



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

CLC - Church of the Lutheran Confession

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10:00 am Service Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am

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5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2009

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 66 front of hymnal p. 136

The Hymns: 297, 391, 788:1, 781, 52

Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, We beseech Thee, graciously abide among us with Thy blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, experience Thine ever-present help; through Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bells – Opening Prayer

First Hymn 297

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, most often drawn from the Psalms.

P: The sorrows of death surrounded me:

C: The sorrows of hell completely surrounded me.

P: In my distress I called upon the Lord:

C: And He heard my voice out of His temple.

P: I will love You, O Lord, my Strength:

C: the Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

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 58:5-9 Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, And an acceptable day to the LORD? 6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'

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: Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;

C: Lord, hear my voice!

P: Let Your ears be attentive

C: To the voice of my supplications. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,

C: O Lord, who could stand?

CONGR. (sing) *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from Matthew chapter 5, beginning there in the 13th verse.

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

New Testament Reading:

Matthew 5:13-20 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. 17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 391

THE SERMON

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Theme: "THE OBJECT OF OUR FAITH"

I. Not the frailty of men

II. But the power of God

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)

Congregation sings Hymn 781

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) 52

*** Silent Prayer ***

Verbal Announcements - Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

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

CALL ACCEPTED We rejoice that the Holy Spirit has led Anita Meyer of Spring Valley, MN to accept the call to teach the middle grades here at Luther Memorial School. Her letter of acceptance will be read following service today.

TODAY - ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER The congregation is invited to attend this annual culinary delight being served following service until 12:30 pm. This hearty meal served up by the Ladies of our congregation is sure to satisfy every appetite and warm every heart! A basket will be put out and a free will offering will be accepted. See you there!

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: 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.

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.

CHURCH SERVICE IN GREEN BAY Our sister CLC congregation, Faith Lutheran Church of Markesan, is holding services twice a month in the city of Green Bay. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this, please let them know. Directions are available.

Today a Bible Study will be at 4 p.m., followed by a service at 5 p.m. Communion will be celebrated on Feb 22nd.

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. Hotel reservations should be made now. This and other information regarding the tournament can be found at 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:

FOREIGN CLC MISSION NEWS CLC Pastors Todd Ohlmann and Matthew Ude are now in Nepal, visiting the pastors and churches of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession. Pastor Ohlmann's trip blog has recently been updated with news and photos. You may see it here: <http://www.2009hclcnepalvisit.blogspot.com/>.

The following comes from Missionary David Koenig in India:

CLCI Evangelism Effort Pastor Ude worked in the CLCI previously in a trip with the CLCI team in an evangelism effort. Now it was my turn. In our meeting with the CLCI leaders previously we arranged how long to be up there. More Bibles that I brought, as well as New Testaments and tracts of the Gospel of John which we had given them before, were distributed as we went to the congregations in two newer areas of CLCI. The two areas were Narasaraopet (Guntur District) - nine congregations visited, and Ongole(Prakasam District) - four congregations visited. Last year Pastor Ude went to other areas and did not go to the new area at Narasaraopet, so we continue to see expansion. In Ongole last year Pastor Ude visited two congregations, whereas now there are four. The CLCI is finding

places for their constant dozen graduates each year. The work in the Narasaraopet is under the direction of Pastor Kruparao (formerly Baptist who does not wear shoes or sandals at all, but goes barefoot everywhere). Next year he will begin attending the seminary. The pastors who have joined in this area were instructed and tested. It was great at Ellala Cheruvu meeting right along the side of a highway under a canopy to be able to give a Bible to a Hindu couple who came specifically because they heard that a foreigner was there. The church at Kakani has moved from RC to Baptist to CLCI. The originally scheduled congregations were changed and switched, but that is just the way it is. Among the Narasaraopet group at Pedakondaipalem village with a population of 2000 there is no other Christian church. Here a Hindu husband and wife converted and started inviting others. One of the new men from Ongole is also attending the seminary. At Chinthalapalem Pastor George (who graduates from the CLCI seminary on June 15th) is working with 15 Hindu families beyond the congregation. Several of those people came to the worship, including a young woman who possibly exhibited evil spirit work. Working with the CLCI team we went to 13 congregations. Of these, six were the only church in the village, five had one other church in the village and one in a village of 3000 had three other churches. Of all these 13 one has a Lutheran background in the Andhra Ev. Lutheran Church, in Gundepali. Rejoicing is in order to see these developments. The 'team' consisted of: Jyothi Benjamin, two pastors - Barnabas and Prem Kumar, with seminary student Rao. Nireekshana Benjamin joining us at Ongole. The keyboard is played by Jyothi. A portable generator is along to supply current when the electricity goes out. There is a lot of singing by members of the congregation, followed by the sermon and individual prayers for most of those who attend.

The following comes from Pastor Nathaniel Mayhew:

Needed: Donations of Lutheran theological books, Church history books, Sunday School materials and also your old lap-top computers. Any of these things would be a great blessing and benefit to the work of preaching Christ in our overseas fields in East Africa. If you are able to help with any of these resources, or if you have a question about other resources which might also be useful, please send me an e-mail at ndmayhew@juno.com. Thank you, and may the LORD continue to bless our preaching of His Word, both here, and throughout the world! In His service, Pastor Nathanael Mayhew

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 22-27th. A bus will leave Mankato on June 21st (afternoon) and return to Mankato on June 28th (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 asked 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 2, Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe N., Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Adam J. Organist Adrienne F.
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist Rhoda E.

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 A good start was made in last weeks offering to clean up our \$16,500 deficit. Led by a faith that trusts in the incredible message of our impossible deficit (sins) completely paid in full by our Savior, we keep on with 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: 164

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

Budgetary	weekly	for the fiscal year	
Received	3,003		\$16,318
Non-budgetary			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$169	balance	\$3,043
Debt Retirement Fund	\$45	balance	\$2,558
LM Building Fund	\$175	mortgage	\$31,948
<i>(\$25 given in memory of Donald Tagliapietra)</i>			
Candles	\$50		
<i>(given in memory of Larry Stubbe)</i>			
2008 Deficit Fund	\$1,072		
<i>(\$500 given in memory of Dorothy Jacobs)</i>			
Missions (CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)			
Budgetary	weekly	year to date	
Received	\$775	\$28,004	
Non-budgetary			
CLCI Orphanage	\$10		
ILC Building Fund	\$15		
<i>(\$10 given in memory of Rev. Egbert Albrecht)</i>			

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance."

Psalms 16:5-6