

"I am the Light of the world"



## 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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3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT – OCULI

MARCH 15, 2009

**Preparation for Worship:** Read Psalm 47 front of hymnal p. 134  
The Hymns: 8, 277, 398, 283

*Prayer: Father of all mercy and God of all grace, we confess that by our sins we brought woe upon our Lord in His passion. For Thou didst send Him to bear our shame and guilt to remove our sins by His holy, precious blood and His bitter suffering and death. In this Lenten Season work true repentance in us, and strengthen us in the faith and knowledge of our blessed Redeemer. Let Calvary be the place of our Hope and Christ's Cross our faith in life and death. We ask it in our Savior's name. Amen.*

### **Bells – Opening Prayer**

**First Hymn** 8

### **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, often from the Psalms.*

**P:** My eyes are always toward the Lord:

**C:** For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

**P:** Turn to me and have mercy on me:

**C:** For I am desolate and afflicted.

**P:** Unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul:

**C:** O my God, I trust in You; let me never be ashamed.

### 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 42:14-21 "I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools. 16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods.' 18 "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see. 19 Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the Lord's servant? 20 Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not hear." 21 The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable.

**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: Arise, O Lord, and let not man prevail:

**C: Let the heathen be judged in Your sight.**

P: When my enemies are turned back:

**C: They shall fall and perish in Your presence.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: Unto You do I lift up my eyes, You who dwell in the heavens:

**C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us. Hallelujah!**

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

**PASTOR** The New Testament Reading is from John chapter 9, beginning there in the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

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**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 277**

### **THE SERMON**

Ephesians 5:8-14 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

Theme: "THE DARKNESS AND THE LIGHT"

I: Once we were in the dark (8a)

II: Now we are in the light (8b-13)

III: Tell others of the light (14)

### 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)

**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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.**

### Congregation sings Hymn 398

*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) 283

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

*Verbal Announcements - Ushers dismiss by row*

# Announcements

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

**CLC GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** This annual event was held last Friday through today in Eau Claire, WI. Not only did this give good competition to our team, coached by Chris Osborne and Luke Scheberl, but it was a wonderful opportunity for all the children and adults of our synod to get to know each other in a loving atmosphere of informal fellowship. We thank God for all His blessings to us!

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**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  
10:30 am Lenten Service – Pastor Paul Krause  
7:00 pm Lenten Service – Pastor Paul Krause

**FRI:** 7:30-8:30 pm Last Gym Night at Theisen

**SAT:** 7:00 pm ILC Tour Choir Concert at Luther Memorial

**TV CHURCH** – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 19  
Tuesday at noon and Thursday at 4:00 pm.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES** 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!

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE TOUR CHOIR** will present a concert of sacred music at a 7:00 pm service this Saturday, March 21 here in church. The choir is composed of students from both the college and high school departments of ILC in Eau Claire, WI. They

will be on a seven day tour of various congregations throughout the Mid-west. The choir is under the direction of Prof. John Reim. All are invited and encouraged to attend. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments, bars and cookies will be offered following the concert for you to meet and visit with the choir members. That evening our congregation is housing the choir, and we're still looking for a few beds, so if you can help with housing, please see Pastor Naumann.

**CONFIRMATION ON APRIL 5TH** Lord willing the following three students will be confirmed on Palm Sunday: Miriam Bernthal, Jennifer Schwersinske, Haley Stump.

#### **LM EAGLES YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

Easter Sunday, April 12: We're singing an anthem for the service. Practices are Sunday April 5 and Friday April 10 following services. Coming in June: Annual Pie and Coffee fundraiser. Coming in August: Eagles Youth Group Camp Out weekend.

**TO OUR ORGANISTS** Adrienne Fillmore, Rhoda Eserhut, Karen Strike: We know that your service is to the Lord, but we also thank you for sharing your talents with us!

**EASTER LILIES** If you would like to purchase a lily to beautify the altar in dedication to our risen Savior, a sign up sheet is available on the back bulletin board until March 16. The cost of the lilies are \$8.50 – payments may be made to Lisa Horton or Adrienne Fillmore. Also, if you'd like to bring your Easter Lilies from home for Easter Sunday, please put your name on them and bring them Saturday (church will be open) or Sunday early. Take them home on Easter!

**EASTER BREAKFAST** will be served by the men of the congregation from 8:30-9:30 am. Easter Sunday. Breakfast meats may be donated by the Friday before. Coffee cakes and pastries may be brought the day of. Thank you!

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP** Wednesday, April 29. If you know anyone who is interested in sending their child to our school, please give this information to them as well as Teacher Amy Osborne.

**FAREWELL** The date of Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> has been set for a farewell for our retiring middle grades Teacher Mrs. Karen Strike.

#### **YOUR PRAYERS REQUESTED – MISSION HELPER TRIP 2009**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Lutheran Memorial Church, *“For Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.’”* Romans 10:13-15. I thought I would update you a little on preparing for the CLC Mission Helper Trip to India this July, 2009. First of all we have a wonderful Pastor organizing this trip - Pastor Todd Ohlmann. He is a very good communicator. I can see why God put him in this position. I have my Passport. Pastor Ohlmann just purchased our plane tickets which has made me a little nervous because reality is setting in that I'm really going. This is why I'm writing this to you! I'm asking you all to keep me in your prayers and my family also. As I continue to serve the Lord. Pray that I use all my talents to the glory of the Lord. That my mission will be to serve with all my heart, soul, and mind. I need prayers for wisdom, leadership, setting a good example, being a good team player. Physical and spiritual strength. Most of all teaching God's Word in truth and purity. Pray that at the same time I don't neglect my first calling my precious family. Pray also for the eleven precious souls going with which will be Steve Eichstadt, Carly Meyer, Joey Reim, Josh Ohlmann, Peter Evensen, Mike Naumann, Dorena Wiechmann, Katie Wiechmann, Pastor Todd Ohlmann, Pastor Frank Gantt, Pastor Matt Ude. *“Show me your ways, O Lord teach me your paths; lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; On you I wait all the day.”* Psalm 25: 4-5

Thank You! Your Christian Sister, Jackie Schwersinske

## NEWS FROM IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE IN EAU CLAIRE

On February 23 the move from Reim Hall into Phase 1 of the new Academic Center was completed. Students, staff, and many volunteers were valuable participants in making this move happen. ILC President John Pfeiffer writes: "Students, faculty, staff, and friends pitched in to assist in the preparations and the move. It went smoothly and almost everything is in place. ... We thank our Lord for this wonderful gift." Excitement is evident at Immanuel as the students enjoy this new addition to their campus life. Even with the completion of Phase 1 of the building project, activity has not slowed down. Phase 2, which includes additional classrooms and administration areas, has begun in full speed. Demolition of Reim Hall occurred this past Thursday, March 5, to make way for the continuation of the Academic Center project. Rafters for the music and art rooms are already set in place. You can continue to monitor live progress of the construction via the web cams, along with a good number of pictures, videos, and various informational tidbits on the construction blog, [ilcacademiccenter.blogspot.com](http://ilcacademiccenter.blogspot.com). You may also check out the publicity web site at [www.ilcpublicity.org](http://www.ilcpublicity.org).

**ILC SUMMER CAMP 2009** 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. 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

**CLC NEWS** This year Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church of Coloma is commemorating 50 years of the blessings of God's grace. On Sunday, June 14, two special services will be conducted in our midst. One in the morning at 10:00 and another in the afternoon at 4:00. A former pastor of the congregation, Jim Sandeen, will serve as guest speaker in the afternoon service. Following the afternoon service a potluck meal will be served. A short program will be presented in connection with the potluck. We would be delighted to have you join

us for our anniversary festivities. If you are unable to come, we invite you to send a letter of greeting to Faith Congregation (which would be shared with our parishioners on that day). In any case, we kindly ask that you offer prayers of thanksgiving to our God for graciously pouring out so many blessings of His love in Jesus our Savior over these past 50 years. In His name, for the parishioners of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Coloma, Michigan, Pastor Schuetze.

**SERVICE TODAY** Usher Team 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist Adrienne Fillmore

**WEDNESDAY** 10:30 am Available Ushers. Organist Adrienne

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

**LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD** Attendance: Sun – 148; Midweek – 75 & 29

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

<b>Budgetary</b>	<b>weekly (\$4,327 needed)</b>	<b>For the fiscal year</b>	
Received	\$3,082		\$33,283
<b>Non-budgetary</b>			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$172	balance	\$2,050
Debt Retirement Fund	\$87	balance	\$346
LM Building Fund	\$50	mortgage	\$31,224
<i>(given in memory of Deborah Horning)</i>			
2008 Deficit Fund	\$0	total	3,373
LM Student Aid Fund	\$0		
LM Sign Fund	\$10		

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

<b>Budgetary</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>year to date</b>
Received	\$873	\$32,191

**Non-budgetary**

CLCI Orphanage	\$10
ILC Building Fund	\$105

## WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

God... has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13-14

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## **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

### **Isaiah 42:14-21**

In these verses the Lord admonishes the children of Israel for going astray. In His loving faithfulness, He promises to trun the darkness into light for His elect through the coming Savior. We read...

## **New Testament Reading**

### **John 9:13-17, 34-39**

In these verses we read of Jesus' healing of a blind man. There are many in this world who, like the Pharisees, refuse to be healed of their Spiritual blindness, they prefer the darkness to the light... We read...