

We welcome you in the name of our Savior. God uses his Word to create and sustain saving faith in our hearts. Let us listen to it eagerly! If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register. We invite you to worship with us again.

## **Our Worship**

**Order of Service:** “Service Of The Word” can also be found on page 38 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

**HYMN – 283**

*STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.**

**C: Amen**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.**

## **OH, TASTE AND SEE (Sung)**

**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M: Let us pray.**

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen (Sung)**

*BE SEATED*

## **THE WORD**

**Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:10,11 (NIV)** *God uses a picture from nature to show how his Word always brings the results he desires. Whether opposition or conversion, God is glorified.*

<sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

**PSALM 65 – Page 89**

**Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:18-25 (NIV)** *The glories we will enjoy in heaven are so vast that, by comparison, all of our earthly sufferings are insignificant.*

<sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup>The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to frustration, not

by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup>Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY:**

**M:** Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.

**C: (Sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*STAND*

**Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 (NIV)** *God plants his Word in our heart; his Word alone can produce saving faith and bring forth the fruits of faith.*

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering

the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear."

<sup>18</sup>"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:

<sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup>But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. <sup>22</sup>The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

**C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN – 324**

## **Sermon Text: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

“MAY THE SEED FALL ON GOOD SOIL”

*STAND*

### **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.

*BE SEATED*

### **OFFERING**

*STAND*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (Responsive prayer for the nation on page 130 in *Christian Worship*)

## LORD'S PRAYER

(Saturday)

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.

Or

(Sunday)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN – 318**

*STAND*

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (Sung) Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**HYMN - 322**



*We welcome those visiting us today. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to give consideration to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you are hearing with us today. Please worship with us again!*

## **Announcements:**

### **Organist**

Our organist this weekend is Tammie Nagel (Sat. night) and Alan Ross (Sun. morning). We thank them for playing and helping to beautify our worship.

### **Prayer Requests –**

- Marion Moldenhauer & Harold Jaeger – who are both at the Manitowoc Health Care Center, we pray for God's continual blessings on them, that they may rest content in his mercy.
- Jim Liermann – as he continues his treatments, we pray that the Lord would remove his disease and treat him kindly as a redeemed child in Christ.
- Jesse Lietzau – who is serving in the Middle East. We pray that the LORD would protect him and his family by his holy angels. We pray the same for Nicole Schultz: granddaughter of Ralph Schultz and Ed Vetter, who is now back serving in Germany.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Please take note that Vacation Bible School is being held August 5,6,7<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is a Luau. Registration slips can be found in the narthex. Please fill them out as soon as possible and return them back in the box. This is so the teachers have enough time to order shirts.

### **Reminder**

With the Annual Meeting coming up, please get your reports in by July 15<sup>th</sup>. That way the church secretary has ample time to get the reports ready. Thank you!

## **Repeat Performance**

We will have a \$5 Crazy Days stuff-a-bag sale on Saturday, July 12 from 9 to 1:00. Since we are only open from 9 to 1 on Saturdays in July and August, we decided to include Friday, the 11th in the sale. Friday's hours are from 9 to 5. The sale will be good on all shoes and clothing excluding special occasion dresses. We are located next to Verlo's and behind Country Kitchen.

## **Central Africa Medical Mission-Did You Know?**

The Lord directs our paths. The first mobile clinic in Malawi was established in Salima, 15 miles from Lake Malawi. Property for the nurses and missionary family were purchased near the lake in 1970. The next few years brought unusually heavy rainfalls (90" in 5 mo. In 1970) causing a high rise in the water level & the beautiful sandy beaches were swept away. Despite a retaining wall, water continued to rise, endangering the property. In 1981, a decision was made to move the clinic staff 60 miles east to Lilongwe (where are staff still resides). In Jan. 1982, minutes of the Malawi Medical Council noted "this was the first meeting of the MMC during the rainy season for several years that was not threatened by water washing through the house during the meeting."

## **MLHS Happenings**

MLHS has a position open for a part-time custodian, approximately 20 hours per week. Applications are due 7/15/08, and are available on the school website, [www.mlhslancers.com](http://www.mlhslancers.com). Questions may be directed to Jim Reis, MLHS Facilities Manager, at 682-0215 x.158.

## **Calendar of Events**

<b>Sat.5<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship
<b>Sun.6<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship
<b>Tues.8<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School Teachers
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Evangelism
<b>Wed.9<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
<b>Thurs.10<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 p.m.	Preschool Committee
<b>Sat.12<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Sun.13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Church Brewer Game Trip

### **Greeters:**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>: Earl & Lois Glaeser

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>: Helen Isaacson

### **Ushers:**

July 5<sup>th</sup>: Fritz Wehausen, August Teesch

July 6<sup>th</sup>: John Smith, Uriah Matznick, Elwood Free, James Ott

July 12<sup>th</sup> : James Glaeser (Server), Mark Knutson(Server), Derrick Krey

July 13<sup>th</sup>: Dan Knutson, (Server) Warren Lutze (Server), Joseph Nagel,  
Wayne Otto

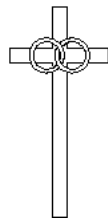
### **Altar Guild: July- Group 3:**

Cindy Williamson, Eunice Barnes, Janice Wehausen, Diane Smith



## *A Happy Birthday to...*

7/6 Gail Lietzau  
7/6 Jesse Lietzau  
7/7 Jeana Ott  
7/7 Tyler Petersen  
7/7 Faith Woepse  
7/8 Mary Liermann  
7/8 Gary Preston  
7/10 Donna Nagel  
7/10 Julie Lietzau  
7/16 Terry Slater  
7/19 Alison Fischer



## *Happy Anniversary To...*

7/8 James & Julie Glaeser – 47 Years!  
7/11 Ronald & Carol Kasten – 43 Years!  
7/12 Michael & Dianne Rusch – 39 Years!  
7/15 Mark & Jennifer Knutson – 2 Years!  
7/19 Michael & Louette Propson-Enders – 5 Years!

\*If you have a July birthday or anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records! Thanks!

