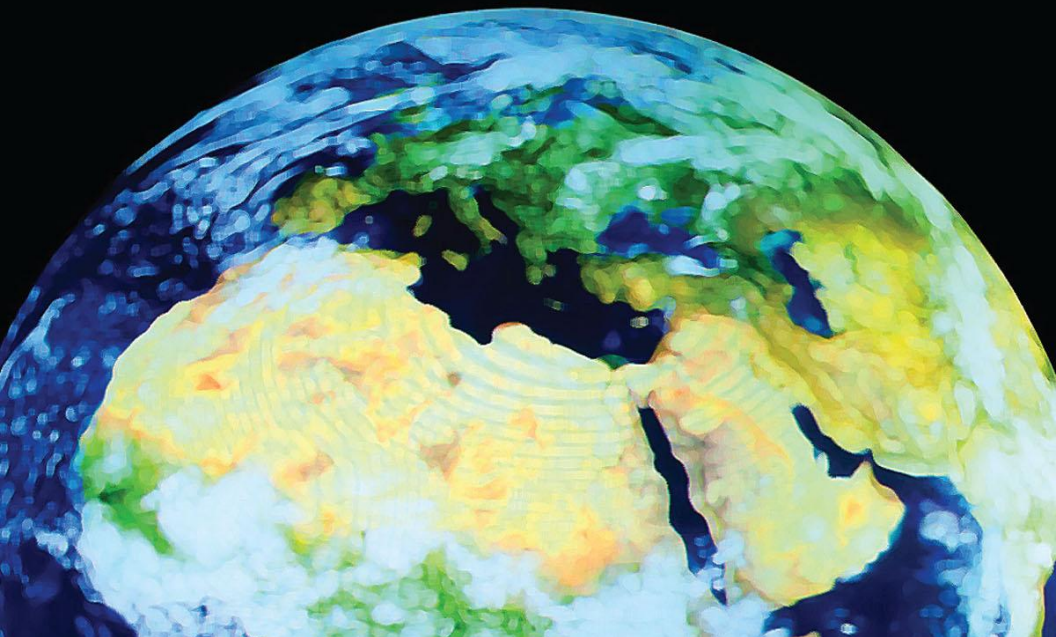




THEREFORE GO AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE
NAME OF THE FATHER
AND OF THE SON AND
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

MATTHEW 28:19, NIV



Mission Festival Sunday † October 11, 2026

THE OPENING

Today's order of service is a special mission-themed liturgy curated for Mission Festival.

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn LSB 826 *Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying*

The Invocation

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

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C Amen!

Responsive Reading

Various mission-focused Scriptures are woven together and read by pastor and congregation.

P Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

C **Declare His glory among the nations.** (*Psalm 96:2-3*)

P Jesus commands us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

C **Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**

P Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;

C **And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**
(*Matthew 28:19-20*)

P Jesus reminds us: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

C **He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."** (*Mark 16:15-16*)

P Jesus informs us: "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

C **And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."** (*Luke 24:46-47*)

P Jesus assures us: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;

C **If you retain the sins of any, they are retained."** (*John 20:23*)

P Jesus promises us: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

C **And you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”** (*Acts 1:8*)

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P Beloved in the Lord! You have heard the commands, reminders, assurances, and promises of our Savior regarding our roles within His kingdom work. Let us examine both our hearts and our lives, for by doing so we will find reason to approach God with repentant hearts. Let us do so seeking His forgiveness.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of our many sins. We have not always taken Your command to disciple the nations as seriously as we should, but rather have frequently been preoccupied with our own thoughts and desires. You have commanded us to be Your witnesses to the ends of the earth, but we must confess that all too often we fail to be witnesses in our own back yards. O Lord, have mercy upon us and by Your grace forgive us. Create within us new hearts and renew us by giving us steadfast spirits, so that we heed Your calls and proclaim the good news of Your salvation.**

P Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins, including those sins involved in our work in His kingdom. To all who believe on His name, He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Indeed, whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE

First Reading: *Romans 10:10-17*

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Grace School Choir: *Lift High the Cross*

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 4:13-18*

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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

♪ **C** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C 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.

The Baptism of Vivian Elise Meger

Vivian is the daughter of Gunnar and Stacy Meger.

She was born on August 3, 2026.

*Serving as baptismal witnesses today are Andrew Lentz (Stacy's brother),
and Sean and Kelly Misfeldt (family friends).*

Welcome, Vivian, to the family of faith!

*Romans 6:3-4 "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ
Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism
into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the
Father, we too might walk in newness of life."*

Hymn LSB 594 *God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

THE SERMON

Sermon Reading: *Matthew 28:16-20 (NKJV)*

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

THEME: THE GREAT COMMISSION IS YOUR COMMISSION

*Guest Preaching Today: Pastor Luke Bernthal
Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners (Milwaukee), WI*

Sermon Notes

THE RESPONSE

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **☒ Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

Hymn LSB 835:1-5 *On Galilee's High Mountain*

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement page.

Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

**☒ 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.**

Grace Adult Choir: *Go Ye Into All the World*

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

**☒ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.**

♪ **☒ Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn LSB 835:6 *On Galilee's High Mountain*

WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- † **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- † **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- † **Amplifying headsets** are available. Please ask an usher.
- † **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- † **If you are looking for a church home**, ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Pastor Luke Bernthal for bringing us our mission presentation this morning, as well as preaching the Word of God to us during our worship service today. Pastor Bernthal serves at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hales Corners (Milwaukee), WI. We pray for safe travels home and for God's blessings on him, his family, and his ministry!

Baptism Today: We welcome the newest member of Grace: Vivian Elise Meger, born August 3, the daughter of new parents Gunnar and Stacy. In the Sacrament of Baptism, Vivian is saved through the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 3:21; Titus 3:5). Her sins are washed away, and he is given new life (Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:4). By grace through faith, Vivian is a child of God and an heir of eternal life (Eph. 2:8; Rom. 8:17). Thanks be to God!

A Church Potluck will follow today's service. All are welcome! Dorcas Guild Committee 2 is responsible for setup and cleanup.

The Quarterly Voters Meeting is next Sunday, Oct 18 following the worship service. Voters, if you are unable to attend, please inform Chairman Enns.

It's A Girl! The ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower for Jessica Robin after church on October 25th. Jessica is registered at Target and Amazon. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson.

New Address: Please update your contact information for Benno and Barb Sydow: 9913 59th St Ct N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042.

Joint-Reformation Service: Faith Lutheran Church in New Ulm is hosting a CLC Minnesota Joint-Reformation Service on Sunday, November 1, at 4:00 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend! Following the service, all are welcomed to gather for a fellowship meal. Please bring a dessert or salad to share. If you plan to attend, please let pastor know so that we can have an estimate of how many will be present.

CLC Call News: Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD, Zion, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer, Bowdle, SD, has **accepted** the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico. <> Pastor Neal Radichel of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. <> Missionary Todd Ohlmann has **returned** the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI, has **received** the call to Gift of God Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's, Ponsford, MN. <> Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL, has **received** the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion, Loganville, GA, and Faith, Manchester, MO, has **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity, Watertown, SD, and Zion, Hidewood Township, SD, has **received** the call to Mt. Zion, Madison Heights, MI.

Serving Us † Today

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

<i>Organist:</i> Janelle Hein	<i>Church Cleaners:</i> R & M Ochsner
<i>Usher Team 4:</i> Kyle Aymond, Kevin Hulke, Jack Maki, John Maki, Keith Radichel, Al Rosendahl, Grant Wells	<i>Counting Team 4:</i> Kyle Aymond, Thomas Graham, Kevin Hulke, Clint Welker

Serving Us † Next Sunday

<i>Organist:</i> Sue Nelson	<i>Church Cleaners:</i> Volunteer Needed
<i>Usher Team 4:</i> Kyle Aymond, Kevin Hulke, Jack Maki, John Maki, Keith Radichel, Al Rosendahl, Grant Wells	<i>Counting Team 1:</i> Dale Enns, Larry Nelson, Phil Radichel, Dave Rust

Upcoming † Calendar

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

Today	11:15am	Mission Fest Potluck Meal
M-W 10/12-10/14		Minnesota Pastoral Conference Hutchinson, MN
Wed. 10/14	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Study (Galatians)
	8:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed. 10/14- Fri. 10/16		CLC Teachers Conference (No school 10/12-10/16) Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI
Sun. 10/18	8:30am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:15am	Hospitality (Team D)
	11:15am	Dorcas Guild Meeting
	11:30am	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Sun. 10/25	11:15am	Baby Shower for Jessica Robin
Sun. 9/1	4:00pm	Joint Reformation Service – Faith, New Ulm

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Cindy Bruckbauer remains mostly homebound due to chronic illness. **Judy Dahlin** remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Cindy Degnan** remains mostly homebound due to severe, persistent seizures. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to chronic illness. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Daniel and Jessica Robin** are expecting their first child in Jan 2027. **Bob Rust** is receiving treatment for cancer. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Attendance 10/4: Worship = 95 <> Bible Class = 42 <> Sunday School = 17

Midweek Bible Study (10/7) = 37

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	2,667	CLC:	235	QR Code for Online Giving: 		
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC:	1,440			
-Under/+Over	Grace:	-2,733	CLC:	-1205			
Year-to-date Offering	Grace:	217,261	CLC:	66,997			
Year-to-date Need	Grace:	216,000	CLC:	57,600			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	1261	CLC:	9397			
GLC Other:	-	Living Faith:	-	Tuition Aid:	25	Sanctuary:	600
SAF Endowment:	-	MDF:	50	Kinship:	200	EduK8:	-
ILC Student Aid:	-	ILC Bldg.:	50	IIF:	-	CEF:	-
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	25	Sanctuary:	22,859		

Note: \$12,108 = \$2018*6 from the Tuition Aid Fund was disbursed to ILC on behalf of six ILHS students from Grace.