

*Greater love has no one than this,
Then to lay down one's life
for his friends.
You are My friends.
John 15:13-14*



Welcome Friends 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 Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am
Pastor Dave Naumann Principal Dave Bernthal
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5TH AFTER EASTER

MAY 17, 2009

(Rogate: The Savior assures the believers that their prayers are answered)

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 96 front of hymnal p. 144
The Hymns: 188, 209, 788:1, 751,

732:4

Prayer: O God the Holy Spirit, Who art One with the Father and the Son, we thank Thee that Thou hast begun in us Thy work of sanctification. Cause our faith to increase, and make us ever more zealous in good works. Clothed in our Savior's righteousness, exalt us and all believers to eternal life on the Last Day. We ask Thee to hear us for Jesus sake. Amen.

Bells – Opening Prayer

First Hymn 188

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: With the voice of singing you shall declare and tell this:

C: Utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!

P: The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob:

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands:

C: Sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.

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 17:22-31 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. 26 "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His

offspring.' 29 "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. 30 "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

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! Christ, who has redeemed us
with His blood:

C: **Is risen and has appeared to us. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: I came forth from the Father and am come into the world:

C: **Again, I leave the world and go to the Father. Hallelujah!**

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

PASTOR The 2nd Bible Reading is from John chapter 14, beginning there in the 15th verse.

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

Second Bible Reading:

John 14:15-21 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever; 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. 19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

PASTOR Here ends the Second Bible 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 209

THE SERMON

1 Peter 3:15-22 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us; baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

Theme: "FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF THE RISEN SAVIOR"

I. Always be ready to defend your hope (15-17)

II. See how Jesus makes your hope sure (18-22)

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.

Hymn 751

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) 732:4

*** Silent Prayer ***

Verbal Announcements -- Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUE: 10:00 am LM Church Service at the Lutheran Home
6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

WED: 9:00 am Women's Bible Reading

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE Thursday May 21, 10:00 am

LM SCHOOL PHUN NITE/GRADUATION Thu, May 21, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY: ILC Spring Concert, Messiah Church, Eau Claire, 7:30 pm

SUMMER SCHEDULE Begins next Sunday May 24, Service at 9:00

GREAT LAKES DELEGATE CONF. June 8-9 in Marquette, MI.

CLC PASTORAL CONFERENCE June 16-18 in Eau Claire, WI

TVBS IN MIDDLETON July 23-27

TV CHURCH – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 19
Tuesday at noon and Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE Please join us this Thursday as we assemble together to celebrate the Ascension of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. Service time is 10:00 am. (no evening service)

LUTHER MEMORIAL PHUN NITE/GRADUATION Please join us this Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 pm for an evening of fun and entertainment by our school children and faculty. Awards will be handed out and the recognition of graduates will take place. Refreshments will be served. All are invited and encouraged to attend!

2009 LM UPCOMING GRADUATES Graduating from the 8th grade: Miriam Bernthal, Jennifer Schwersinske. Graduating from Immanuel Lutheran High School: Hannah Bernthal, Tom Naumann. Graduating from our area local high schools: Jake Cutler, Crystin

Immel, Brittney Rademann. God's blessings to these and all our graduates!

50th ANNIVERSARY Luther Memorial Church will be celebrating it's 50th anniversary in March of 2010. The formal organization of the congregation took place on March 20, 1960. In our last Voters' Meeting, the "LM Sign Fund" was designated as our 50th anniversary fund and the congregation is encouraged to give their thank offerings to the LORD for 50 years of His grace through this fund. Volunteers are needed to help arrange and organize our 50th anniversary festivities. Please speak with the Pastor if you'd like to help.

PICTURES OF THE 75ERS Please take a moment to look at the south bulletin board with the pictures of the May 8th 75er's spring party "Trip to the Circus". Thanks to Carla Kern for her wonderful photography and designs to help us all remember these events!

LM EAGLES YOUTH GROUP

- Sunday, June 7TH – Pie and Kraft sale for our congregation
- July & August – Camping and other fun things!

MOWERS NEEDED Volunteers are needed to mow the church grounds on a regular basis. We have two John Deere rider lawn mowers. Please speak with Wayne Wischneski – 921-2113.

TVBS Our congregation has offered to help the Traveling Vacation Bible School program this summer by helping the congregation of Middleton, WI, with distributing flyers advertising their week of VBS. More details will be coming. If you'd like to help, please speak with the pastor.

OLD TROPHIES NEEDED Kara Stump, youth camp councilor, is seeking old trophies to be donated for use at summer youth camp. If you have any to give, please bring them in to be recycled for camp awards. Just leave them in the south entryway. Thank you!

REPORTS AVAILABLE IN HALLWAY Copies of the last Voters' Meeting, Church Council Meeting, and CLC Coordinating Council Meeting are available in the hallway. Help yourself. Also, the CLC Coordinating Council report is available online: www.CLClutheran.net (Under the DOCUMENTS tab).

WHY A CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL FOR OUR CHILDREN

1. A Christian Day School can assist parents to provide the answer to the question "How can I be saved?" Jesus says: "I am the Way."
2. The Christian Day School assists the congregation of believers to carry out the responsibility to teach children the Word of God. "Feed My lambs."
3. The Christian Day School uses God's Word to give God's perspective to all subjects generally taught in schools. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Science must begin with the knowledge that God is the Creator and Preserver of the universe. Math is used to promote wise stewardship of our God-given goods and property. History is the record of how God guides the destinies of men and nations.
4. The Christian Day School makes the love of God the basis and motive in training character. "If you love Me, keep My commandments."
5. The Christian Day School can spend the proper amount of time to the "one thing needful" - God's Word.

CLC NEWS >>Redeemer Lutheran, Bowdle and Zion Lutheran, Ipswich SD, have called the Rev. Mark Gullerud, Eau Claire WI. >>The Rev. Rick Grams of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN has resigned from the public ministry due to health issues. >> Berea of Inver Grove heights, MN, has moved up its summer service schedule (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend) from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m..... Regular Sunday Exploratory Services are beginning in the SW Twin Cities Metro area (served by area CLC Pastors and Professors) on May 31. These will be held in Eden Prairie at 9:00 a.m. also at the Albin Chapel, 6855 Rowland Road. For directions or further information, please contact either pastor David Schierenbeck or Pastor John Hein. >> Faith Lutheran Church of Coloma is celebrating 50 years of the blessings of God's grace in two special services on Sunday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., respectively. We'd be delighted if you could join us in

worship of the Lord on this day. After the service a potluck meal will be served. For meal planning purposes, we would appreciate an RSVP from anyone who is intending to come. Thank you. Pastor Tom Schuetze.

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 4, Wayne Wischneski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel Delarme. Organist Rhoda E

ASCENSION SERVICE: Available Ushers. Organist Adrienne F.

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 - 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 \$3,102 \$71,650

Non-budgetary

Maintenance & Improvement \$115 balance \$2,910

Debt Retirement Fund \$10 balance \$874

LM Building Fund \$50 mortgage \$29,219

LM Student Aid Fund \$50

(given in memory of Helen Fillmore and Dorothy Jacobs)

LM 50th Anniversary Sign Fund \$25

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

Budgetary weekly year to date

Received \$2,075 \$42,251

Non-budgetary

CLCI Orphanage \$10

ILC Building Fund \$2

ILC Student Aid Fund \$10

(given in memory of Prof. L.W. Schierenbeck)

Project Kinship \$150

ILC Improvement Fund \$20

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8
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 5th After Easter

Acts 17:22-31

In these verses we read of the Apostle Paul boldly among the very idolatrous people of Athens - a people who had so many false gods, they made an altar to the "unknown god" Lest they offend the one they hadn't thought up yet. Paul is a good example for each of us to always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us! We read..

Second Bible Reading

John 14:15-21

In these verses Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit. The LORD also comforts His disciples by assuring them that He will return for them. All the more reason for us to be faithful to Him! We read...