



wearied you? Testify against Me. 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of the LORD." 6 With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

**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 5, beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

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

### New Testament Reading

Matthew 5:1-12 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

## 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 procedeth 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 244

## THE SERMON

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God; and righteousness and sanctification and redemption; 31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

Theme: "GOD HAS CHOSEN"

- I. His called believers (26)
- II. His meek methods (27-29)

### III. His glorious plan (30-31)

#### **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: 528**

## 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) 767:1**

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

*Ushers dismiss by row*

# Announcements

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

**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**

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**TUE:** 10:00 am LM Church Service at the Lutheran Home  
7:00 pm LM Evening Ladies 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.

**ANNUAL CHILI DINNER** Next Sunday the Ladies of Luther Memorial will be serving a delicious "Chili Dinner" immediately after church service until 12:30 pm. A basket will be put out and a free will offering will be accepted. Women's Team #3 is in charge and their names are on the bulletin board. All are encouraged to check the sign-up sheet to see how you can help with deserts, salads, etc. Thank you!

**THANKYOU!** Mrs. Krause would like to thank all those who gave their used Christmas cards for the India Orphanage. If you still have cards to give, please put them in the Krause's church mailbox throughout the year.

**DIRECTORIES ARE IN!** Cost is \$10.00 each. If you had a picture taken and handed in your information sheet with the interest in purchasing a directory, a directory was ordered for you. The church has also ordered a few extra. They can be picked up in the meeting room.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Friday-Sunday, March 13-15, 2009. Hotel reservations should be made now. This and other information regarding the tournament can be found at [www.CLClutheran.net/tourney](http://www.CLClutheran.net/tourney).

**CLC NEWS** >> Jennifer Ohlmann, 2008 ILC Teacher Graduate, has accepted the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran School, Middleton WI. >>Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, has called Anita Meyer, Spring Valley MN, to teach grades 3-5 at its school.

**AN UPDATE OF THE MISSION TRIP TO NEPAL** From Pastor Todd Ohlmann: **Five Days Later Power Shortage** – It has been four days since we have had Internet access. Or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that it has been four days since we have had reliable electricity to access the Internet. It is really amazing how far the Internet now reaches. A couple of the towns we have stayed in are (by western standards) very primitive and yet you find Internet café on virtually every corner. The problem in Nepal right now is the power shortage. The explanation I was given is that after 10+ years of terrorism, political turmoil, and poor leadership from the ousted monarchy the power plants are in such disrepair that many of the turbines are no longer in working condition. On top of that, there has been a famine that has lowered the water table to a point where there is not enough water to move the turbines enough to generate the enough power to meet the demand. There is hope that all of this is being worked on now that the monarchy has been replaced with a democratic form of government but they are at the same time skeptical. So what does all of this mean? It means that all non-industrial power grids are shut down for 16 hours a day. In theory, that leaves 8 hours of power a day divided into two periods. The first period is supposed to be from 4-8 am and the second from 4-8 pm. In reality, the power comes on sometime in the early morning and then fluctuates for 3 or 4 hours and the same in the evening. So that is why it has been four days since the last post.

**Travel and Mountains** – We traveled the long and grueling road from Kathmandu to Hetauda on Saturday afternoon. This road takes you over the highest pass south of the Himalayan range. Mt Damon has an observation point from which you can see (on a perfectly clear day) seven of the highest

mountain peaks in the world. It was a cloudy day and we were assuming that we wouldn't be able to see any mountains, (although to us it sure seemed like we were in the mountains already) but then as our vehicle climbed above the clouds and the sun began to shine you could see the mountain peaks. We stopped for 45 minutes or so to climb to the observation point. The sight was beyond anything I could have imagined. Aw inspiring does not do justice to what I saw and felt. I just simply do not have the words to describe the view and beauty of what I tried (unsuccessfully) to take in. Pictures just do not do justice to what God has given our eye the ability to behold. "O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the world Thy hands hath made...then sings my soul, My Savior God to Thee, How Great Thou Art, How Great Thou Art!" As I stood there gazing at the mountains, thinking how fortunate I was to have come here on a day when we could see the mountain range, the Bhitrokothi family was apologizing that we came on such a cloudy day. I can't even imagine how amazing it must look on a clear day. Reluctantly we got back in the jeep and drove the remaining two hours to Hetauda where we gladly checked into our hotel for a good night of sleep.

**Seminar Sunday in Hetauda** – On Sunday we conducted a one-day seminary in the local congregation. The pastor's name here in Milan and he is one of the pastors I met back in June. We had over 100 in attendance. We explained what it means to be saved by grace through faith with sermons and Bible studies. At mid day a meal of rice, chicken curry, and dal was served to everyone. The Nepali women really know how to cook. Their food is very similar to Indian food but without as much spice. I really love the food here. You get all the flavor of the spices without the extreme heat that is common in India. Following the seminar the folks stayed around to introduce themselves and to visit with each other.

**A Humbling Experience** – After most everyone had gone home Pastor JB asked to talk to me privately. He led me to a quiet corner of the church and began to explain to me that the Pastor and his family and one other member of the congregation had been fasting and praying for 21 days in preparation for this seminar. A few months ago when the details and schedule for our trip were confirmed, Raju informed the various congregations and pastors when we would be coming. Pastor Milan marked the date on his calendar and counted back three weeks. He and his wife, daughter, and one member of the congregation have only eaten a small portion of plain rice each day and have spent 1 hour in prayer each of those days specifically praying for our safety, health, our families, congregations, and for the success of the Gospel to be preached in the congregation. Then they all gathered around Matt and I as we sat in a circle in the middle of the church and we prayed together a prayer of thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. I can't tell you how humbling it is to know personally that a group of people sacrificed so much out of love for the Lord and His people. To think that these folks spent so much time in prayer for my personal safety and the well being of my family and the congregations I serve just takes my breath away. I am getting a little

emotional again as I write this. On a morning when I woke up grumbling and complaining about the lack of warm water, the dirty towel I had to share with Matt, and the lack of electricity the Lord brings home to the reality of His love for me and His people through the dedicated service of these four humble Christians. The other thing that is amazing is that no one else in the congregation knew that they had fasted and prayed for these last 21 days and they waited until most everyone was gone before I was told. They asked for nothing in return except that I lead a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for the blessings they had received through the Word that was taught and that we come again to teach to and preach. The Lord willing, we will come again The Lord is good and greatly to be praised!

**The Nepali Context** – What we take for granted when it comes to theology and doctrine is a precious gift from the Lord that we ought to daily thank Him for. The past two days have been spent with the original 9 pastors of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN) that we met last June in addition to 14 more who have since become interested in learning more about Lutheran theology. Pastor Koenig and I have often talked about the need to be flexible when doing mission work. These past couple of days have proved this to be true. We came prepared to present a thorough introduction to Luther's catechism but one hour before we were to begin we were told that there were many new pastors who were going to attend it would be good to go through the CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose (SFP) again. In June we went through this document with the original 9 but it had not yet been translated into Nepali. Since Raju had now finished the translation it was available for all the pastors to read and study. So we quickly dug out the one copy of SFP in English that we could find and quickly began to make notes and prepare to teach and discuss.

The above paragraph didn't quite go the way I had intended so let me get back to the point. What we take for granted...Most of us have grown up in the Lutheran church knowing that the Bible teaches that Baptism is a gift from God, it is something He does for us rather than something we do for Him. Such is not the case here. These pastors have never heard of infant baptism before now. As one would expect, they had many questions. What was good to see was that the 9 pastors who we taught months ago were the ones answering the questions of the new pastors. They have spent the past six months, just like the Bereans in Acts, comparing the things we taught them back in June with God's Word and were now explaining the truth of God's word with boldness and conviction. One of the pastors that was doing much of the explaining was Kiran. He seems to be a natural leader and well thought of by the others. The problem that they are now facing with infant baptism is that within the Nepali context there is a fear of baptizing anyone under that age of 16 because of former government policies. In the, not so distant, past the Christian church was completely underground in Nepal. It has only been in the past 20 years or so that Christianity has been legal. While it may be legal...it is still not widely accepted and is still persecuted on many levels. When the monarch first declared Nepal a secular nation some

20+ years ago there were regulations that came along with “conversion.” There was a concern that there would be forced conversions so a law was passed that the church was not allowed to baptize anyone against their will. In Nepal, a person may apply for the rights of citizenship at age 16 so the government also decided that no Christian “conversions” could officially take place until the age of 16. Since baptism was considered an act of conversion on the part of the individual, no baptisms took place before the age of 16. In addition to this, the government required that the individual sign a document that declared that he was converting by his own decision and there was no coercion involved. While none of this is required by law any longer there is still a fear among most Christians that the government is still watching everything they are doing and waiting for a reason to persecute them so it is still the practice of most all congregations to follow this practice. They now understand that Baptism is God’s gift and therefore intended for infants and children too but it will take some time and patience for them to instruct the people and put this into practice. Again, it was wonderful to see the men that we taught last year taking hold to this doctrine and explaining it to the new men.

**The Power of the Word** – Another example of the Holy Spirit at work came after our lunch break. Before we stopped for lunch I asked if anyone had any questions about anything we had discussed or what they had read on their own in the SFP. One of the new men raised his hand and asked about giving the Lord’s Supper to infants and children. He was wondering if we taught that since infants could be baptized then could they also receive the sacrament. He was told that we would be discussing Baptism later in the day and his question would be answered then. He was satisfied with that and we stopped for lunch. After lunch the man raised his hand and asked to speak. He held up his Bible and then the CLC Adult instruction manual (Shadows and Substance) that has been translated into Nepali as he spoke rather excitedly for quite awhile. I wondered what he was saying. He seemed quit happy to be sharing something with the other men. When he finished, Raju turned to Matt and me and told us that he was reporting that he had found the answer to his question in “Shadows and Substance” and the Bible. He explained that infants could be baptized but that they could not take the Lord’s Supper because they were unable to examine themselves. He went on to explain that as soon as children are taught enough to examine themselves and know what they are receiving they should be accepted to the Lord’s Supper. He then told them that he had learned this in “Shadows and Substance” and then told them where to find the Bible passage in 1 Corinthians. Thank you Lord!

**Prayers** – As we travel to various congregations we receive lots of varied prayer requests. Not that any one request is of greater importance, but I just don’t have the time to write them all down. My journal has several pages of names and requests. I want to share a couple of them with you and ask you to include these in your own prayers. **Dhau Bahadar** – a young man of Tribal descent who came to Kathmandu from a remote tribal region about

180 KMs east of Kathmandu when his wife almost died from an emergency cesarean section delivery of their first and only child. A tribal doctor did the operation in the village and she almost died. He is currently working in Kathmandu to earn enough money to pay the hospital bills and then they plan to return home. The village he is from has no Christian church. The Lord called him to faith through a mission organization that came to his village and distributed hand-powered radios that are set to receive Gospel broadcasts through out Asia. The radios are given free of charge and have a little hand crank on the side that generates the electricity to power the radio. This young man wants to return to his village and start an HCLCN congregation with the help of Raju and JB.

**Masucha** – A woman in her mid forties who was brought up in Kashmir as a Muslim. She married a Hindu man against her parent’s wishes and moved to Northern India and then to Kathmandu. She and her husband were converted to Christianity through the Gospel preached by JB. She has become a very strong Christian and member of the congregation and is very supportive of the work of the ministry. She asks that we pray for her family back in Kashmir, that they too may know that love of their Savior.

**Maya** – A middle-aged woman who was brought to faith about seven months ago. Since that time she has faced many troubles in her life. Her husband is has lost his job and they are having financial problems. Her husband is not a Christian and he says that demons have entered their life because she is going to the Christian church. She has also been very sick and the devil is tempting her to return to Hinduism. She also asks for prayers for her two children...Laxshmi—a daughter and Raj Kumar—a son.

**Wishing I Could Sleep** – If you have made it to the end of this post you are probably wondering how I had time to write all of this with the power and Internet problems. Well...my body had not adjusted to the 12-hour time difference yet and so I have been falling asleep around 8 pm every night and waking up at 3 or 3:30. Fortunately, the power comes on at 4:00 am so I am able to type all of this on my laptop in my hotel room while Matt sleeps so peacefully in the other bed (grumble, grumble...yes I am jealous and coveting Matt’s ability to sleep) and then I copy it to a pin drive and post it to the blog the next time we find an Internet Café. It is now 5:00 am and I am ready to get this day rolling.

Until next time...please continue to pray for our health, safety, and the success of the Gospel message.

**Thursday, January 29, 2009 Back in Kathmandu** -- Two days ago we taught another seminar at a congregation in the Chitwan area. We spent the night in a town near the Chitwan National Forest that is very near this area. We got up early and took an elephant ride into the jungle and were lucky to see a black rhino, monkeys, and some spotted deer. After a 6 hour ride, we are back in Kathmandu for the night and then an early 5:00 am bus to Dunche which is near the Tibet border. From Dunche we will walk 3 hours into the mountains to visit a congregation there. We will teach and preach

there on Saturday and then hike back down the mountain to return back to Kathmandu on Sunday. There are a few congregations in this area and several house churches among the tribal peoples. There is an evangelist there who will be attending the pastoral training classes that will be taught by the HCLCN. We will be very close to the Himalayan mountain range. Power gets cut soon so I had better sign off for now. Thank you for your prayers! You are all in my daily prayers as well. In Christ, Pastor Ohlmann  
Please read our blog online to get updates as well as how we got involved with the work of spreading the Gospel in Nepal.  
[www.2009HCLCNepalvisit.blogspot.com](http://www.2009HCLCNepalvisit.blogspot.com)

**INVITATION** Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato, MN is sponsoring a Youth Conference this summer. The Youth Conference will be held at a facility in West Harrison, Indiana (about a 30-45 minute drive from Cincinnati). One of the features of the Youth Conference will be visiting the Creation Museum. The Youth Conference will be held June 22-27<sup>th</sup>. A bus will leave Mankato on June 21<sup>st</sup> (afternoon) and return to Mankato on June 28<sup>th</sup> (evening). The Youth Conference is open to all youth who will be entering high school (2009-10 school year) through those who have completed their second year of college (or of that equivalent age). The cost for the conference is not yet finalized but it will be around \$260.00 (not including transportation) and will not exceed that. We are working on finalizing the information, registration forms, etc. and when they are ready the full information will be posted online and sent out to the congregations of the CLC and this will be very soon! We appreciate your patience and hope that plans for attending can begin!

**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.**

**SERVICE TODAY** Usher Team 1 Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, David Dexter, Sam N., Tom N., Larry Stubbs. Organist Rhoda E.  
**NEXT SUNDAY** Usher Team 2, Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Adam Johnson. 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.

**SPECIAL ENVELOPE** Left over from 2008 is a \$16,500 deficit. The Stewardship Committee given us a special envelope to help us "clean up our leftovers." Led by a faith that trusts in the incredible message of our impossible deficit (sins) completely paid in full by our Savior Jesus, we give our prayerful attention to the blessing and privilege of this opportunity to give to Jesus. He says:

**Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."**

**LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD** Attendance: 130

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

<b>Budgetary</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>for the fiscal year</b>	
Received	2,629		\$13,315
<b>Non-budgetary</b>			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$55	balance	\$2,874
Debt Retirement Fund	\$75	balance	\$2,513
LM Building Fund	\$10	mortgage	\$32,123

*(\$10 given in memory of Larry Stubbe)*

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

<b>Budgetary</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>year to date</b>
Received	\$815	\$27,229

*(\$10 given in memory of Larry Stubbe)*

**Non-budgetary**

CLCI Orphanage	\$10
ILC Building Fund	\$5

## WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God; and righteousness and sanctification and redemption; that, as it is written, 'He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.'" 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

### **Old Testament Reading**

Micah 6:1-8 Hear now what the LORD says: "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice. 2 Hear, O you mountains, the Lord's complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth; For the LORD has a complaint against His people, And He will contend with Israel. 3 "O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me. 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of the LORD." 6 With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

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

### **New Testament Reading**

Matthew 5:1-12 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in

heart, For they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### **Old Testament Reading for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Micah 6:1-8**

God's desire is that His light alone should guide our lives. Whenever we don't we end up asking spiritual foolish questions like: 'Why is God unhapopy and what more can He want from us?' After warning His people, the LORD again invites them to follow His righteousness and love. We read...

### **New Testament Reading Matthew 5:1-12**

Here Jesus sheds light on some of the many blessings that apply to each of us as Christians for our growth in faith. Not one or two – but all of these, by faith, apply to you. We read...