

"'Tis Good, LORD, To Be Here"



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

CLC - Church of the Lutheran Confession

134 21st Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

(920) 922-7421

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

Pastor Dave Naumann

Principal Dave Bernthal

Teacher Amy Osborne

Teacher Karen Strike

Fdllutheran.com

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2009

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 77 front of hymnal p. 139

The Hymns: 135, 720, 404:1, 719, 656:1

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, at the height of Your Epiphany You revealed Your great power and glory to the disciples, eyewitnesses of Your transfiguration. Send now Your Holy Spirit to us through Your Word. Work in us repentance of sins and the assurance of Your forgiveness. Hear us for Your own sake, Amen.

Bells – Opening Prayer

First Hymn 135

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: Awake, why does it seem as though You sleep, O Lord?

C: Arise, and do not cast us off forever.

P: Our soul is bowed down to the dust:

C: Arise for our help and redeem us.

P: We have heard with our ears, O God:

C: Our fathers have told us what great works You have done in their day.

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:

Exodus 24:12, 15-18 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." 15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. 16 Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

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 27th verse.

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

New Testament Reading:

Matthew 17:1-9 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

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 720

THE SERMON

2 Peter 1:16-21 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Theme: "The LORD's Return - A Reality Check"

I. Not based on clever stories (16)

II. Not based on personal experiences (16-18)

III. Stand firm on the promises of Scripture (19-21)

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 404:1

**Soul, what return has God, thy Savior, For all He gives thee day by day?
Oh, hast thou in thy gift a favor That can delight and please Him? – Say!
The best of off'rings He requires: Thy heart it is that He desires.**

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(All)

Congregation sings Hymn 719

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) 656:1

*** Silent Prayer ***

Verbal Announcements - Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

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

TODAY! BRIEF VOTERS MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE

On the agenda: allocating Debt Retirement Fund to the deficit.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL Brayden Scott Orr, born last Wednesday morning to Eric and Tabatha Orr, was sent to Milwaukee on Thursday to help with some breathing problems. Brayden was baptized into the Christian faith late Wednesday evening by Pastor Naumann.

Isaiah 40:11 "He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young."

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 25 This year we are having a "Lenten Exchange" with Pastor Paul Krause of Faith Lutheran in Markesan. He will preach here three times and Pastor Naumann will preach three times at Faith Lutheran. As usual, we will have a morning service of 10:30 am and evening service of 7:00 pm offered. Our theme this year is "KING OF KINGS." Be sure and set aside the time for these meditations upon the suffering and death of our Savior so that you may be filled with the riches of God!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUE: 6:30 pm School Committee Meeting
WED: 10:30 am Ash Wednesday Communion Service
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Communion Service
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 and Friday at 4:00 pm.

AN UPDATE FROM THE REV. MIKE SCHIERENBECK OF FAITH

Dear brothers and sisters of the CLC, We'd like to take the opportunity to give our heartfelt thanks to all who offered prayers on our behalf and also to those who contributed to our transplant fund. We have attempted to send out individual thank yous, but may have missed some and some gifts were given anonymously. However, we'd like everyone to know how grateful we are for the outpouring of

gifts. Without your generosity we would have to borrow a significant amount of money to stay afloat this summer and fall. Your gifts toward us are surely a reflection of God's grace and love toward His people. Thankfully our lives are more stable now. My health has improved, and with no indication of the cancer at the last bone marrow biopsy, I have been declared to be in remission. My latest check-up at the beginning of February showed that my blood counts are getting close to normal. We are back on our feet financially as well. Sara has been working full-time, and I am able to receive disability at least for the next few months or until I can get back to work. Once again, thank you for all of your kindness toward us and our family. Your friends in Christ, Mike and Sara Schierenbeck

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 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.

ILC SUMMER CAMP 2009: COMING SOON

Summer is around the corner and you know what that means, so is Camp! We have already been preparing for months and are very excited to get things rolling! Camp dates are July 19-25 for campers going into grades 5th-9th. The cost for camp will be \$100. We are

also running our Pre-camper program again, for children ages 5-9 and it will be half-a-day in the mornings. Camp is also under new direction this year! Camp will be headed up by Joelle Noeldner, Tom Naumann, and Jessica Ohlmann. We feel truly blessed to be given the opportunity to care for your child(ren) and nourish them in His Word. We have full confidence that God has given us the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts needed to run this camp safely and smoothly. Thank you for your trust. We hope to see you and your child(ren) soon!

Our camp website is <http://youthcamp.clclutheran.net/>.

Registration will open March 13th. We can't wait to hear from you!

Directors:

Tom Naumann (920) 266-5387

Joelle Noeldner (715) 563-5324

Jessica Ohlmann (402) 322-1027

CREATION MUSEUM EXPERIENCE Our sister congregation Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners invites you to go along on a three day/two night package tour to visit the Creation Science Museum in Kentucky. Visit the website www.creationmuseum.org to learn more. The dates are June 21-23. Prices and additional information is available on the bulletin board. They need a minimum of 40 people signed up by February 28. Sign up with Teacher Ted Quade: phone – (414) 427-9337 or email: tedquade@gmail.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN INDIA

More than 2,000 children participated in this event, which is organized by one of our sister church bodies in India, the CLCI. The program is funded through collection boxes at CLC-USA Sunday School and VBS programs (ours in on the registry table). For those who would like to see a printed version of the report, one is available above the registry table. We thank God for the way His powerful Word is moving the hearts of these children in India. India VBS news and photos can be seen on the Internet at this address: <http://lutheranmissions.org>. Click on the first item under "What is New."

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.

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist Rhoda E.

WEDNESDAY 10:30 am Available Ushers. Organist Karen Strike

WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm Available Ushers. Organist Rhoda Eserhut

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 4 Wayne Wischnefski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel Delarme. Organist Adrienne F.

LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD Attendance: 170

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

Budgetary	weekly		for the fiscal year
Received	3,035		\$22,959

Non-budgetary

Maintenance & Improvement	\$110	balance	\$3,253
Debt Retirement Fund	\$10	balance	\$2,568
<i>(given in memory of Keith Reademann)</i>			
LM Building Fund	\$10	mortgage	\$31,948
<i>(given in memory of Keith Reademann)</i>			
2008 Deficit Fund	\$11	total	1,693
Undesignated Memorials	\$100		

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

Budgetary	weekly	year to date
Received	\$789	\$29,698

(\$10 given in memory of Keith Reademann; \$10 given in memory of Keith Rademann)

Non-budgetary

CLCI Orphanage	\$10
ILC Building Fund	\$5

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." 1 Peter 1:20-21

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

STRIVES TO BE . . .

- + A Church which keeps foremost the purpose to proclaim, preserve, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- + A Church which values faithfulness to the Word of God above the size and outward success of its membership
- + A Church which recognizes but one Master in all matters of faith, the God-man Christ Jesus, our Savior
- + A Church which promotes true Christian unity by both proclaiming the Gospel and by identifying error
- + A Church which backs its commitment to Christian education by supporting its own Christian Day school
- + A Church which respects your privacy in the matter of Christian giving
- + A Church which refuses to become just another political pressure group
- + A Church which seeks people to serve the LORD

Welcome! The Pastor is ready to arrange special instruction classes for you and your family at your convenience so that you may be sure of eternal life.

Pastor Dave Naumann 922-7421

The Principal of the school is also ready to discuss with you what the Lord wants most for your children regarding a truly Christian education.

Principal Dave Bernthal 922-7421

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 24:12, 15-18 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." 15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. 16 Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

THE GRADUAL

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?

New Testament Reading:

Matthew 17:1-9 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7 But Jesus came and

touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

Old Testament Reading for Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 24:12, 15-18

On Mt. Sinai God gave the Law to Moses and the children of Israel – God’s glory in their sight was a fearful sight. Centuries later Moses would appear with Elijah on the Mt. of Transfiguration and speak with Jesus about the Gospel - His plan of salvation. We read...

New Testament Reading:

Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration of Jesus in these verses gives us a glimpse of the glory that will some day be ours. Peter wanted to preserve that special moment and never have it end. The future glory in Christ will far excel all o life’s greatest moments and it will last forever. We read...