



Welcome to
LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH
AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

Church of the Lutheran Confession
134 21st Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
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10:00 am Service
Pastor Dave Naumann
Teacher Amy Osborne

Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am
Principal Dave Bernthal
Teacher Karen Strike

2ND SUNDAY IN EASTER

APRIL 19, 2009

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 116 front of hymnal p. 148
The Hymns: (insert – Seek Him Not), 206, 732, 202:1

Prayer We pray to You, merciful God in heaven, give us faith, the true and living faith, which trusts in You and in Your Son Jesus, the Risen Christ, that we might have life through Him; then shall our souls be fortified with peace and courage in life and in death. Hear us for the sake of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bells – Opening Prayer

First Hymn (Insert) “Seek Him Not”

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 has 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: As newborn babes:

C: Desire the sincere milk of the Word.

P: Hear, O My people, and I will testify to You:

C: O Israel, if you will but listen to Me.

P: Sing aloud unto God, our Strength:

C: Make a joyful noise to the God 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.

First Bible Reading:

Acts 2:42-47 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

PASTOR Here ends the First Bible 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: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C: **Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.**

P: The angel of the Lord descended from heaven:

C: **And came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. Hallelujah!**

P: Remember how He spoke to you, Hallelujah!

C: **The Son of Man must be crucified and the third day rise again. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

CONGR. (sing) *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

PASTOR The 2nd Bible Reading is from John chapter 20, beginning there in the 19th verse.

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

New Testament Reading:

John 20:19-31 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His

disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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.

Second Hymn 206

THE SERMON

1 Peter 1:3-9 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now

you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy
inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith;
the salvation of your souls.

Theme: "FAITH'S LIVING HOPE"

- I. Our Inheritance in Jesus (3-5)
- II. Our Comfort in Jesus (6-7)
- III. Our goal in Jesus (8-9)

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 788:1:*

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

THE GENERAL PRAYER - (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.**

Congregation sings Hymn 732

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 (standing) 202:1

*** *Silent Prayer* ***

Verbal Announcements -- Ushers dismiss by row

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING Tuesday April 21, 6:30 pm.

TUE: 10:00 am LM Church Service at the Lutheran Home

TV CHURCH – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 19

Tuesday at noon and Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP Wednesday, April 29, Luther

Memorial School will be having its annual Kindergarten Round-up!

The event will be held in the morning 8:00 am to 10:45 am. The pre-schoolers will be able to sit in on a couple of classes with the Kindergarteners and see what next year will be like. This year's theme is "Race Cars". The children will enjoy many activities including patterning with cars and checkered flags, coloring race cars by numbers, and making a race car photo frame. Parents be sure to pack a snack for your child. If you know anyone who is interested in sending their child to our school, please give this information to them as well as Amy Osborne, Luther Memorial K-2 teacher. 906-3659

TEACHER KAREN STRIKE FAREWELL Sunday May 3, 11:30 am.

A program will be given followed by a luncheon. We will be serving guests, as many family members and friends have been invited, so please bring plenty of side dishes and deserts to pass. The Church Council has authorized a farewell "purse" to be collected in the model church. Cards and well wishes may also be placed there. Karen's husband, Ron, (Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds) will also be greatly missed. Please plan to join us for this celebration of God's blessings through our teacher Karen and her husband Ron!

75ER'S SPRING BANQUET Friday May 8, at 1:30 pm

SPRING MISSION FESTIVAL Sunday May 10th

CLC NEWS Living Word of Liberty, MO has called the Rev. Michael Gurath, Holy Cross Lutheran Phoenix AZ, to serve as pastor. On the same day that call was issued, Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich also called Michael Gurath to serve as pastor. >> Mrs. Gail Schaefer, Peace Thru Christ, Middleton WI, where she has taught for 8 years, will be retiring from the teaching ministry at the end of the school year. A retirement celebration/meal is planned for her following services on Sunday morning May 31. Service begins at 10:00 a.m. All are invited! >>Gethsemane of Saginaw, MI will be celebrating it's 50th anniversary on November 1 of this year with pastors Dave Schierenbeck and Mark Bernthal preaching. Service times are scheduled for 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on that day.

FROM MISSIONARY DAVE KOENIG IN INDIA

Pastoral Visitation in the BELC

We have started a visitation to all pastors district by district. This is with D. Paul as president, the district chairman, Ude and me. Naturally, we will visit each pastor to encourage him and say a prayer when there. The purposes also are: to encourage teaching his people the catechism, deal with any problems, assist the district chairmen in visits, get to know the pastors better and see in a family setting, check out the worship site or church building, update statistics of congregations, check up on medical problems and self-help loans and so on. This should help in our fellowship relationship. Including the Andamans this means that by the end of this year we should visit most of the 491 pastors with the district chairmen and/or president. This is not counting the 15 new at Chittoor. We just finished the Sri Kalasti pastoral visitation, which was that we basically ate and drank our way across the district. Though the pastors are poor, they were very generous in giving us refreshments nearly everywhere. I was really looking forward to beginning the visitation and have not been disappointed. In my estimation it has been even more delightful and beneficial than I anticipated.

Profile of Koppedu District BELC They now have 32(26 in '08) men working in 34 stations. One of the men has three stations and the new men from MLBS are helping in congregations, which may then start preaching points. The men of the district are from

three groups: the original ones from Bas' training, the ones added in the district meetings for study and the MLBS graduates. There are 1920(1475 in '08) souls in congregations ranging from 12 to 362. The 362 is at Koppedu itself. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is in a sense a mother church. Eleven of the preachers live at Koppedu and came from the congregation. D. Paul is the pastor at Holy Trinity, district chairman and BELC President with a variety of other chores also. He has seven children which makes him the pastor with the most children in the district. We can only pray God gives him a long life of viability for His Work. Koppedu was one of the original districts way back when. It also has the largest building. You have to remember though that the congregations are for the most part small in numbers of members. Some other interesting notes follow. Nallatur with several new men now has four living there. Nagalapuram has six men living there. Satyavedu has Babu Victor preaching there and at two other places, a rather busy fellow. Puttur has Selva Raj there preaching. He is a primary school teacher and has been very active in trying to get things advanced. These two larger cities are important in trying to reach out beyond the village level. In land and buildings, since Koppedu is one of the original districts it is ahead. We helped to build 8 church buildings. Land has been purchased in Puttur town. In addition a congregation that joined from Alapakkam has a building. As to the self-help loans, through the visitation we find that a number of the loans have been used for other than business: a daughter gets married, a medical problem arises, a hut is replaced with something sturdier. While we would not agree with this use of the money, we can't control. And who are we to intervene and lambast. The fact remains though that if there is not repayment, there can be no more loans. A fact of life like the other matters. The goose that lays the golden eggs must be kept alive. There have also been some good business attempts: a couple men set up provisions stores, one got seven goats, another a cow (though if one of those beasts dies it is a problem all around). We have found that those who had a bit of land and put the money to cultivation generally lost money. One man in Sri Kalahasti put the money in the bank on fixed deposit and gets 9.5% interest. Sehr interresant nicht wahr? In Koppedu we found a couple of the men had bikes that were worn out, so I gave 3000 rupees and said to sell the bike for the balance. They need a good bike to go to their stations. We came across the usual medical needs and requests that work on one's heart. If a millionaire, we could take care of all, but since we are not... For Asirvadham and Swami Doss I

gave 7000 each for hernias in that part of the male body which the females do not have. Both men had been hesitant to go under the knife, but then decided to. Asirvadhram was spending 500-1000 rupees a month on pain pills. Matt through his brother's memorial fund is helping a young woman(Rajendiran's daughter) who is eight months pregnant facing a C section. And her husband has sent her home, because he does not have the money to pay for that, the scoundrel. This only adds to Rajendiran's list of concerns. --
Missionary David Koenig

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 4, Wayne Wischnefski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel Delarme. Organist Karen Strike
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 1, Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, David Dexter, Sam N., Larry Stubbs, Craig Youngerberg. Organist Rhoda E

LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD Attendance: MT – 86; GF – 105; Sun - 290
(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)

Budgetary	weekly (\$4,327 needed)	For the fiscal year
Received	\$11,446	\$59,869

Non-budgetary

Maintenance & Improvement	\$80	balance	\$2,528
Debt Retirement Fund	\$0	balance	\$466
LM Building Fund	\$1,050	mortgage	\$29,369
LM Student Aid	\$1,100		
2008 Deficit Fund	\$100		

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

Budgetary	weekly	year to date
Received	\$1,314	\$37,748

Non-budgetary

CLCI Orphanage	\$10
ILC Building Fund	\$5
Mission Development Fund	\$1

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

1 John 5:4, "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world; your faith."

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

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.

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First Bible Reading for 1st Sunday after Easter
Acts 2:42-47

These verses picture for us what following the Good News of our Risen Savior does for Christians. Our teachings, fellowship, communion and prayers continue with each other and God blesses us through them. We read...

Second Bible/ Reading:
John 20:19-31

You and I have been blessed – made forever happy through God's gift to us of our faith. The object of our faith is the Risen Jesus Christ. Through faith in Him we look beyond the troubles and doubts of this world to the glories and the certainty of the next. We read...