

# CREATION SUNDAY

Theme: LET ALL CREATION JOIN TO PRAISE



## Welcome to LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

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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**Preparation for Worship:** Read Psalm 8 front of hymnal p. 124  
The Hymns: 657, 43, 385, 23:1

*Prayer: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with every good and  
perfect gift. Prepare our hearts for this Creation Service so that just  
as the heavens declare Your glory, we also may declare Your praises  
in spirit and in truth. Hear us for the sake of Him who gave himself  
for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Bells

All Rise and join in the Psalmody  
p. 25 in the Worship Supplement

### Confession, Absolution, and Praise from the Forgiven

*Responsive Reading from the Psalms 19 & 32 & 104*

Pastor: Who can understand his errors?

**Congregation: Cleanse me from secret faults.**

P: Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;

**C: Let them not have dominion over me.**

P: Then I shall be blameless,

**C: And I shall be innocent of great transgression.**

P: I acknowledged my sin to You,

**C: And my iniquity I have not hidden.**

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

**C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Let the words of my mouth

**C: And the meditation of my heart**

P: Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD,

**C: My strength and my Redeemer.**

P: The heavens declare the glory of God;

**C: And the firmament shows His handiwork.**

P: Day unto day utters speech,

**C: And night unto night reveals knowledge.**

P: There is no speech nor language

**C: Where their voice is not heard.**

P: O LORD, how manifold are Your works!

**C: In wisdom You have made them all.**

P: The earth is full of Your possessions;

**C: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;**

P: May the LORD rejoice in His works.

**C: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;**

P: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!**

Hymn 657

## The Prayer of the Day – Pastor

### THE FIRST DAY OF CREATION – All Matter, Day & Night

Genesis 1:1-5 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

### Anthem by the Children "The Trees of the Field"

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy.

### THE SECOND DAY– The Sky Separating the Waters

Genesis 1:6-8 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under

the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

### Old Testament Reading

Job 38:1-18 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: 2 "Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? 3 Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. 4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth and issued from the womb; 9 When I made the clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band; 10 When I fixed My limit for it, And set bars and doors; 11 When I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!' 12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, And caused the dawn to know its place, 13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, And the wicked be shaken out of it? 14 It takes on form like clay under a seal, And stands out like a garment. 15 From the wicked their light is withheld, And the upraised arm is broken. 16 "Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths? 17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death? 18 Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this.

### THE THIRD DAY– Dry Land & Seas, Plants

Genesis 1:9-13 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

## Psalm 8 *(Responsive with Hymn 15)*

P: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

**C: Who have set Your glory above the heavens!**

**(all sing)** From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

**C: The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,**

P: What is man that You are mindful of him,

**C: And the son of man that You visit him?**

**(all sing)** Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy Word: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;

**C: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!**

## THE FOURTH DAY— Sun, Moon and Stars

Genesis 1:14-19 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

## A Confession of Faith

*Let us join in Hymn 39 & Martin Luther's Explanation to  
The First Article of the Apostle's Creed*

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

**(sing)** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy Health and Salvation!  
Join the full throng: Wake, harp and psalter and song;  
Sound forth in glad adoration!

"I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me."

**(sing)** Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

"God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land and animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil. God does this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it."

**(sing)** Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,  
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

"For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true."

**(sing)** Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## THE FIFTH DAY— Sea Creatures & Birds of the Air

20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

## New Testament Reading

Romans 8:19-25 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

## Hymn 43

### THE SIXTH DAY– All Animals & Mankind

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

## Children's Choir and Video Presentation of Hymn 744

### "How Great Thou Art"

## The Sermon

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

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## THE OFFERTORY

*(All 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 – Prayer -- The Lord's Prayer

### Communion Today begins with Confession and Absolution

**PASTOR:** Having now heard the Word of God, I invite the congregation to kneel or stand and make confession of your sins as printed in the service folder.

*(kneelers are available under the pews on the right side of church)*

**Pastor and Congregation:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

**Pastor:** Our Lord, after His death and resurrection, came to His disciples and gave them the authority to forgive sins in His name. As a called servant of Christ and of this congregation, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice in the resurrection of your Lord, for this is God's declaration to you that Jesus has atoned fully for all of your sins and that you are forgiven in the sight of God.

All sing "He is Arisen! Glorious Word!" Hymn 189  
He is arisen! Glorious word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heaven are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.  
Oh, hear - What cheer! - Christ victorious - Riseth glorious,  
Life He giveth -- He was dead, but see, He liveth!

### 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."

In the same way, He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it in remembrance of Me."  
The peace of the Lord be with you always! Amen.

All sing: (738:1)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

### THE DISTRIBUTION

**We practice "Close Communion" in an effort to remain faithful to God's Word. That means Communion today is for members only and those who are in fellowship with our synod, the Church of the Lutheran Confession. A special note to our dear visitors:** 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. The Bible teaches 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 our Pastor before communing. If you'd like to find out more, the Pastor would be happy to speak with you.

Hymn sung during the Distribution: 385

After the Distribution, all rise and sing a Thanksgiving:  
My heart has now become Your dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Your praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally.  
Lord, may Your body and Your blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

### A Blessing for You from the LORD of Creation

P: 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.

**C: (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### Closing Hymn 23:1 (standing)

Hallelujah! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring  
Our songs of adoration. To Him through everlasting days  
Be worship, honor, power, and praise,  
Whose hand sustains creation.  
Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy,--  
Spread the story Of our God, the Lord of Glory.

\*\*\* *Silent Prayer* \*\*\*

*Verbal Announcements -- Ushers dismiss by row*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*"If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." James 4:15*

**PASTOR NAUMANN RECEIVED A DIVINE CALL** Last Sunday the Holy Spirit led the congregations of St. John's in Clarkston, WA and Peace in Orofino, ID to extend the Divine Call to me for the second time this year. The first time was last January and I returned that Call the first part of February. Since then, those congregations have called two other pastors - the Rev. Joel Fleischer of Calvary in Marquette, MI and the Rev. Frank Gantt of Lemon, SD, both of whom also returned the Call. To help you understand the whole process, here is a brief Scriptural review of the Divine Call:

Our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, the LORD of the Church, provides Called servants:

**Ephesians 4:11-12 "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ"**

It is God the Holy Spirit Who places pastors.

**Acts 20:28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."**

**Romans 10:14-15 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"**

The Holy Spirit does this "mediately" - through assembled believers (congregation). At a Call meeting the Holy Spirit is always invoked for His will to be done:

**Acts 1:24-26 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry..." And they cast their lots (voted), and the lot (vote) fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.**

When a Called servant who is already working under a Divine Call receives another Divine Call, he/she prays that the Holy Spirit would lead him/her to a correct decision.

Getting the Divine Call twice, while unusual, is not unheard of. You may remember our own former Principal, Mark Kranz, received the Call to Immanuel Lutheran College, returned it, received it again and accepted it.

So, once again, I now have two Divine Calls to consider... the one from Luther Memorial congregation and this new one. What I must do first of all is pray. I certainly also request your prayers in my behalf. Please ask that the LORD give me an extra portion of faith and wisdom as I deliberate these two calls. These congregations have sent me a "Call letter" in which the spiritual needs of their congregations are laid out. Now, with much prayer and introspection and with the LORD's help, I will arrive at a decision based on where I may best serve the LORD with the talents He has given me. Either the Call is returned or accepted. If it is returned, nothing changes. If it is accepted, I would be leaving Luther Memorial Church. Typically this process takes from two to four weeks.

The primary reasons for accepting or returning a Call are always based on the spiritual needs of the congregations involved matched up with the talents and abilities of the individual Called. My main question: "Where can I best serve the LORD with the talents He has given me?"

Some things that are not considered in the deliberating process: salary, health, housing, etc. - any "mundane" or earthly factor. So, for instance, it would be wrong for me to stay or go because of the quality of housing. It would also be wrong for the members of either church to think or say: "He liked the house."

I know I can count on the members and friends of Luther Memorial to "put the best construction on everything" and "explain all his words and actions in the best possible way" as the Eighth Commandment directs us. I also know that I can count on your prayers in my behalf that the LORD's will be done in this matter.

Once again I solicit your prayers and comments. They are always helpful. The LORD be with you all! --Pastor Dave Naumann

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**TUE:** 6:30 pm Mother/Daughter Spring Banquet

**WED:** 9:00 am Women's Bible Reading

**FRI:** 1:30 pm 75er's Spring Party

**TV CHURCH** – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 21 Tuesday at noon and Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

**MAY CALENDAR CORRECTION** The Last ½ day of School and Pfun Night/Awards is Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. (NOT the 20<sup>th</sup>!)

**MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET** This year's theme: "Under Construction: Building on Christ." It all begins at 6:30 pm this Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the church basement. Ice cream and toppings will be provided for you to "construct" and "build" a sundae. If you have a unique favorite topping, please bring it! All daughters and mothers (and grandma's and aunts) are encouraged to attend. The school girls will be singing and playing piano during the evening.

**75ER'S SPRING BANQUET** Friday May 7, at 1:30 pm. Hosted by Jodimae Seibel, this year's theme is "Baseball." Sure to be a hit!

**SUNDAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>** Is the date scheduled to celebrate our Synod's 50th Anniversary. This celebration of 50 years of the LORD's love and grace toward the CLC – the Church of the Lutheran Confession will be marked with special liturgy and song. Today in your church mailbox a special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary envelope has been distributed. Please give this your prayerful attention and let the Gospel move you.

**BASEBALL OUTING** The Luther Memorial Young Adults have planned a trip to Appleton May 15<sup>th</sup> to see a Timber Rattlers baseball game. A pre-game tailgate cookout is planned. After the game Craig Youngerberg has invited everyone to His house in New London (nearby) for dessert and refreshments. Deadline for sign up is Sunday, May 2nd (today). Please see the bulletin board for new, pertinent information as well as signup sheet and contact information.

**ONE DELEGATE NEEDED** We still need one voting age man of the congregation to represent Luther Memorial Church at the Great Lakes Delegate Conference at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Coloma, Michigan (time: 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 7, through Noon Tuesday, June 8), and also to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the CLC in Eau Claire, WI June 21-25. Please speak to the Pastor if you would like to be considered for this important work of the LORD's Kingdom.

**CHURCH CLEANING** We're still looking for a couple volunteers to help clean the church sanctuary on a monthly basis. The months of July, August, September December still need to be filled. If you can help, take a look at the sign-up sheet or call Wayne Wischnefski, Chairman of Buildings and Grounds – 921-2113.

**CLC NEWS** <> St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston WA, and Peace Lutheran, Orofino ID, have called the Rev. David Naumann, Fond du Lac WI. <> Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, has called Mrs. Janelle Hein to

teach full time at its school. <> Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI has called the newly colloquized Richard Kanzenbach, Watertown SD. <> Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD, and Peace Lutheran, Mission SD, have called the Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, Hecla SD. <> Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called the Rev. Mark Gurath, Sioux Falls SD

**CLIMB THE SIGN** Progress of our LM Sign Fund is posted on the bulletin board in the form of a staircase. The Voters decided to get 90% funding before beginning. The total project cost is \$15,000. 90% is \$13,500. Currently \$12,139 has been given in cash and pledges. We need \$1,366 to begin the project. Together, let's keep climbing - we're almost to the top!

### **HOUSE FOR SALE NEAR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

Dear clergy and lay members of the CLC, Since ILC has more professorages than needed, after consultation with the ILC Regents, the CLC Board of Trustees resolved to sell the ILC professorage at 3854 Claymore Lane bordering the ILC NE campus for \$130,000.00. (formerly Prof. Schaller's house). This is a 1,988 square foot (1,288 upper/700 lower), split entry, bi-level home built in 1963, with a 2-car attached garage, with 3 BR & 2 BA. It has city water and a private septic system in the Corydon Park subdivision. Interested parties should contact CLC Treasurer James Sydow at 715-836-6622, during office hours, M-F, 9:00a-4:00p, or email him at [james.sydow@ilc.edu](mailto:james.sydow@ilc.edu) -- CLC Board of Trustees, James E. Sandeen, Sec.

**THE CLC, and the GREAT COMMISSION - (II):** As the Church of the Lutheran Confession embarks on a second half century, there comes to mind the word of the Lord: "**Commit your way unto the Lord; trust also in Him...**" (Psalm 37:5). It is not for us to try to read the future, but to turn our will, our future and our hope for ourselves as well as for our church body completely over and without reservation to Him. Committing our future to the Lord does not mean that we can drop out "because the Lord will look after it." When our Lord committed the exercise of His prophetic office to the apostles they took the charge seriously—they continued steadfastly in the doctrine, "And they went out and preached everywhere..." (Mark 16:20). As members of the A confessional Lutheran church body known as the Church of the Lutheran Confession—and this by God's grace and unmerited favor—we are to stand fast in the doctrine no less than did the apostles. Furthermore we are to be engaged in every facet of the work which the Lord has given to the Church in the world—a facet to which we as a faithful church body are called.

The Lord can make known His will for the salvation of the sinner miraculously and without means. However, He chooses to win hearts by working through the *means of grace*, the Gospel in word and sacrament. He has committed the means of grace to the Church, and has chosen to minister these means through His people who are to be bearers of the Word of

salvation to the entire world. To the accomplishment of His saving will our Father in Christ Jesus commands that His Word be taught faithfully. Whether His Word is spoken by an individual or whether it be the witness of the Church, it is to be spoken faithfully.

As members of Christ's Church who have been brought into the fellowship of a confessional church, we of the CLC have assumed a responsibility. By the power of the Spirit our fathers declared that they were committed to preach the Scriptures faithfully and to confess without reservation the doctrines of Scripture set forth in the Book of Concord of 1580. Only by such commitment could they justify the formulation of a new church body.

We recognize that with thanksgiving to the Lord 50 years later. But even as we do, we can do no less than to **recommit** ourselves in this generation to the cause that gave them purpose! We dare not adopt a laissez faire attitude. We dare not become indifferent in matters of faith, or become neglectful of the responsibility that He has laid upon us as His representatives on earth. We have asked the question many times. "Will there be a confessional church such as the CLC 10 years from now, to say nothing of 50 years from now?" and more pointedly, "Do we care?" Except that we know better: Though we know that whatever our Lord wills will serve to our good, a thousand woes upon us if we don't care!

Redeemed, caring children of God look forward to the heavenly inheritance purchased at the price of Christ's blood. Surely we will gladly commit and recommit ourselves to the Lord and His Word to the benefit of our own souls as well as for the welfare of the congregation and church body in which we are privileged to hear the Word of God proclaimed faithfully and regularly. We will manifest this commitment through prayer, faithful attendance at worship and sacrament, steadfast confession of the Word before the world, as well as through the financial support of our congregation as the Lord blesses us, and through financial and physical support toward those things that we have agreed upon as brethren within the church body.

**CLC MISSION CLEARING HOUSE** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Thank you, to the those of the CLC who have been able to respond to the needs in East Africa by donating books, computers, Spokesmans, cards and more for our work overseas. Last year we took a donated laptop to Arusha, Tanzania and left it with Pastor Jeremiah Issangya to assist with the work in the CLCEA. Another laptop was sent to India with Missionary Koenig to be used by one of our men in the BELC. Three boxes full of Bibles, Catechisms, Bible History books, Lutheran Spokesmans, and other Sunday School teaching aids were donated last year. These books were distributed throughout our districts in East Africa during the four week visit by Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (our part-time visiting missionary to East Africa) Mission Board member Larry Hansen, and Mission Helper Russ Schmidt last October. There is continuing need for more of these types of materials. Please keep in mind that monetary support for our CLC missions program is best directed to the CLC General Fund and/or the CLC Mission Development Fund, through your local offerings. This is an opportunity to assist our

overseas brethren through non-monetary contributions. Here are some books that have been received, and taken over in the past which have served well: Koehler's "A Summary of Christian Doctrine"; Mueller's "Christian Dogmatics"; Luther's Catechism (any version); Book of Concord (any kind); Bible History books (any kind); English Bibles (almost any version); Greek and Hebrew grammars and lexicons; Hebrew Old Testaments and Greek New Testaments; Sunday School teaching materials and VBS materials; Laptop computers. (laptops only because it is not cost effective to transport desktop computers) Note: We continue to emphasize translation work of the catechism and other doctrinal materials into the multitude of languages of the foreign fields where we are privileged to be working. If we can provide a computer to our translators and teachers, it saves time and money. Donated laptops are currently being used in India, Kenya, Tanzania, and the Congo and have been a real asset to the work in those countries. If you have a question about other resources which might also be useful, please send an e-mail to Pastor Nathanael Mayhew at [ndmayhew@juno.com](mailto:ndmayhew@juno.com).

-- CLC Board of Missions

**SERVICE TODAY** Usher Team 2 Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Tom N. Organist Rhoda E.  
**NEXT SUNDAY** Usher Team 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist Adrienne Fillmore

**LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD** Attendance: 113

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

<b>Budgetary</b>	<b>weekly (needed)</b>	<b>for the fiscal year</b>		
Received	\$2,728 (\$4,442)			\$66,754
<b>Non-budgetary</b>				
Maintenance & Improvement	\$55	balance		\$2,091
Debt Retirement Fund	\$7	balance		\$2,725
LM Building Fund	\$0	mortgage		\$21,402
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sign Fund	\$5	balance		\$9,139
<b>Missions</b> (CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)				
Budgetary	weekly	year to date		
Received	\$2,069			\$43,484
<b>Non-budgetary</b>				
ILC Building Fund		\$0		
India Orphanage		\$0		

## MEMORY VERSE

"For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day." Exodus 20:11

## **THE FIRST DAY OF CREATION – All Matter, Day & Night**

Genesis 1:1-5 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

**Anthem by the Children “The Trees of the Field”**

## **THE SECOND DAY– The Sky Separating the Waters**

Genesis 1:6-8 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

**Old Testament Reading**

## **THE THIRD DAY– Dry Land & Seas, Plants**

Genesis 1:9-13 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

**Psalms 8 (Responsive with Hymn 15)**

## **THE FOURTH DAY– Sun, Moon and Stars**

Genesis 1:14-19 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and

it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

## **THE FIFTH DAY– Sea Creatures & Birds of the Air**

20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

**New Testament Reading**

## **THE SIXTH DAY– All Animals & Mankind**

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

**Children’s Choir and Video Presentation of Hymn 744**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

## Prayer of the Day

Oh Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You commanded light to shine out of darkness and it was so. As we gather together around Your strong Word today to thank and praise You for Your marvelous Creation, send Your Holy Spirit to shine in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen

## Old Testament Reading for Creation Sunday

*Job 38:1-18 Education and intellect are gifts from God. But when we begin to use our intelligence against God, His creation quickly brings us up short. Job thought his life should have been different – God uses His creation to instill trust in His will and ways. We read...*

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: 2 "Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? 3 Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me. 4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone, 7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth and issued from the womb; 9 When I made the clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band; 10 When I fixed My limit for it, And set bars and doors; 11 When I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!' 12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, And caused the dawn to know its place, 13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, And the wicked be shaken out of it? 14 It takes on form like clay under a seal, And stands out like a garment. 15 From the wicked their light is withheld, And the upraised arm is broken. 16 "Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths? 17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death? 18 Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this.

THE THIRD DAY– Dry Land & Seas, Plants

## New Testament Reading

*Romans 8:19-25 Paul here reminds us of Christian hope – the rock solid absolutely sure conviction that God's Word is true. He uses God's creation as an example of the promises we get to look forward to IN HOPE! We read...*

The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

## Hymn 43