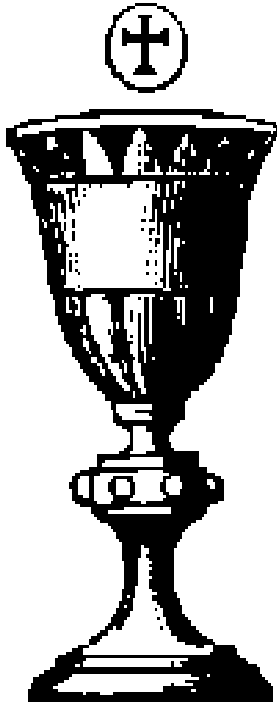


17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 7, 2008



**Welcome to
LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH
AND SCHOOL**

(Grades K-8)

Church of the Lutheran Confession
134 21st Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(920) 922-7421

Worship service - 10:00 am

Sunday School and Bible Class – 9:00 am

Pastor Dave Naumann

Principal Dave Bernthal

Teacher Amy Osborne

Teacher Karen Strike

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Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 124 front of hymnal p. 153

The Hymns: 460, 764, 755 - 315, 451:1

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.

The Order of our Communion Service

Bells – Opening Prayer

First Hymn 460

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, page 5)*

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

CONGR: (sing) *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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-10 "The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. 5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. 6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 "For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9 Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up. 10 "Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD And rely upon his God.

PASTOR: This ends our Old Testament Reading.
Blessed are they that hear the Word of God
and keep it. Hallelujah!

CONGR: (sing) ***Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

PASTOR: The New Testament reading is James chapter
2, beginning with the 1st verse.

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

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the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

PASTOR: This ends the New Testament Reading
CONGR: (sing) ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ!***

THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance
with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and
for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the
Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified
also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And
the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And
ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the
dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who procedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father
and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the
Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I
aknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the
resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Hymn 764

THE SERMON

Mark 8:27-35 Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?" 28 So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." 29 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ." 30 Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him. 31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke this word openly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." 34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Theme: "DISCIPLES OF JESUS"

- I. Confess His Name (27-29)
- II. Believe His Mission (30-33)
- III. Follow His Cross (34-35)

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.

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

PASTOR: Having now heard the Word of God, I invite the congregation to kneel or stand and make confession of your sins.
(kneelers are available under the pews on the right side of church)

ALL: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

PASTOR: If this is your sincere confession, then answer by saying "yes."
CONGR: Yes.

PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Arise now in peace. Let us continue our Communion service.

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. (Hymnal p. 24-25)

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

CONGR: (sing) *And with thy spirit.*

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

CONGR: (sing) *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

PASTOR: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

CONGR: (sing) *It is meet and right so to do.*

PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!" (Hymnal, page 26)

CONG: (sing) *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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;

CONG: (sing) *For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor)

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Take, drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

CONGR: (sing) *Amen.*

THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross. (Hymnal, page 28)

CONGR: (sing)

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

THE DISTRIBUTION

Those who are members here at Luther Memorial or are members of a sister church in the CLC and have announced their intention to partake of the Lord's Supper may now come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers.

A special note to our visitors: *The Bible tells us to be "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Holy Communion is therefore both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together*

believe the same thing. For this reason we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

Hymn(s) sung during the Distribution: 755 & 315

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

*Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)
(Hymnal, page 29)*

CONGR: (sing) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. 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.

PASTOR: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

CONGR: (sing) And His mercy endureth forever.

PASTOR: (Prayer)

CONGR: (sing) Amen. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for 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) 451:1

*** *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

MON 10:00 am LM Church Service at the Lutheran Home

TUE 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

THU 4:00 pm School Soccer game - home

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

OPEN HOUSE SCHOOL! Two 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.

CLC CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS Copies (orange covers) are available in the hallway. One for each family. Please take one and read up on the work of our LORD for our Lutheran Synod – the CLC.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE ACADEMIC CENTER

ILC Publicity Update: Beginning this past Wednesday, Sept. 3, action was able to be observed on the building site at ILC. Trees are now being cleared for the new academic center. This is the first on-site preparation for the new project! For on-going updates and information, check out www.ilcpublicity.org. If you want to see a few pictures of the tree clearing, go to <http://ILCAcademicCenter.blogspot.com/> It is an exciting 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 your 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"

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.

CLC NEWS >>The Rev. Mike Gurath has accepted the call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Phoenix AZ, to participate in the congregation's local mission outreach effort, 10/08-6/09. >>The Rev. Mike Gurath has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan for the full time pastoral ministry. He continues to serve the vacancy there until the Holy Spirit fills it.

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 4 Wayne Wischneski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel Delarme. Organist: Adrienne
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 1 , Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, David Dexter, Jim Fillmore, Sam N., Tom N. Organist: Rhoda E.

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: - 134
(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)

Budgetary	weekly	for the fiscal year	
Received	\$2,563 (\$4,312 needed)	\$119,924	
<i>(\$10 given in the special Summer Catchup Fund. To date: \$1,604)</i>			
Non-budgetary			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$25	balance	\$2,974
Debt Retirement Fund	\$100	balance	\$1,272
LM Building Fund	\$20	mortgage	\$35,899
New Copier Fund	\$0	balance	\$2,846
Missions (CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)			
Budgetary	weekly	year to date	
Received	\$841	\$7,510	
<i>(\$25 given in memory of Ronald Keyes)</i>			
Non-budgetary			
CLC India Orphanage		\$10	
ILC Building Fund	\$5		

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE
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without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” James 2:17-18

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Old Testament Reading for 17th Sunday after Pentecost **Isaiah 50:4-10**

In these verses the Prophet foretells of our powerful and fearless Messiah – Jesus Christ. He trusted in the LORD God and was not disappointed. As God’s disciples, let us do the same! Let us give all glory to God and keep on hearing the Word of Jesus, our LORD and our God. We read...

New Testament Reading **James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18**

Among your fellow believers, there is no good reason to show bias, that is, favoritism because of the color of skin, or gender, or social standing, wealth or poverty. God doesn’t, so don’t you do it. If you profess to be a believer but refuse to do a believer’s God-given work, your claim to faith is nothing. The Apostle James encourages you rather to let your faith be made known to your fellow believers by the good things you do. We read...