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PASTOR: This ends our Old Testament Reading.
Blessed are they that hear the Word of God
and keep it. Hallelujah!

CONGR: (sing) *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

PASTOR: The New Testament reading is from John
chapter 1, beginning with the 1st verse.

CONGR: (sing) *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

New Testament Reading

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PASTOR: This ends the New Testament Reading

CONGR: (sing) *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who procedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Hymn 767

THE SERMON

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. 15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened;

that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Theme: "FAITH SEES THE GLORY OF GOD'S GRACE"

- I. That He loves us from eternity
- II. That He adopted us as His own
- III. That He gives us His Word

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

(Hymnal, pages 12-13) (sing)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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.

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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

PASTOR: Having now heard the Word of God, I invite the congregation to kneel or stand and make confession of your sins.
(kneelers are available under the pews on the right side of church)

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

PASTOR: If this is your sincere confession, then answer by saying "yes."
CONGR: Yes.

PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Arise now in peace. Let us continue our Communion service.

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. (Hymnal p. 24-25)

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.
CONGR: (sing) ***And with thy spirit.***

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.
CONGR: (sing) ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

PASTOR: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
CONGR: (sing) ***It is meet and right so to do.***

PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!" (Hymnal, page 26)

CONG: (sing) ***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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;

CONG: (sing) For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor)

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Take, drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

CONGR: (sing) Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross. (Hymnal, page 28)

CONGR: (sing)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Those who are members here at Luther Memorial or are members of a sister church in the CLC and have announced their intention to

partake of the Lord's Supper may now come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers.

A special note to our visitors: The Bible tells us to be "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Holy Communion is therefore both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. For this reason we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

Hymn(s) sung during the Distribution: 305 & 306

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

*Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)
(Hymnal, page 29)*

CONGR: (sing) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PASTOR: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

CONGR: (sing) And His mercy endureth forever.

PASTOR: (Prayer)

CONGR: (sing) Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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

PASTOR: 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.

CONGR: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Closing Hymn (standing) 365:1

*** *Silent Prayer* ***

Announcements

Ushers dismiss by row

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

RESIGNING FROM THE TEACHING MINISTRY Mrs. Karen Strike, our middle grades teacher, has announced her retirement effective the end of this school year. A letter will be read following service.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WED: 9:00 am Women's Bible Reading

SUN: 11:00 Un-decorating the Church

TV CHURCH – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 19
Tuesday at noon, Friday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 3:30 pm.

JANUARY CALENDAR CORRECTION Please note that our LM Services at the Lutheran Home will be on the 13th and the 27th.

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ANNUAL MEETING All the voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this important meeting on Sunday, January 18, 2009 beginning at 1:00 pm. Please plan on joining us!

SERVING THE LORD The Church Council is seeking eligible and willing men of the congregation to be nominated for the Church Council for 2009. Please speak with President Jim Fillmore.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED With the snow season upon us, we are seeking volunteers to clear the sidewalks and entryways of our church and school. Snow blowers and shovels are provided. If no one signs up, we'll have to hire it out. Thanks for your consideration.

GYM NIGHT Scheduled for this Friday, January 9, 7:30–8:30 pm.

GRADESCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT The 23rd Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Friday-Sunday, March 13-15, 2009. Congregations/schools sponsoring teams are asked to register their teams (number of teams) to Ted Quade no later than January 15, 2009. Rosters and other information will be due February 1, 2009. Other information regarding the tournament can be found at www.CLClutheran.net/tourney.

CLC 50th ANNIVERSARY MUSIC Calling all musicians and poets of the CLC. 2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the CLC. One of the convention directives is to arrange for special music for the 2010 anniversary, especially "to invite musical submissions from our church body as a whole." Therefore we are inviting members of the CLC to write music or lyrics or both to enhance our celebration. The convention chose the overall theme: "Our Jubilee in Christ: Redemption for the past, Hope for the future." We want to recognize God's amazing grace in forgiving all our sins and failures of the past 50 years and still blessing us richly. We also look to Him for strength for the years to come. Text information for the special services can be found in the Convention Proceedings. Music and lyrics may be sent to the Anniversary Celebration Committee, c/o Dave Reim (chairman), 1503 Pottery Rd. Vernon, B.C. V1T 3W6 Canada Or e-mailed to him at, "Reimtime@shaw.ca" Submissions will be collected and suitable songs and hymns will be made available for use in the special services and throughout the anniversary year. The deadline for submissions will be the fall of 2009.

WOMEN'S INVITATION The Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored annually by our sister congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, is being held Friday through Sunday, April 17-19 at Days Inn Hotel & Conference Center in La Crosse, WI. All the

women of Luther Memorial are ask to consider attending this spiritually uplifting event. More info and registration is available in the orange flyer by the registry table. This year's theme: **Isaiah 45:5-7 I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.**

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 1 Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, David Dexter, Sam N., Tom N., Larry Stubbs. Organist Adrienne
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 2 Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Adam J. Organist: Rhoda Eserhut

FUNDS TO REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS
 General Budget; Missions, LM Building Fund; Student Aid Fund; Academic Center Fund (ILC). Other synod and local funds are listed on the bulletin board. Envelopes are available on the registry table.

LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD Attend: XEve 248; XDay 115; Sunday 150; NYEve 69
(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)

Budgetary	weekly	for the fiscal year	
Received	13,807		\$189,010
Non-budgetary			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$55	balance	\$3,919
Debt Retirement Fund	\$25	balance	\$500
LM Building Fund	\$100	mortgage	\$32,865
LM Student Aid Fund	\$120		
<i>\$50 given in memory of Myron (Sam) Immel; \$50 given in memory of George(Bud) & Mildred Key</i>			
Missions (CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)			
Budgetary	weekly	year to date	
Received	\$1,090	\$24,237	
Non-budgetary			
CLCI Orphanage	\$70		
ILC Building Fund	\$155		

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the

**hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints” Eph. 1:18
 LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

STRIVES TO BE . . .

- + A Church which keeps foremost the purpose to proclaim, preserve, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- + A Church which values faithfulness to the Word of God above the size and outward success of its membership
- + A Church which recognizes but one Master in all matters of faith, the God-man Christ Jesus, our Savior
- + A Church which promotes true Christian unity by both proclaiming the Gospel and by identifying error
- + A Church which backs its commitment to Christian education by supporting its own Christian Day school
- + A Church which respects your privacy in the matter of Christian giving
- + A Church which refuses to become just another political pressure group
- + A Church which seeks people to serve the LORD

Welcome! The Pastor is ready to arrange special instruction classes for you and your family at your convenience so that you may be sure of eternal life.

Pastor Dave Naumann, 922-7421, ddnaumann@clclutheran.com

The Principal of the school is also ready to discuss with you what the Lord wants most for your children regarding a truly Christian education.

Principal Dave Bernthal, 922-7421, dbernthal@juno.com

Teacher Karen Strike

Teacher Amy Osborne

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. 62:1 For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns. 2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. 3 You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Through Isaiah the prophet the LORD promises to keep up His gracious work in the lives of His people – yours and mine. That's why we delight in praising God here in church and in our lives – He gives us a new name, a robe of righteousness, growth in faith and love, He gives us our whole salvation! We read...

New Testament Reading

John 1:1-18

The eternal Word, Jesus Christ, came among us. From the fullness of His grace we have received one blessing after another – rebirth, truth, light and life, to mention a few. We read...