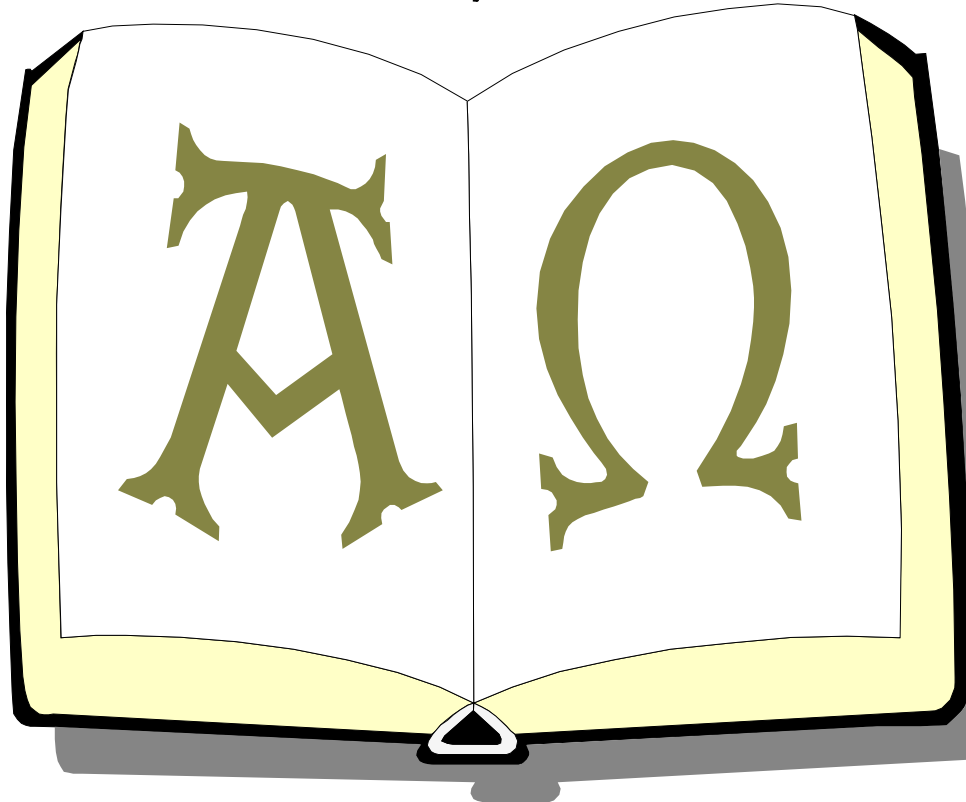


Guard My Word



Welcome Friends 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
Pastor Dave Naumann Principal Dave Bernthal
Teacher Amy Osborne Teacher Anita Meyer
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5TH AFTER EASTER

MAY 9, 2010

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

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 96 front of hymnal p. 144
The Hymns: 296, 284, 744, 283

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 296

THE INVOCATION

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

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

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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

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

CONGR. (sing) Who made heaven and earth.

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

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

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

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us

remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

THE INTROIT

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

P: 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 15:1-2, 22-29 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." 2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question. 22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren. 23 They wrote this letter by them: The apostles, the elders, and the brethren, To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings. 24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law"; to whom we gave no such commandment; 25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same

things by word of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

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 Revelation chapter 21, beginning there in the 10th verse.

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

Second Bible Reading:

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

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 284

THE SERMON

John 14:23-29 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. 25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. 29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

Theme: "GOD'S WORD: USE IT OR LOSE IT"

I: Love guards it. (23-24)

II: The Holy Spirit teaches it. (25-26)

III: The peace of Christ is found in it. (27)

IV: Your joy will be complete in it. (28-29)

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 744

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) 283

*** Silent Prayer ***

Verbal Announcements -- Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

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

PASTOR NAUMANN RECEIVED A DIVINE CALL from the dual parish of St. John's Lutheran in Clarkston, WA and Peace Lutheran in Orofino, ID. Divine calls are from God the Holy Spirit Who works through the congregation to send a called worker into His Kingdom work. Now the Pastor has two divine calls – the one from Luther Memorial Church and the one from St. John's and Peace. The main objective question is: "In which of the two places can the called servant best serve the LORD with the abilities the LORD has given him?" Your comments and prayers are requested that the Lord's will be done.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE THIS THURSDAY We've had many rather large celebrations here at Luther Memorial this year, the 50th, Confirmation, Easter, Spring Missions and others. So why plan an Ascension Day Service? Because this is the day our LORD JESUS celebrates His entrance into heaven and the taking His rightful position and place of all power and authority after having accomplished His entire work of redemption. Of all celebrations, even Christmas and Easter, ASCENSION DAY is THE day to gather together to worship and praise our Great LORD for His great love and accomplishments through our Ascended Savior Jesus Christ! Service time is 7:00 pm. Come and be filled with the blessings of Jesus.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUE: 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE Thursday May 21, 10:00 am

FRI: LM School Field Day in Markesan

SAT: Timber Ratters Baseball and tailgating

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

LM SCHOOL PHUN NITE/AWARDS Thu, May 20, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY May 21 ILC Spring Concert, Messiah, Eau Claire, 7:30 pm

SUMMER SCHEDULE Begins Sunday May 30, Service at 9:00

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

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 26 – 30, Monday – Friday

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

Thank God for mothers, young and old,
Who live today within Christ's fold;
Who pattern, as in days of yore,
The godly mothers, gone before,
Whose hands repose - complete their task.
Thank God for these! Then Lord, we ask,
Bless mothers who for us still pray.
Thank God for them this Mother's Day.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET Many thanks to our host Jodimae Seibel and to all those who helped with this fun filled evening for the mothers and daughters of our congregation. This year's theme was: "Under Construction: Building on Christ." Our faith was built up on God's Word, we constructed Ice Cream Sundaes and even tried our hand at a lego building competition. Thanks also to the school girls for their wonderful singing and playing piano during the evening.

75ER'S SPRING BANQUET It was a grand-slam homerun last Friday afternoon as the 75ers of the congregation gathered for their spring party. Hosted by Jodimae Seibel, this year's theme was "Baseball." With hotdogs for lunch (what else?) and munching popcorn, the 75ers reminisced about America's favorite pastime. We greatly appreciate all those involved

IN THE HOSPITAL THIS WEEK The prayers of the congregation arise for Gordon Jacobs who is to undergo heart bypass surgery tomorrow morning at Froedert Hospital in Milwaukee.
"He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation." Psalm 91:15-16

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 16TH 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.

SATURDAY BASEBALL OUTING The Luther Memorial Young Adults have planned a trip to Appleton 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. Play ball!

MAKE YOU THINK...

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
God grades on the cross, not the curve.
God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.
If the church wants a better pastor it only needs to pray for the one it has.
Some minds are like concrete - thoroughly mixed up and permanently set
Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.
We don't change the message, the message changes us.
The best mathematical equation ever:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

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 29th 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.

INVITATION CLC Women's Luncheon 2010 – Every two years when the CLC holds its Convention, the ladies of Messiah, Eau Claire

sponsor a CLC Women's Luncheon. This June, the luncheon will be on Wednesday, June 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on the campus of ILC. \$5 will cover the expenses for the lunch. The program will feature a historical tour of Ingram Hall, and an optional architectural tour of old town Eau Claire. To register, or for more information, please contact Lynette Roehl by email at lynette.roehl@ilc.edu, by phone at (715) 831-8306, or by mail at 509 Ingram Dr., Eau Claire, WI 54701.

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.

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 Wischnefski – 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. <> The Rev. Richard Kanzenbach, Watertown SD, has accepted the call to Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI. <> The Rev. Mark Gurath, Sioux Falls SD, has returned the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN. <> Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD, and Peace Lutheran, Mission SD, have called the Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, Hecla 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 -- CLC Board of Trustees, James E. Sandeen, Sec.

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.

■ CLC Board of Missions

DON'T THROW IT! Calling for all old, used BIBLES, HYMNALS, BIBLE HISTORIES, SUNDAY SCHOOL OR VBS MATERIALS, SPOKESMANS.....There will be a large plastic basket labeled MAYHEW at each church entrance into which they may be put. At convention time they will travel to ILC for the Rev. Mayhew to distribute in Africa when he goes there in fall. HERE'S mission work! LET'S DO IT!

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

- Motherhood is a partnership with God. **"For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD."** 1 Samuel 1:27-28
- Being a mother is one of the highest salaried jobs since the payment is pure love. **"...for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap."** Gal. 6:7
- A mother is a person who sees that there are only four pieces of pie for five persons and promptly remarks that she's never cared for pie. **"...It is more blessed to give than to receive."** Acts 20:35

- The best academy – a mother's knee. **"Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul."** Proverbs 29:17
- Mother means selfless devotion, limitless sacrifice, and love that passes understanding. **"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."** John 15:13
- The mother's love is like God's love; He loves us not because we are loveable, but because it is His nature to love, and because we are His children. **"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."** 1 John 4:10-11
- A mother is neither cocky, nor proud, because she knows the school principal may call at any minute to report that her child has just driven a motorcycle through the gymnasium. **"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."** Proverbs 27:1
- Mothers are like fine collectibles – as the years go by they increase in value. **"...do not despise your mother when she is old."** Proverbs 23:22
- Through the ages no nation has had a better friend than the mother who taught her child to pray. **"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."** Col. 4:2
- A man's work is from sun to sun, but a mother's work is never done. **"...her lamp does not go out by night."** Pro. 31:18
- Women should not have children after 35 – 35 children are enough. **"Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them."** Psalm 127:5
- If evolution really works, how come mothers have only two hands? **"A merry heart does good, like medicine."** Proverbs 17:22
- Man may have his will – but mother has her way.
- Many a man has kept straight because his mother bent her knees. **"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."** James 5:16

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist Adrienne Fillmore
ASCENSION DAY SERVICE Available Ushers. Organist Adrienne Fillmore
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist Adrienne Fillmore

LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD Attendance: 150
(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)

Budgetary	weekly (needed)	for the fiscal year
Received	\$3,544 (\$4,442)	\$70,298

Non-budgetary

Maintenance & Improvement	\$197	balance	\$2,288
Debt Retirement Fund	\$310	balance	\$3,035
<i>(\$30 given in memory of Emelie Wischneski & Dorothy Nitschke; \$20 given in memory of Annette Gurath; \$20 given in memory of Marilyn Quade)</i>			
LM Building Fund	\$150	mortgage	\$21,552
50 th Anniversary Sign Fund	\$55	balance	\$9,194
2009 Deficit Fund	\$50		

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

Budgetary	weekly	year to date
Received	\$1,093	\$44,577

Non-budgetary

ILC Student Aid Fund	\$40
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MEMORY VERSE

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

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
 Email: ddnaumann@clclutheran.com

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.

Principal Dave Bernthal 922-7421
 Email: dwberrthal@hotmail.com
 Church Website: www.FDLLutheran.com

First Bible Reading for 5th Sunday after Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Here in the book of acts we read of the first synod at Jerusalem using God's Word to answer a question in the church. In the NT Church should non-Jewish Christians be subject to the ceremonial laws of Moses as written in the OT? The answer, aided by the Holy Spirit, was NO, but be encouraged to use common sense and love in your daily walk and talk as Christians. We read...

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THE GRADUAL

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!

Second Bible Reading:

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

In these verses the church in heaven is symbolically pictured as the New Jerusalem, where the brilliant glory of the victorious Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, gives light to all. We read...

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

