

June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost



“We Preach Christ Crucified...”

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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AND ALL THE TREES OF THE
FIELD SHALL KNOW THAT

I AM THE LORD.



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As We Gather

Do you think it an impossible thing that God could make much of what appears to be nothing? He set the paradigm in His own Son. There is that baby in Bethlehem. There is that dying criminal on the cross. Nothing in the eyes of the world and less than nothing, He reigns from the tree. Yet all who have real life and life eternal find their refuge, their nourishment, their beauty, their life, their all, in none other.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

TLH 1 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness
- C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**
- P** 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.

Confession
Absolution

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav-enly king, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:3-8

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

Psalm of the Day

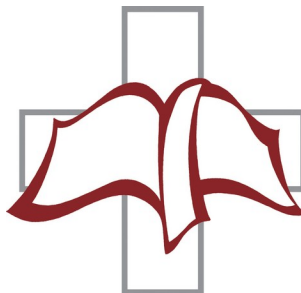
Psalm 1

- P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
C **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**
P but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
C **and on his law he meditates day and night.**
P He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
C **In all that he does, he prospers.**
P The wicked are not so,
C **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**
P for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰ And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.



Alleluia

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



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe 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

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

TLH 17 – Oh, Worship the King



Sermon Text

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”



Sermon

Only God Has Made the Tree

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
 God. 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 me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn

TLH 30 – Oh, that I had a Thousand Voices

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn

TLH 49 – Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

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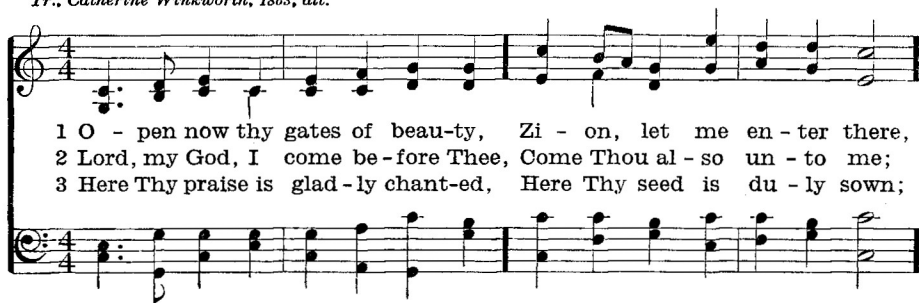
Ps. 100: 4

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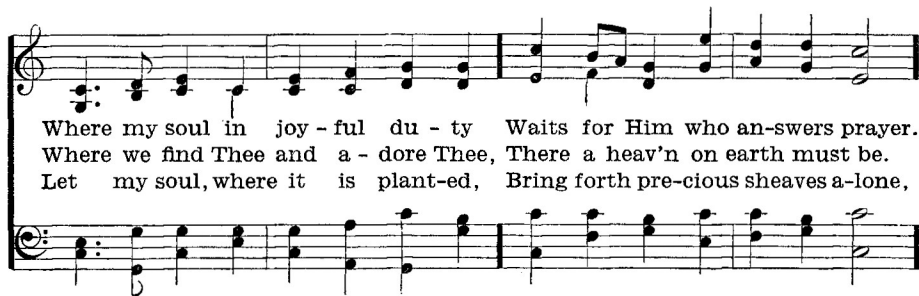
Tut mir auf die schöne Pforte
Benjamin Schmolck, 1732, cento
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

Neander

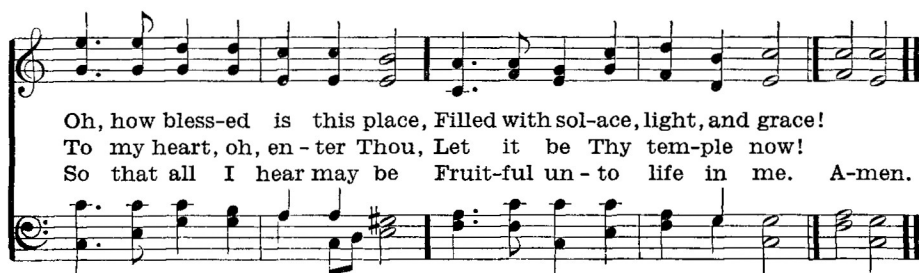
Joachim Neander, 1680



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau-ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Lord, my God, I come be - fore Thee, Come Thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, Here Thy seed is du - ly sown;



Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for Him who an - swers prayer.
Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
Let my soul, where it is plant-ed, Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, Filled with sol-ace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter Thou, Let it be Thy tem-ple now!
So that all I hear may be Fruit-ful un - to life in me. A-men.

- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken, 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee,
Let me keep Thy gift divine, Let Thy will be done indeed;
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May I undisturbed draw near Thee
May Thy Word still o'er me shine While Thou dost Thy people feed.
As my guiding star through life, Here of life the fountain flows,
As my comfort in my strife. Here is balm for all our woes.

TLH 17 – Oh, Worship the King

Ps. 104
Robert Grant, 1883, alt.

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Hanover
"New Version," Supplement, 1708

1 Oh, wor - ship the King All glo - rious a - bove;
2 Oh, tell of His might, Oh, sing of His grace,
3 This earth, with its store Of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care What tongues can re - cite?

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love,
Whose robe is the light, Whose can - o - py space!
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r Hath found - ed of old,
It breathes in the air, It shines in the light,

Our Shield and De - fend - er, The An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath The deep thun - der - clouds form,
Hath stab - lished it fast By a change - less de - cree,
It streams from the hills, It de - scends to the plain,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor And gird - ed with praise!
And dark is His path On the wings of the storm.
And round it hath cast, Like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tils In the dew and the rain. A - men.

5 Frail children of dust
And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust
Nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender,
How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend!

6 O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to Thy praise.

TLH 30 – Oh, that I had a Thousand Voices

Ps. 126: 3

O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte

Johann Mentzer, 1704, cento

Tr., composite

9. 8. 9. 8. 8. 8.

O dass ich tausend

Johann B. König, 1738

1 Oh, that I had a thou-sand voic - es To praise my
 2 O all ye pow'rs that He im - plant-ed, A - rise, and
 3 Ye for - est leaves so green and ten - der, That dance for
 4 All crea-tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the

God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,
 si - lence keep no more; Put forth the strength that He hath grant-ed,
 joy in sum-mer air; Ye mead - ow grass-es, bright and slen - der;
 earth, the sea, and sky, Now join me in my heart's de - vo - tion,

Would then pro-claim in grate-ful songs To all, wher-ev - er
 Your no-blest work is to a - dore. O soul and bod - y,
 Ye flow'rs, so won-drous sweet and fair; Ye live to show His
 Help me to raise His prais-es high. My ut-most pow'rs can

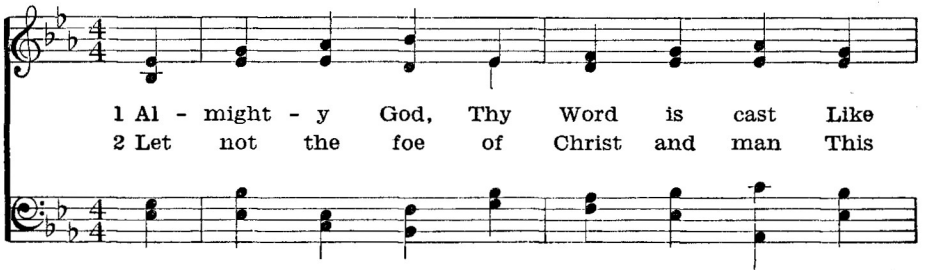
I might be, What great things God hath done for me.
 be ye meet With heart-felt praise your Lord to greet!
 praise a - lone, With me now make His glo - ry known.
 ne'er a - right De - clare the won - ders of His might. A - men.

TLH 49 – Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast

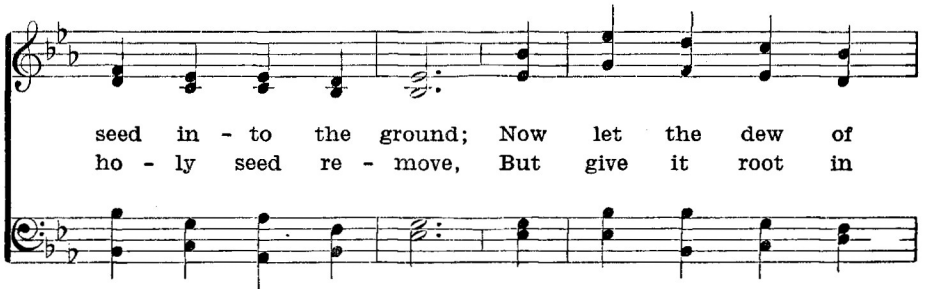
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Mark 4 : 3-9
John Cawood, 1819

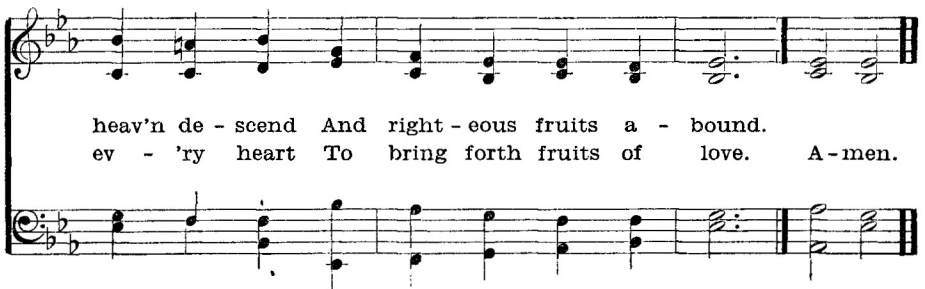
Dundee
"Scottish Psalter," 1615



1 Al - might - y God, Thy Word is cast Like
2 Let not the foe of Christ and man This



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in



heav'n de - scend And right - eous fruits a - bound.
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love. A - men.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.

4 Oft as the precious seed is sown,
Thy quickening grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving power may know.

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

OUR SCHEDULE:

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

*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran

June 13	9:00 am	Worship Service
June 14	6:30 pm	Mission Committee
June 20	9:00 am	Worship Service
June 24-27		CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI
June 27	9:00 am	Worship Service

KINSHIP COVID Aid: With the recent surge of COVID infections in Asia, our brothers and sisters in Christ in India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh are suffering as they struggle to stay healthy and provide for daily necessities due to the lockdown measures that are being strictly enforced. Both the CLCI and BELC report deaths of pastors and members. Also, Pastor Jyothi in India was hospitalized and was very near death. He was able to receive care in an ICU bed for a few weeks where he received life saving treatments while he was unconscious for several days. We thank our Savior that Jyothi has recently been released from the hospital and is staying with a relative near the hospital. He is currently receiving oxygen and injections to prevent blood clots. With all of this and more, the CLC Board of Missions and the KINSHIP Committee have decided to provide financial help to assist with humanitarian efforts and medical bills. Offerings to the KINSHIP General Fund will help with this effort to help those who are suffering in Asia at this time. Please remember our brethren in your prayers!

Spokesman and Daily Rest Renewals: It's time to renew or subscribe to the Lutheran Spokesman and Daily Rest devotional. The annual cost is \$15 for the Spokesman and \$14 for Daily Rest. Subscription sheets for each are on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Family VBS: This year's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 19-23. We're planning on doing things a little bit differently this year. We're planning on an evening Family VBS which will include Bible studies and activities for all ages. More details will be coming in the next few months. If you would be interested in helping out with teaching, crafts, games, snacks, or other activities, please let us know by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Christ's Explorers Camp, Aug. 12-15, in TN: Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church will be hosting Christ's Explorers Camp Thursday, August 12 - Sunday, August 15, in Pigeon Forge, TN! Registration is open to students entering grade 3-9 for the 2021-22 school year, registration limited to first 25 boys and 25 girls, and then a waiting list. Camp registration will be starting on Saturday, May 1, at 8am EDT (7am CDT). Please contact Sara Kloke for more details. Runsforfun@aol.com or 803-530-4424.

Men's Retreat: The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. ManUp! offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. You will also find additional information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past.

Branches Magazine: It's time to renew or subscribe. The Branches magazine is a publication designed and published by women of the CLC. It's time to renew, subscribe for the first time, or purchase gift subscriptions for others in your life who may benefit. Mother's Day, confirmations, and graduations are upon us! A subscription makes a great, year-long gift. \$15 for four, twenty-four page issues each year.

Women's Retreat West: Plans are being made for the 2021 Women's Retreat West. The dates are September 17-19, 2021, at Chadron State Park near Chadron, Nebraska. We will be sending out more information in the near future, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Colleen Kalblinger (womensretreatwest@gmail.com) or Candy Ohlmann (ocandice@hotmail.com) We look forward to welcoming you back to Nebraska for a weekend of Christian inspiration, fun, and fellowship.

CLC Call News: Teacher Ann Sprengeler and Teacher Jessica Krueger have been called as co-principals for one year by Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI. They have accepted their calls. <> Greta Brown-Kempenaar has been called as music teacher and preschool aid for one year by Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI. <> Grace Lutheran, Valentine, NE has called Mrs. Vanessa Wales to teach 2-6 grades. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, WY.

FRUITS OF FAITH – June 6

Attendance: 55

<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary</i>		<i>Budgetary</i>	
\$2,867.00	LM General Budget (06/06)	\$344.00	CLC General Budget (06/06)
\$3,076.92	Weekly Need	\$461.54	Weekly Need
-\$209.92	-Under / +Over	-\$117.54	-Under / +Over
\$63,873.23	Year to Date Offerings	\$16,286.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$70,769.16	Year to Date Need	\$22,615.46	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$6,895.93	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$6,329.46	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary</i>	
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
\$40.00	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$10.00	LM M & I		Mission Development (MDF)
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$50.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
\$20.00	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
	LM Ladies Orphan Fund	\$25.00	Miscellaneous

Undesignated Memorial: \$20.00 given in memory of Rev. Elton Hallauer

CLC Financial Report - May

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2020	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 11 Months	Balance 5/31/2021
General Fund	0	882,795	956,712	1,005,950	- 73,917
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,251,961	1,196,371	1,263,295	55,590
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	201,448	35,634	126,949		110,133
ILC Building Projects	14,542	2,169,861	1,094,046		1,090,357
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	84,054	214,337	185,398		112,993
Kinship	86,093	184,723	119,916		150,900
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,914,371	2,068,712	478,177		3,504,906
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	84,280	137,944	109,939		112,285
Reserve Fund	294,092	4,575	0		298,667
Total	\$2,678,880	\$4,815,786	\$2,114,425		\$5,380,241

General Fund – May offerings: \$75,475 vs disbursements: \$93,875, resulted in a net shortfall for the month of \$18,400, increasing the General Fund deficit to -\$73,917. Offerings to date are short of our CBP estimated revenue by \$123,155, but YTD disbursements are \$49,238 less than estimated expenses. The four Boards (Missions, Trustees, Regents, & Ed Pub) appear to be on track to close the fiscal year under budget. And we have been blessed with a Reserve from previous years of the Lord's abundant blessings.

ILC Operations – May revenue: \$91,658 (incl \$49,500 subsidy) vs disbursements: \$116,151, but still maintaining a substantial balance of \$55,590 in this last month of the fiscal year ending June 30. YTD ILC disbursements are \$66,924 less than YTD budgeted expenses.

ILC Building Projects – May offerings: \$1,660 vs disbursements of \$10,847 for the design fees & drawings for the proposed new gym. May earnings (Div/Int) were \$1,463 (YTD \$61,057). The 2021 Convention Prospectus (pp 93-105) contains footprints & renderings of the multi-level facility.

CEF – May revenue: \$21,546 (\$40 offerings, \$21,506 CEF loan payments) vs disbursements: \$15,873 (incl \$12,000 note repayment). The Trustees have funded CEF loans to 2 congregations this fiscal year, totaling \$200,000, and approved CEF building loans for 2 others totaling \$1.58 million.

MDF – May offerings: \$7,540 vs disbursements: \$37,585, which includes \$24,620 for new building construction & church building improvement grants.

SAF – May receipts: \$6,496 (SAF loan payments/gifts) vs disbursed: \$4,659 (May STU loans/grants).

ILC PMPG – Public Ministry Prep Grants: YTD earnings: \$46,483. grants this school year: \$32,400. (Note: Since unrealized capital gains can fluctuate (+ or -) each month, those portfolio gains & balances will be reported periodically & separately from the realized earnings from dividends & interest reported each month.)

Kinship – Sponsors/Offerings: \$7,540 vs disbursements: \$19,790 (Orphans & Sem students).

Investment Accounts Growth since 7/1/20: **ILC Bldg Projects**: \$79,459 to \$1,108,717. **SAF Endowment** (PMP, SAF, Scholarship Fund): \$159,818 to \$3,538,434. **Investment Pool** (CEF, CLC Foundation, IIF, Reserve Fund): \$1,461,796 to \$3,792,314. Growth of these accounts is mainly from unrealized capital gains, earnings (dividends & interest), & revenue from CEF & SAF loan repayments, less disbursements for new loans from the CEF & SAF, and realized earnings for the purposes of each fund. *“Bring ye in all the tithes and offerings... and I shall pour you out a blessing...”*

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees