



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

CLC - Church of the Lutheran Confession

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10:00 am Service Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2009

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 27 (front of the hymnal p. 109)

The Hymns: 64, 68, 127:3, 702, 72:4

Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, send Your Son into our hearts by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we, being strengthened by the Sun of Righteousness, may walk before You in fervent faith and all holy obedience. Watch over our little flock, and by faith make us ready at all times for the second coming of Your Son. Forgive us our sins, strengthen our faith, and renew in us a rejoicing spirit in our Advent and Christmas worship. In Jesus Name, Amen..

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 64

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, page 5 – Congregation Stands)*

PASTOR In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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

PASTOR Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) Who made heaven and earth

PASTOR I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

CONGR. (sing) Amen. *(congregation is seated)*

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: Rejoice in the Lord always:

C: And again I say, Rejoice!

P: Let your moderation be known to all men:

C: The Lord is at hand.

P: Be careful for nothing: but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

C: Let your requests be made known to God.

P: Lord, You have been favorable to Your land:

C: You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)

CONGR. (sing) 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.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal page 7 - sing)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the highest" (Hymnal page 7 - sing)

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world. Receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGR. (sing) And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

PASTOR Let us pray.

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 9:2-7 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. 5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire. 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: You who dwell between the Cherubim, shine forth:

C: Stir up Your strength and come.

P: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel:

C: You who leads Joseph like a flock. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Stir up Your strength:

C: And come and save us. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading comes from Luke chapter 1, beginning there in the 68th verse.

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

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Luke 1:68-79 "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, 69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, 70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began, 71 That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us, 72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, 73 The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: 74 To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. 76 "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, 77 To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, 78 Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; 79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading.

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

Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 68

THE SERMON

Hebrews 2:9-11 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.

Advent Theme:

"CHRIST COMPARED WITH OLD TESTAMENT HEROES"

"Christ, Our Captain, Compared with Joshua"

- I. Both called and commissioned by God to lead His people
- II. Both saved God's people from their enemies
- III. Both brought God's people into the Promised Land

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. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 127:3:

**As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

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.

Hymn 702

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of 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 72:4 (standing)

*** *Silent Prayer* ***

Verbal Announcements --- Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

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

WITH THE LORD John Dauterman was called to his eternal reward in Christ Jesus early Saturday morning. John had suffered a broken vertebrae in his neck after falling at home a week ago. May the LORD comfort John's wife, Ruth, his family, and all of his spiritual family here at Luther Memorial Church with the sure promises of the resurrection and life everlasting through Christ Jesus our Savior. The specifics of the Funeral/Victory service will be announced.

But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God. My times are in Your hand." Psalms 31:14-15

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES Please be encouraged to get your share of Advent blessings from Jesus Christ by attending our third and final midweek service this Wednesday. Your Savior and I will be looking for you – please come!

CAROLING NEXT SUNDAY Beginning at 2:00 pm. Once again this year we plan on singing some Christmas favorites to our shut-ins. All are welcome, young and old, just bring your voice! Bring the whole family and make some blessed memories for your children. Following that the Steve and Jodimae Seibel family have invited all carolers to an after-caroling dinner at their home – "All Things Mexican!"

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Thanks to all who were able to help decorate our church following service last week. Beautifully done!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUE 6:30 pm Church Council
WED 8:45 – 9:30 am Women's Bible Reading
10:00 am Third Midweek Advent Morning Service
7:00 pm Third Midweek Advent Evening Service
THU 4:30-6:00 Non Day School Confirmation
FRI 1/2 day of School
7:30 pm ILC Concert at Messiah Church, Eau Claire, WI
SUN 9:00 – 9:45 am Children's Christmas Eve practice
TV CHURCH – Today's Service 'replayed on Cable TV Channel 21
Tuesday at noon, Wednesday at 4:00 pm

NO BUS THIS YEAR If you need a ride or can offer a ride to the ILC Christmas Concert in Eau Claire, WI, this Friday beginning at 7:30 pm please see the sign up sheet on the south bulletin board.

CHILDREN'S PRACTICE FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Next Sunday is our final practice 9:00-9:45 am. Parents, please go over your children's memory work in verse and hymns at home. If you need an extra copy of the service, speak with Miss Meyer of Pastor. May the Lord bless us all once again with the message of our Savior's birth!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC ON CHRISTMAS EVE If you'd like to play an instrumental to enhance the Christmas Eve service, please sign up on the bulletin board. The time reserved is 5:30 – 6:00 pm.

GYM NIGHT This year we are renting Theisen Gym for one hour, 7:00 – 8:00 pm Fridays on the following dates. December 11; January 8, 15, 22 and 29. Our young people will be practicing for the upcoming Grade School Basketball tournament next March. There is usually an adult volley ball game going on. The whole congregation is invited. As always, a basket for donations will be set out to help cover the rental fee. Please bring balls, Frisbees, and anything else with which kids (and adults) of all sizes can have fun and exercise! We are blessed with both of these:

“For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.” 1 Timothy 4:8

CHRISTMAS BOXES Your gifts of money to our Luther Memorial Called Workers, our Immanuel Lutheran College Professor Gift Boxes, and also our CLC Foreign Missionary can be put in the appropriate boxes in the back of the church.

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.

THE 25TH ANNUAL GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, Friday through Sunday, March 12-14, 2010. CLC congregations and schools interested in having teams participate in this tournament must

register their teams with the directors no later than February 1, 2010. Teams from Markesan, Mankato, Inver Grove Heights, and Eau Claire participated in the first tournament held at Immanuel Lutheran College March 1986. Since those first games, thousands of fifth through eighth graders with their families have made the trek to Eau Claire to experience Immanuel Lutheran College, enjoy Christian fellowship, and play basketball. Organized by Don Brandt and Pastor Dave Schierenbeck, the tournament has grown from eight games to thirty-nine games over a weekend. Teams from California, Arizona, the Rocky Mountain region, the Great Plains, South Carolina, and the Midwest as well as friends and relatives from all over have braved all kinds of early spring weather and travel conditions to be part of this yearly event. Individuals having photographs and other memorabilia from the previous tournaments are encouraged to share them during the 2010 tournament. Other suggestions as to how to mark this milestone in history should be directed to the tournament directors as soon as possible. May the Lord continue to bless this fellowship gathering for many years to come.

--Tournament directors,

Mark Kranz, Ted Quade

Information may be found online at www.clclutheran.net/tourney It is suggested that hotel reservations be made soon!

GIFT IDEA FROM THE REV. DALE REDLIN, MANKATO, MN

“Friends in Christ, Two books that I recently published may be of interest to you personally or as gifts. Members of your congregation may find them interesting and helpful. With the joyous season of Christmas fast approaching and since a few orders for books for gifts have already arrived, I felt it might be good to bring these recently published offerings to your attention.

1. "Poems of Prayer & Praise" is a book of original poetry written by me over the course of a number of my years in the public ministry. This is not poetry with difficult language and veiled meanings. These poems were written to communicate the truth of God's Word in a simple understandable fashion. Subjects such as God's creation, salvation, prayer, His seven last words, love, marriage etc. are dealt with in a devotional manner with appropriate Bible verses and short prayers. 40 pages of this 125 page, 7X10 book are devoted to emphasizing the true meaning of Christmas. Many have found this section particularly useful this time of the year. Cover, artwork and design are by Matthew Schaser. This volume has been well received by pastors of various Christian denominations as well as many lay people. Praise the Lord! \$10.00 plus postage (8 or more copies postage free)

2. "It Takes Cow Chips to Make Dinner" is a book of 25 short stories (Episodes) gleaned from the many interesting happenings and people that impacted on my life growing up in the 30's and 40's in rural South Dakota. Many readers have responded positively to this writing. It is about real happenings, and real people in a real but very different time. It is an eye opener as to "how things used to be." But there was joy and stability in our faith and neighborly concern and helpfulness. The first printing of 1000 is about gone. The second printing is in the works. Illustrations are by Abby Matzke. \$8.00 plus postage (8 or more copies postage free) Order from: L. Dale Redlin 225 Crystal Circle, Mankato, MN 56001 Email: hope-dale@juno.com

TO BE OR NOT TO BE 'LUTHERAN'

Reading through some recent literature from the Lutheran World Federation gives joy and sorrow. It is a joy to see the Lutheran church in Ethiopia increase in numbers by 2.9% to 5,012,486. It is sad to see the European Lutherans decline by 200,000 and the North American Lutherans by 100,000. But it is even sadder to see the LWF spouting their nonsense on unionism, women pastors, social gospel and 'greening' work. We have to thank our dear Lord that He has preserved us with the precious truth of the Word that we don't vitiate our message with the tripe that they do. What is now the CLC of Myanmar previously had made application to the LWF for membership. Fellowship is a wonderful thing and intensely so when facing persecution as they are in Myanmar. The present church withdrew their application to the LWF and is pursuing fellowship with the CLC. The LWF still sends its invitations to meetings to the CLCM, even though they have told them they are not interested. --- Foreign Missionary Dave Koenig in India

CLC NEWS <>The Rev. Bruce Naumann, Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN, has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Due to his new call, Rev. Naumann has resigned as Chairman of the CLC Board of Missions. <> The Rev. Philip Matzke, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI.

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 2 Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Tom N. Organist Rhoda E.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES Available Ushers. Organist Adrienne

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist Adrienne.

TO THE LORD –THANKSGIVING & NOV 29 *Thanksgiving 155; Nov. 29 168*
(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)

Budgetary	weekly (\$4,327 needed)	For the fiscal year
Received	\$5,547	\$176,603
<i>(\$2,368 Thanksgiving offering – total \$2958)</i>		

Non-budgetary

Maintenance & Improvement	\$20	balance	\$3,802
Debt Retirement Fund	\$60	balance	\$557
LM Building Fund	\$0	mortgage	\$25,849
Undesignated Memorial	\$10		
<i>(given in memory of the Rev. Bertram Naumann)</i>			

Missions (CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)

Budgetary	weekly	year to date
Received	\$922	\$20,599
<i>(\$5 given in memory of David Osborne)</i>		

Non-budgetary

India Orphanage Fund	\$61.07
India Relief Fund	\$55
Pastor McKenny Fund	\$482

TO THE LORD – MIDWEEK ADVENT & DEC 6

Midweek 76 & 14; Dec. 6 133

(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)

Budgetary	weekly (\$4,327 needed)	For the fiscal year
Received	\$3,874	\$180,477

Non-budgetary

Maintenance & Improvement	\$200	balance	\$4,002
Debt Retirement Fund	\$50	balance	\$607
LM Building Fund	\$150	mortgage	\$25,699

Missions (CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)

Budgetary	weekly	year to date
Received	\$813	\$21,412

Non-budgetary

India Orphanage Fund	\$10
ILC Building Fund	\$105
Pastor McKenny Fund	\$32

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"You also be patient. Establish your hearts,
for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

James 5:8

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The Old Testament Reading for 3rd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 9:2-7

In these verses, the Prophet Isaiah gives us a preview of our Champion, Jesus Christ, who brings us deliverance! We read...

The New Testament Reading

Luke 1:68-79

In these verses, Zecharius, after the birth of his son John the Baptist, gives a song of praise to God for His Mercy in sending the Messiah, the Savior of ALL nations. We read...