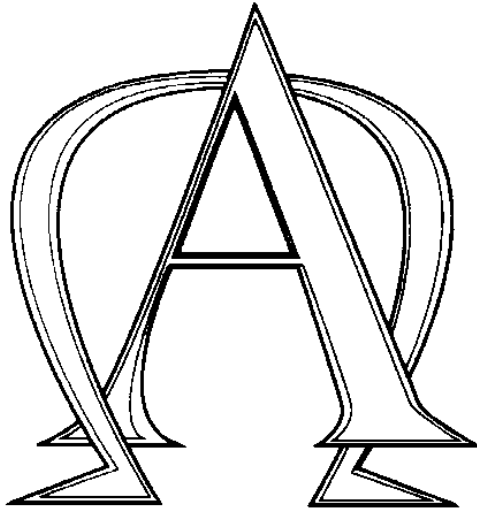


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6TH AFTER EASTER

MAY 24, 2009

(Exaudi: The Savior fills the hearts of the believers with expectancy of the Holy Spirit)

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 27 front of hymnal p. 129
The Hymns: 215, 289, 297,

370:1

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Son of the Most High, Who no longer dwellest on earth in lowliness and poverty, but art seated at the right hand of the Father, a mighty Lord over all things in heaven and on earth, filling and ruling all, we beseech Thee, send us Thy Holy Spirit, give us faithful ministers, endow them with Thy gifts and keep them in Thy Word, hinder satan and all tyrants, and mightily protect Thy kingdom on earth, until all enemies are laid at Thy feet, and we overcome sin, death, and all things. In Thy name, Amen.

Bells – Opening Prayer

First Hymn 215

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: Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice!

C: Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

P: When You said, "Seek My face,"

C: My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

P: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation:

C: Whom shall I fear?

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 32:14-20 Because the palaces will be forsaken, The bustling city will be deserted. The forts and towers will become lairs forever, A joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks; 15 Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is counted as a forest. 16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, And righteousness remain in the fruitful field. 17 The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. 18 My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places, 19 Though hail comes down on the forest, And the

city is brought low in humiliation. 20 Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, Who send out freely the feet of the ox and the donkey.

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: God reigns over the nations;

C: God sits on His holy throne. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

C: I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice! Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from 1 Peter chapter 4, beginning there in the 7th verse.

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

The New Testament Reading:

1 Peter 4:7-11 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. 8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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 289

THE SERMON

Matthew 5:20-26 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. 23 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. 26 "Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny."

Theme: "God Wants a Righteousness That's MORE!"

- I. ...That's more than the Pharisees supplied
- II. ...That's more than we can supply
- III. ...That's exactly what Jesus supplies!

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 441:1-2:

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

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 297

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) 370:1

*** Silent Prayer ***

Verbal Announcements -- Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

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

THANK YOU In the pastor's absence, we appreciate our laymen who are bringing us God's Word today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER SCHEDULE Sunday Service at 9:00 am.

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

LM VBS Camp-Out Weekend, Fri. July 31 and Sat. August 1.

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

2009 LM GRADUATES Graduated from the 8th grade: Miriam Bernthal, Jennifer Schwersinske. Graduated from Immanuel Lutheran High School: Hannah Bernthal, Tom Naumann. ILC College Graduate Sara Haensgen. 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.

LM EAGLES YOUTH GROUP

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL This summer a weekend camp-out is planned on the church grounds. On Friday July 31 and Saturday August 1 our young people will have the opportunity to learn five Bible lessons, participate in crafts, music, and other fun activities. Sunday August 2 will be an outdoor service followed by the annual picnic.

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).

CLC NEWS >>Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called the Rev. David Schaller, Dowagiac MI. >>Redeemer Lutheran, Bowdle and Zion Lutheran, Ipswich SD, have called the Rev. Mark Gullerud, Eau Claire WI. >>New Outreach Effort in the Twin Cities: Regular Sunday morning services will now be held in Eden Prairie, MN, as an outreach effort in the southwest area of the Twin Cities. Worship services will be held at 9:00 am beginning on May 31 at Albin Chapel, 6855 Rowland Road. For directions or any other

information, you may contact either Pastor David Schierenbeck (651.454.7689, berea-pastor@comcast.net) or Pastor John Hein (763.784.8784, jphein@clclutheran.com). You may also check out the website at <http://clclutheran.org/berea/MetroOutreach.htm>. As with all our CLC efforts, we pray that the Lord will richly bless the sowing of His Word. >> 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.

STRICT, or FAITHFUL? In course of our history as a church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, or of our individual congregations, it has been suggested by some from the outside that we are too strict. In the context of this characterization the meaning is that we are a church that is against everything. At the risk of sounding presumptuous to some, we emphatically declare that if we are "against" something, it is because we are "for" Christ. The fact is that if we say what we are for it is implicit that we are against the opposite. In response to those who think we are too strict we are not going to apologize for what we are and what we teach. Nevertheless we are ourselves going to ask a few questions.

- If God says that He is triune, and we insist on confessing that to the exclusion of identifying with those who deny the Trinity, are we too strict?
- If the Bible is the Word of God, and we believe the Bible are we too strict if we will not identify with those who do not know what the Bible is, or even worse, who reject its claim for itself?
- If we believe that the Word is eternal and is therefore timely in every age, are we too strict when we reject the idea that God's word changes with the times?
- If we believe that going beyond Scripture is as wicked as denying any part of Scripture, is that being too strict?
- If the Bible says that God created the world in 6 days, are we being too strict when we deny evolution in whole or in part?

- If God calls a certain thought, word, or deed, sin are we too strict to call sin what God calls sin?
- If we believe from Scripture that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, miraculously conceived by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, are we being too strict when we insist on believing and teaching what Scripture teaches?
- If we believe that all people are born in sin and are under the wrath of God unless delivered from death by the merits and substitutionary atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ, are we too strict?
- If we believe that we are saved by grace alone through faith in Christ without works as Scripture teaches, are we too strict in calling the teaching of salvation by grace through faith plus works contrary to Scripture?
- If we believe that he who believes and is baptized shall be saved and he who does not believe shall be damned, are we beyond Scripture?
- If we believe what Scripture teaches when we believe that there will be one judgment at the end at which time God will separate the believers in Christ from the unbelievers, are we too strict?
- If we believe that we are to live as people transformed by the Gospel rather than being conformed to the world are we too strict?
- If we believe that we are not to sit at the feet of false teachers, or that we are not to join in worship with, study with, or prayer with those who teach contrary to Scripture whether in the church or outside of it, in other words if we believe that we are to "avoid" false teachers and that we are not to lend credence or support to those who teach falsely, are we too strict?

- If we believe that we cannot be neutral in what we believe as compared to those who believe that compromise of faith is an acceptable way of life, are we too strict?

Enough! Finally, we will not be dissuaded by what people think. Rather, let those who think we are too strict prove their assertion from Scripture! We maintain and shall continue to do so that as Christ believers it is our duty, yea, our privilege to speak up in defense of what we believe. With the exception of those who know nothing for sure, no one is to be pitied more than those who once knowing the truth have lost it, and who in their loss equate faithfulness to the Word with being too strict!

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 1 Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, David Dexter, Sam N., Larry Stubbs, Craig Y. Organist Adrienne F.

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 2 Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Tom N. 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	\$2,814		\$74,464
Non-budgetary			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$100	balance	\$1,562
Debt Retirement Fund	\$0	balance	\$874
LM Building Fund	\$50	mortgage	\$29,169
2008 Deficit Fund	\$120		
Missions (CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)			
Budgetary	weekly	year to date	
Received	\$1,187		\$43,438
<i>(\$10 given in memory of Ella Eserhut)</i>			
Non-budgetary			
CLCI Orphanage	\$10		
ILC Building Fund	\$5		

which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

1 Peter 4:7-8 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

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Old Testament Reading for 6th Sunday after Easter Isaiah 32:14-20

Can you define the word "righteousness"? Righteousness is the perfect keeping of God's holy Law. One sin enters in and you have unrighteousness across the board. In colorful picture language the LORD through the prophet Isaiah foretells of His Holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints, which rests in the righteousness of Christ. All of this has been revealed to us through His Holy Spirit who has been poured out in our hearts. We read...

New Testament Reading 1 Peter 4:7-11

By faith we know Jesus Christ is our own personal righteousness before God. This Gospel message moves our hearts to apply the evangelical admonitions in these verses. Put simply, "have fervant love for each other..." We read...

