, Johanna Jaehnigen, David & Elsie Kleinschmidt, Shirley Rosenberry, and Mike Sheffield. May the Lord strengthen their faith, grant them His peace, and assure them of His abiding presence.

Pastor Sauers on Vacation and at Pastoral Conference: Pastor Sauers will be away from **June 12–26** for vacation and to attend the **CLC General Pastoral Conference**.

While he is away:

- **Sunday, June 15** – Mr. Neil Bernthal will lead the worship service.
- **Sunday, June 22** – Pastor Emeritus Mark Bernthal will lead the worship service.
- There will be **no Orlando service** on June 22.
- **Bible Class** will not be held during this time.
- Worship services will **not be live-streamed** while Pastor is away.

If you plan to worship online during this period, we encourage you to make use of services from our sister congregations in the CLC. Here are two recommended options:

- **Immanuel Lutheran Church – Mankato, MN**
Website: www.immanuelmankato.org
- **Messiah Lutheran Church – Eau Claire, WI**
Website: www.eauclairemessiah.com

Looking Forward to Next Sunday: In a world overflowing with advice, opinions, and information, we often feel more confused than ever. Next Sunday, we’ll turn to Proverbs 8, where Wisdom doesn’t whisper from afar—she cries out from the streets! And more than just a poetic voice, this Wisdom is a Person: Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God. As we celebrate

Trinity Sunday, we'll see how true wisdom isn't something we achieve, but Someone who comes to us with grace, clarity, and life. Come hear how Christ, our Wisdom, still speaks today—calling us out of confusion and into His peace.

All Aboard for Vacation Bible School: Join us this summer for an exciting week of adventure at our "Making Tracks" Vacation Bible School, July 14–18, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am each day! Children ages 4–12 are invited to come along as we explore how Jesus guides us through life and leads us safely to heaven. Each day will be filled with:

- Christ-centered Bible lessons
- Creative crafts and active games
- Joyful singing and tasty snacks

We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, grandkids, and classmates—any child who would be blessed by a fun and faith-filled week learning about Jesus!

Register today at www.winterhavenlutheran.com/vbs, or speak with Pastor Sauers for more information.

Spokesman and Daily Rest Subscriptions: It's time to renew our group subscriptions to the Lutheran Spokesman and Daily Rest, our synod's devotional publications. The current subscriptions will expire soon:

- Lutheran Spokesman: Expires after the June 2025 issue
- Daily Rest: Expires after the current issue (Vol. 7.2 – August 31)

If you are currently receiving either of these publications through our group subscription and would like to continue—or if you would like to start receiving one or both—please speak to Pastor Sauers by Sunday, June 29.

- **Current Subscribers:** Please review the posted renewal list carefully.
 - Let us know if your mailing address has changed (especially if marked "Need current address").
 - If you no longer wish to receive a publication, let us know so we can mark you for removal.
 - If you receive more than one copy, double-check that this is still needed.
- **Cost:**
 - Lutheran Spokesman: \$20/year
 - Daily Rest: \$15/year (Make checks payable to the church; we will send in a single group payment.)

All renewals and updates must be submitted before June 30, 2025.

Thank you for supporting and making use of these Christ-centered resources!

The Branches: The Branches is a women's magazine that serves to encourage you in your Bible study, edify you in your daily walk with Christ, and strengthen the bond of fellowship among Christian sisters. Renewals, new subscriptions, gift subscriptions -- all can be done at this time (by June 15 please). Subscriptions are \$16.00 per year for 4 issues (print or digital version). All subscriptions and subscription inquiries can be sent to: Sandy Hulke / Subscription Manager / 29985 Norway Ave Lindstrom, MN 55045. Email: thebranchesmagazine@gmail.com. Payments can be made by PayPal (email Sandy for details) or check (payable to The Branches).

ManUp! Men's Retreat 2025: Calling all men (18 and older)! Get ready for ManUp!, a powerful time of biblical encouragement, fellowship, and growth.

- **When:** September 25-28, 2025
- **Where:** Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI

This year's theme is **Ephesians 2:8-10**: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (ESV)

Join us for impactful Bible study, leadership training, team building, and worship. Plus, enjoy exciting activities like rock climbing, hiking, arrow tag, mountain biking, a trivia challenge, grilling, bonfires, and music!

Registration is NOW OPEN!

- Cost: \$75
- Late Registration: \$150 (after August 30)
- Registration Deadline: August 30, 2025

CLC Call News: Lori Ruthenbeck has received a one-year call to teach part-time at St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. Lori is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. <> Professor Joel Gullerud of Immanuel Lutheran High School, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to serve as principal of Immanuel Lutheran K-12 School, Mankato, MN. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Fruits of Faith		June 1, 2025	Attendance: WH – 58	
<u>Immanuel Lutheran Church</u>			<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>General Budget</i>			<i>General Budget</i>	
\$2,144.00	General Budget	\$0.00	CLC General Budget	
\$1,500.00	Weekly Need	\$67.31	Weekly Need	
+\$644.00	-Under / +Over	-\$67.31	-Under / +Over	
\$29,814.77	Year to Date Offerings	\$770.00	Year to Date Offerings	
\$33,000.00	Year to Date Need	\$1,480.82	Year to Date Need	
-\$3,185.23	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$710.82	Year to Date (+/-)	
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>			<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	
\$25.00	Building Fund		ILC Student Aid Fund	
\$25.00	Property Improvement		ILC Building Fund	
	ILC Scholarship Fund		ILC Improvement Fund	
	Tuition Grant		Mission Development (MDF)	
\$40.00	Benevolence Fund		Project Kinship	
	Learning with Littles		ILC Tour Choir	
	School Fund		Spokesman/Daily Rest	



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

June 9 – June 14, 2025

Monday – *John 14:15-20*

Jesus promises another Counselor, the Spirit of truth, to be with them always. The Spirit will bring them into a family relationship with Jesus and with the Father.

Tuesday – *Acts 2:1-21*

The sounds and sights and languages got peoples' attention, but left them baffled. To learn what it all meant, they needed the Spirit-filled preaching of Peter, who stood up with the Eleven.

Wednesday – *Exodus 19:16 – 20:20*

When the LORD gave the Ten Commandments to His people, both the thunder and lightning, the horn and the message left them trembling with fear. Without His mercy no one can stand.

Thursday – *Joel 3:1-5*

The LORD promises that a time of restoration is coming for His people, and a time of judgment is coming for all the nations and people who have opposed Him by abusing His people.

Friday – *John 15:1-8*

Jesus and His disciples are like a vine and its branches. As the vine produces fruit through the branches, so Christ will produce fruit through His disciples, and God the Father will be glorified.

Saturday – *Acts 2:36-41*

Some 3,000 people heard Peter's preaching on Pentecost and received God's gift of repentance and Baptism for the forgiveness of their sins! This was the Holy Spirit's harvest!



