



**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: Bow down Your ear, O Lord, and hear me:

**C: O my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.**

P: Be merciful to me, O Lord:

**C: For I cry to you daily.**

P: Inspire the soul of Your servant to rejoice:

**C: For unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

### 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:

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**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: It is better to trust in the Lord:

**C: Than to put confidence in man.**

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**C: Than to put confidence in princes.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: O my God, my heart is fixed:

**C: I will sing and give praise to Your glory. Hallelujah!**

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

**PASTOR** The New Testament Reading comes from James chapter 1, beginning there in the 17<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

### **The New Testament Reading:**

James 1:17-22, 26-27 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. 19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

**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 512**

## **THE SERMON**

Mark 7:31-37 Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. 32 Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. 33 And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Theme: "YOUR QUALITY TIME WITH JESUS"

- I. Proves His interest
- II. Reveals His compassion
- III. Provides His power

## 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 441:1-2:*

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

## 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 777

*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) 50:1

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

Verbal Announcements --- Ushers dismiss by row

# Announcements

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

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

TUE 7:00 pm LM Evening Ladies Meeting

WED 9:00 am Women's Bible Reading

**TV CHURCH** – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 25  
Tuesday at noon, Friday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 3:30 pm.

**NEXT SUNDAY** The Fall Schedule of Luther Memorial begins with Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am, and Communion Worship service at 10:00 am. Please sign up at the guest register for Holy Communion.

**OPEN HOUSE! (school)** Three weeks from today on September 21, following the service of Education Sunday, we asking everyone to take a few minutes and tour the classrooms of the school. This is YOUR school, and therefore YOUR classrooms. Teachers and students will be on hand to welcome you and answer questions. Come and see the good things God is doing in our school!

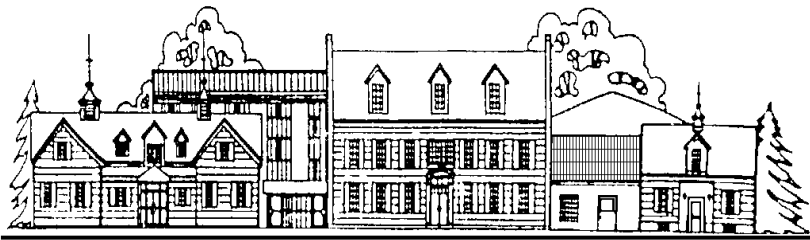
**PTC KICK-OFF MEETING** The first "Parent Teacher Connection" meeting is scheduled, Lord willing, for Wednesday September 24 at 6:30 pm. Parents and also non-parents who are interested in helping in and around the school are encouraged to come.

**Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." John 11:25-26**

He is the Resurrection; He is Life, having immortality and unfading, imperishable, and unchanging life in Himself; He imparts the same to others, so that they need not, and cannot die. Therefore "whosoever believeth in Him, though he were dead, yet shall he live." The man that believes in Him, though dead, yet lives; he has unfading life in Jesus. He cannot perish. Death to him is but the separation of soul and body. What we call death is the departure of the soul from the body, but in reality, it is the soul's entrance into life in heaven. The body we bury out of sight; it turns into dust and earth; but this dust shall rise again to glory for the man that believed in Jesus, Who is the Resurrection and the Life.

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE ACADEMIC CENTER

The opening service for ILC in Eau Claire, WI, was last Monday. The Pastor and many of our members were able to attend. During the service the ground breaking of the New Academic Center also took place. You can view a video of the service online at <http://www.ilcpublicity.org/> Also, please read the insert in the bulletin and view the color photos at the bulletin boards. It is a blessing to see the dirt being moved for this worthy building project now underway on our high school, college, and seminary campus in Eau Claire, WI. Supporting ILC with your donations and loans to the CEF (Church Extension Fund) is supporting your future pastors and teachers, for that's where our young people are trained for the preaching and teaching ministry. That is where your children and grandchildren will get a Christ-centered high school and college education. Please pray about it and give this your gracious consideration in Christ. May the LORD open the generous hearts of His people at Luther Memorial. Mark your offering: "ILC Building Fund"



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE

### LM STUDENTS ATTENDING ILC

Freshman: Bryan Kottke, Sam Naumann, Zoe Sippert  
Junior: Naomi Bernthal  
Seniors: Hannah Bernthal, Tom Naumann  
College Sophomore: Sara Haensgen

**LM STUDENT AID FUND** You can help a child 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.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** does not cost. It pays. It is more important now than at any other time in our history. The opportunity to expose a child to God's Word five days a week is priceless! Our church counts it a blessing to wholeheartedly support our school.

### WHAT TO BRING TO CHURCH

- Bring a soul that hungers and thirsts for God's Word
- Bring a holy reverence for both God and His house, the church
- Bring an unselfish spirit and an abiding love for your fellowman
- Bring your offerings
- Bring a friendly smile and a hearty handshake for friends and strangers alike
- Bring a kind word for your church, its programs and leadership
- Bring a willingness to join in the worship service by singing from your heart
- Bring your visiting friends and relatives
- Bring a prayerful heart and a mind open to the Word of God
- Bring a list of unsaved friends and pray for them during the service
- Bring a willingness to serve the Lord in the church

**CLC NEWS** >>Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan has called their interim pastor, Rev. Mike Gurath, to the full time pastoral ministry. >>Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Phoenix AZ, has called Rev. Mike Gurath to participate in the congregation's local mission outreach effort, 10/08-6/09. >> Rev. Mike Gurath, has returned the call to Berea Lutheran Church of Inver Grove Heights, MN, and Grace Lutheran Church of Fridley, MN, for a one year part time exploratory call to the SW Metro area of the Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN area. >>Rev. Mike Gurath has returned the call to Living Word Lutheran Church, Liberty MO.

**TEACHER DUPLEX BUILDING FUND** Built in 2000, the total cost was: \$163,028. In the past eight years God has greatly blessed our

efforts to pay down this mortgage. The current remaining balance is down to \$35,919. We praise You, LORD! Please remember the Building Fund in your prayers and with your offerings. Envelopes are available by the registration table.

**SERVICE TODAY** Usher Team 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, Tim Johannes, John Herzberg, Steve Seibel Organist: Rhoda Eserhut

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

**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: - 166

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

**Budgetary weekly for the fiscal year**

Received \$2,708 (\$4,312 needed) \$116,561

*(\$155 given in the special Summer Catchup Fund. To date: \$1,594)*

**Non-budgetary**

Maintenance & Improvement	\$0	balance	\$2,949
Debt Retirement Fund	\$20	balance	\$1,172
LM Building Fund	\$0	mortgage	\$35,919
New Copier Fund	\$20	balance	\$2,846

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

Budgetary weekly year to date

Received \$770 \$6,669

*(\$25 given in memory of Ronald Keyes)*

**Non-budgetary**

CLC India Orphanage	\$10
ILC Building Fund	\$5

**Luther Memorial School**

Undesignated Memorial \$20

**WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

**“Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23  
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

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**The Old Testament Reading for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Here in these verses the Prophet Isaiah foretells of the coming of the Messiah, which will be accompanied by miracles, not the least of which is His Holy Word with which He saves us and quenches our spiritual thirst. We read...

**The Old Testament Reading:**

**Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Through His Word, Jesus has worked a miracle in our hearts, by faith restoring us through His shed blood. Let us therefore lay aside all the filth this world tempts us with and follow His Word. We read...