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6:68-69*



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 17, 2008

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 124 front of hymnal p. 153
The Hymns: 285, 759, 438:4-5, 290, 283

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, provide Thine ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 285

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: Have respect, O Lord, to Your covenant:

C: Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed!

P: Arise, O God, plead Your own cause;

C: Do not forget the voice of Your enemies;

P: O God, why have You cast us off forever?

C: Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

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.

The Old Testament Reading:

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called for the elders of Israel, for their heads, for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, 14 "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! 15 "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the

LORD." 16 So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17 "for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. 18 "And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God."

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: Have respect, O Lord, to Your covenant:

C: Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed!

P: Arise, O God, plead Your own cause;

C: Do not forget the voice of Your enemies;

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: O LORD, God of my salvation,

C: I have cried out day and night before You. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading comes from Ephesians chapter 5, beginning there in the 21st verse.

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

The New Testament Reading:

Ephesians 5:21-31 submitting to one another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of

the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

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.**

Hymn 759

THE SERMON

John 6:60-69 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" 61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 "What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? 63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." 66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 "Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Theme: "JESUS' HARD SAYINGS"

I. "Does My teaching offend you?"

II. Do you also want to go away?"

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 438:4-5:

**We Lord would lay at Thy behest The costliest offerings on Thy shrine
But when we give, and give our best, We give Thee only what is Thine.
O Father, whence all blessings come; O Son, Dispenser of God's store;
O Spirit, bear our offerings home: Lord, make them Thine forevermore.**

PRAYERS - (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 290

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

TODAY: LM SCHOOL REGISTRATION Following service in the meeting room. Our Opening School Service and the first (half) day of School is one week from Tuesday on August 26. Enrollment: Teacher Amy Osborne (grades K-2) 3 in K; 1 in 1st; 4 in 2nd
Teacher Karen Strike (grades 3-5) 2 in 3rd; 6 in 4th; 2 in 5th
Principal Dave Bernthal (grades 6-8) 2 in 6th; 3 in 7th; 2 in 8th
Total Enrollment – 25 students

IN THE HOSPITAL - IN OUR PRAYERS At St. Agnes Hospital: Keith Rademann has had successful hip surgery to repair a broken leg, and continues his recovery on the 6th floor. **"And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up." Jm 5:15**

50th ANNIVERSARY PICTURE DIRECTORY

Last day Sunday August 24, 10:30-3:00 pm. Sign-up in the hallway.

Why get your picture in the new directory? Getting your picture as a member of Luther Memorial Church in this special 50th anniversary Directory speaks volumes. Mostly it is a confession of your faith.

- Your picture says: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!"
- Your picture says: "I believe that the pure Word of God is taught here in it's truth and purity."
- Your picture says: "These are my brothers and sisters in Christ."
- Your picture says: "I want people to know that I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."
- Your picture says: "We preach Christ and Him Crucified!"
- Your picture says: "I support Christian Education."

This year, and in all the years to come, when people open this directory they'll know you confess the One True Triune God. **Matthew 10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."**

STAY INFORMED! Copies of printed committee chairman reports from recent Church Council meetings and Voters' meetings are always available in the hallway. Can't find them? Ask the pastor!

THANKS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL SHINNY FLOORS! Building and Grounds Chairman Ron Strike has been busy these past weeks polishing the hallway and classroom floors in preparation for the opening of our School a week from Tuesday. He and Jim Fillmore also replaced the carpet in the South and West entries this past week. It looks very nice!

COME TO LUTHER MEMORIAL SCHOOL OPENING SERVICE

Tuesday, August 26 at 8:00 am. All the congregation is invited and encouraged to attend this service of thanks and praise to our loving God for His gift to us of a Christian Day School. This is a half day for the students who are dismissed at noon. We, the members of Luther Memorial Church, have the privilege of opening our Christian Day School for another school year of the LORD's blessings!

A CALL FOR A SPONSOR The pastor has been informed that one of our members is not attending Immanuel Lutheran High School for financial reasons. Room and board and tuition for one year at ILC is about \$6,200. If anyone can sponsor or help sponsor this student, please contact the pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS Our Fall Schedule begins **Sunday, September 7, with Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am, worship service at 10:00 am.** Once again the LORD is offering to every adult and child in our congregation the amazing blessings of His holy Word through weekly Sunday morning Bible Class and Sunday School. If you've overlooked this blessing in the past, please consider the following promises from the LORD:

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Pro. 9:9-10
"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6
Then Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32

OUR SUMMER TOGETHER IN CHRIST With only the last couple Sundays left, please lend your prayers and whole-hearted support in word and deed as you encourage each other to worship here in the LORD's house. Here is a passage from God's Word that you can use for yourself and for those who aren't here today.

Hebrews 10:23-24 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works."

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS Would you like to teach Christ's little lambs? The Pastor offers any member personal and group training to teach Sunday School. Our Fall schedule begins Sunday, September 7. If you would like to be considered, please sign up on the back bulletin board of the church.

Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:
"Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

SUMMER CATCH-UP FUND Moved by the Gospel of sins forgiven in our Savior, let us work together to help "catch-up" our general budget. We thank our Stewardship Committee for keeping us informed of our financial needs! Envelopes are at the registry table.

CLC NEWS >>The Rev. Nathanael Mayhew of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Atlanta, GA has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan, WI. >>Berea Lutheran Church of

Inver Grove Heights, MN, and Grace Lutheran Church of Fridley, MN, has called the Rev. Mike Gurath, now serving as interim pastor at Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI, to a one year part time exploratory call to the SW Metro area of the Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN area. >>Living Word Lutheran Church, Liberty MO, has called Michael Gurath to serve their congregation. >>Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Phoenix AZ, has called Michael Gurath to participate in the congregation's local mission outreach effort, 10/08-6/09. We pray the Holy Spirit guide Mike Gurath in the consideration of these four calls!

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 1 Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, David Dexter, Jim Fillmore, Sam and Tom N. Organist: Karen S.
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 2 Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Adam J. Organist: Adrienne Fillmore

FUNDS TO REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

General Budget; Missions, Duplex Building Fund; Student Aid Fund; New Copier Fund; Summer Catch-up Fund; ILC Building Fund. Other synod and local funds are listed on the bulletin board. Envelopes are available on the registry table.

GIVEN TO THE LORD – FROM THANKFUL HEARTS Attendance: - 162
(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)

Budgetary	weekly	for the fiscal year	
Received	\$4,241 <i>(needed \$4,312)</i>	\$110,653	
<i>(\$1,053 given in the special Summer Catchup Fund. To date: \$1,055)</i>			
Non-budgetary			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$102	balance	\$2,942
Debt Retirement Fund	\$0	balance	\$1,132
LM Building Fund	\$110	mortgage	\$35,939
<i>(\$10 given in memory of Ronald Keyes)</i>			
New Copier Fund	\$110	balance	\$2,786
<i>(\$100 given in memory of Ronald Keyes)</i>			
Missions <i>(CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)</i>			
Budgetary	weekly	year to date	
Received	\$889	\$5,140	
Non-budgetary			
India Orphanage		\$15	
<i>(\$5 given in memory of Ronald Keyes)</i>			

ILC Building Fund	\$5
Luther Memorial School	
Undesignated Memorial	\$205
<i>(given in memory of Ronald Keyes)</i>	

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

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