

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, most often drawn from the Psalms.

P: All the earth shall worship You:

C: And shall sing to You, O God.

P: They shall sing to Your name:

C: Oh You who are the Most High.

P: Make a joyful noise to 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.

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 49:1-6 "Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The LORD has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. 2 And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me." 3 "And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.' 4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, And my work with my God.'" 5 "And now the

LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My God shall be My strength), 6 Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'

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: The Lord sent His Word and healed them:

C: And delivered them from their destruction's.

P: Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness:

**C: And for all of His wonderful works to the children of men.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Be praising Him, all you His angels:

C: Be praising Him, all His hosts. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from John chapter 1, beginning there in the 29th verse.

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

New Testament Reading:

John 1:29-41 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' 31 "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." 32 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. 33 "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." 35 Again, the next day, John

stood with two of his disciples. 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). 40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

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.**

Congregation sings Hymn 341

THE SERMON

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, 2 To

the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

“PAUL ANSWERS LIFE’S THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS”

- I. Who am I? (1-3)
- II. Why am I here? (4-7)
- III. Where am I going? (7-9)

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)

Congregation sings Hymn 757

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) 54:1

*** Silent Prayer ***

Verbal Announcements - Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

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

TODAY'S ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING begins at 1:00 pm. All eligible voting members (men 18 years and older) serve the LORD with their attendance and participation. 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS Bonnie Martin is at Manor Care recovering from a fall on the ice. 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY: 1:00 pm Annual Voters' Meeting

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

WED: 9:00 am Women's Bible Reading

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 Tuesday of every month beginning this Tuesday, January 20th.

PL

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!

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.

A NOTICE FROM ONE OF OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS

Land Opportunity: Immanuel Congregation of Mankato, MN is considering the purchase of land for possible relocation in the future. The parcel under consideration is larger than the congregation would need. Therefore, we are looking for potential buyers for the excess land which would be about 18-20 acres. If there are individuals within the CLC who might be interested in developing this property (e.g. senior living community, retirement homes, etc.) we would like to hear from you. Individuals who are interested or would like more information, please contact any of the following:

Pastor Paul Nolting (senior pastor)
paul.nolting@immanuelmankato.org
(507) 317-6687

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt (associate pastor)
wayne.eichstadt@immanuelmankato.org
(507) 344-0898

Tom Lentz (financial secretary)
tdlentz@chartermi.net
(507) 625-9390

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 \$32,133. 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 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist: Rhoda Eserhut
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 4 Wayne Wischneski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel Delarme Organist: Adrienne F.

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 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.

LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD Attendance: 154
(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)

Budgetary	weekly	for the fiscal year	
Received	6,967		\$6, 967
Non-budgetary			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$253	balance	\$2,799
Debt Retirement Fund	\$340	balance	\$2,438
LM Building Fund	\$200	mortgage	\$32,133
LM Student Aid Fund	\$50		

\$50 given in memory of Myron (Sam) Immel; \$50 given in memory of George(Bud) & Mildred Key

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

Budgetary	weekly	year to date
Received	\$1,415	\$25,398
Non-budgetary		
CLCI Orphanage	\$10	
ILC Building Fund	\$6	

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

Romans 8:28