

street. 3 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law." 5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: 6 "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, 7 To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

PASTOR: This ends our Old Testament Reading.
Blessed are they that hear the Word of God
and keep it. Hallelujah!

CONGR: (sing) *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

PASTOR: The New Testament reading is from Matthew
chapter 3, beginning with the 13th verse.

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

New Testament Reading

Matthew 3:13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

PASTOR: This ends the New Testament Reading
CONGR: (sing) *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

(Congregation stands for:)

THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Hymn 22

THE SERMON

Acts 10:34-38 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 "But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ; He is Lord of all; 37 "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Theme: "JESUS IS LORD OF ALL"

- I. Worship Him truly
- II. Rejoice in His peace

III. Live by His Spirit
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.

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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

PASTOR: Having now heard the Word of God, I invite the congregation to kneel or stand and make confession of your sins.
(kneelers are available under the pews on the right side of church)

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

PASTOR: If this is your sincere confession, then answer by saying "yes."

CONGR: Yes.

PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Arise now in peace. Let us continue our Communion service.

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. (Hymnal p. 24-25)

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

CONGR: (sing) ***And with thy spirit.***

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

CONGR: (sing) ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

PASTOR: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

CONGR: (sing) ***It is meet and right so to do.***

PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!" (Hymnal, page 26)

CONG: (sing) ***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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;

CONG: (sing) ***For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.***

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."

After the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Take, drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

CONGR: (sing) Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross. (Hymnal, page 28)

CONGR: (sing)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Those who are members here at Luther Memorial or are members of a sister church in the CLC and have announced their intention to partake of the Lord's Supper may now come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers.

A special note to our visitors: The Bible tells 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 the pastor before communing. 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.

Hymn(s) sung during the Distribution: 305 & 306

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

*Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)
(Hymnal, page 29)*

CONGR: (sing) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. 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.

PASTOR: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

CONGR: (sing) And His mercy endureth forever.

PASTOR: (Prayer)

CONGR: (sing) Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for 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) 465:1

***** Silent Prayer *****

*Announcements
Ushers dismiss by row*

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

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

A NEWBORN SON! Congratulations to Dan and Beth (Mueller) Dziuba-Genske, whom the LORD blessed with the gift of a son last Tuesday Morning. Noah Allen Dziuba was given the gift of faith through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Wednesday evening.

"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them." Psalms 127:3-5

CALLED TO ETERNAL REST Former CLC President Egbert Albrecht, long time pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan, WI, was taken to heaven this past Friday. The family is considering Saturday, January 17, for the funeral, but have not yet finalized plans.

IN OUR PRAYERS Bonnie Martin was at St. Agnes hospital this past week recovering from a fall on the ice. She has since been transferred to Manor Care to convalesce. Keith Rademann continues to battle cancer at the Hospice Home of Hope. Agnes Leonhardt has been afflicted with brittle/broken bones.

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16

RESIGNING FROM THE TEACHING MINISTRY Mrs. Karen Strike, our middle grades teacher, has announced her retirement effective the end of this school year. A letter will be read following service.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY: Following morning service: Un-decorating the Church

TUE: 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

FRI: 7:30-8:30 pm Family Gym Night at Theisen

TV CHURCH – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 19
Tuesday at noon, Friday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 3:30 pm.

CONSISTANCY IN SCHEDULING Please note that our LM Services at the Lutheran Home will be 10:00 a.m. on the 1ST and 3rd Sunday of every month beginning with January 20th.

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ANNUAL MEETING – CALL MEETING All the voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this important meeting on Sunday, January 18, 2009 beginning at 1:00 pm. On the agenda: extending a divine call to replace our retiring middle grades teacher Mrs. Karen Strike. Please plan on joining us!

SERVING THE LORD The Church Council is seeking eligible and willing men of the congregation to be nominated for the Church Council for 2009. Please speak with President Jim Fillmore.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS Now is the time of year to bring in all those aluminum cans to donate to our grade school basketball team to help defray their costs in the upcoming yearly tournament in Eau Claire, WI. Please leave the bags of cans by the door of the church garage in the parking lot. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED With the snow season upon us, we are seeking volunteers to clear the sidewalks and entryways of our church and school. Snow blowers and shovels are provided. If no one signs up, we'll have to hire it out. Thanks for your consideration.

GRADESCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT The 23rd Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Friday-Sunday, March 13-15, 2009. Congregations/schools sponsoring teams are asked to register their teams (number of teams) to Ted Quade no later than January 15, 2009. Rosters and other information will be due February 1, 2009. Other information regarding the tournament can be found at www.CLClutheran.net/tourney.

TVBS 2009 The CLC Traveling Vacation Bible School (TVBS) Committee is requesting that any congregation wishing for TVBS to serve in their midst this summer, contact the TVBS committee. Contact information can be found at our website at www.clctvbs.org or you can reply to ross.roehl@ilc.edu. We need to begin finalizing locations and dates. Although budgeting was feared to be an issue

the last two years, the Lord has gotten us past that problem and funding has not been an issue. If you would like TVBS to come to your congregation but you have questions, please contact us and ask. Thanks for making this a priority and helping the program run smoothly once again. In His service, Professor Ross Roehl
GYM NIGHT Scheduled for every Friday, 7:30–8:30 pm till March 6.

CLC 50th ANNIVERSARY MUSIC Calling all musicians and poets of the CLC. 2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the CLC. One of the convention directives is to arrange for special music for the 2010 anniversary, especially “to invite musical submissions from our church body as a whole.” Therefore we are inviting members of the CLC to write music or lyrics or both to enhance our celebration. The convention chose the overall theme: “Our Jubilee in Christ: Redemption for the past, Hope for the future.” We want to recognize God’s amazing grace in forgiving all our sins and failures of the past 50 years and still blessing us richly. We also look to Him for strength for the years to come. Text information for the special services can be found in the Convention Proceedings. Music and lyrics may be sent to the Anniversary Celebration Committee, c/o Dave Reim (chairman), 1503 Pottery Rd. Vernon, B.C. V1T 3W6 Canada Or e-mailed to him at, “Reimtime@shaw.ca” Submissions will be collected and suitable songs and hymns will be made available for use in the special services and throughout the anniversary year. The deadline for submissions will be the fall of 2009.

WOMEN’S INVITATION The Christian Women’s Retreat, sponsored annually by our sister congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, is being held Friday through Sunday, April 17-19 at Days Inn Hotel & Conference Center in La Crosse, WI. All the women of Luther Memorial are ask to consider attending this spiritually uplifting event. More info and registration is available in the orange flyer by the registry table. This year’s theme:
Isaiah 45:5-7 I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

TEACHER DUPLEX BUILDING FUND Built in 2000, the total cost was: \$163,028. In the past nine years God has greatly blessed our efforts to pay down this mortgage. The current remaining balance is down to \$32,865. Thank You, LORD! Please remember the Building Fund in your prayers and with your offerings. Envelopes are available by the registration table.

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 2 Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe N., Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Adam J. Organist Adrienne
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist: Rhoda Eserhut

CLC NEWS >>Mrs. Karen Strike, our middle grades teacher, has announced her retirement effective the end of this school year. >>The Rev. Scott Schiermeister was installed last Sunday as the Pastor of the dual parish of St John’s Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church of Clarkston, WA and Orofino, ID. His wife is Peggy (nee Heise), a former member of Luther Memorial. >>The Rev. Egbert Albrecht, a former pastor of Faith Lutheran Church and a former President of the CLC, went to His heavenly reward in Jesus Christ last Friday morning. The Funeral Service is expected to be this coming Saturday, January 17. Please call Pastor Naumann later in the week for exact times. >>Teacher Gail (Kottke) Schaefer, of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran School in Middleton, WI, has announced her retirement effective at the end of this school year. >>Paul Meyer has announced his resignation from the position of boys dormitory supervisor at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI, as of the end of the school year. Applications for potential candidates for this position are being accepted. If interested, see Pastor Naumann.

LM STUDENT AID FUND You can help the students from Luther Memorial attend Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary by marking your offerings and memorials "LM Student Aid Fund." Envelopes are available on the registry table.

LM FINANCES There is no financial report this week because service was cancelled last Sunday due to the ice storm. The New Year’s Day report will be included next Sunday with today’s Gospel motivated offerings. Our year end deficit for 2008 is about \$16,500. This is the amount that was spent, over the amount that came in. It is currently filled by bank loans. There are no member loans and no internal (non-budgetary) loans outstanding.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Is. 43:18-19