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## 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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Principal Dave Bernthal

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2008

**Preparation for Worship:** Read Psalm 46 - front of hymnal p. 134  
The Hymns: 775, 262, The Sure Prophetic, 441:1-2, 266, 261

**Bells – Opening Prayer**

**First Hymn** 775

### **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:** The Lord of hosts is with us:

**C: The God of Jacob is our Refuge.**

**P:** Therefore we will not be afraid even though the earth be removed:

**C: And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.**

**P:** God is our Refuge and Strength:

**C: A very present Help in trouble.**

### **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"*

**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:**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; 32 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the

greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

**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: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

**C: In the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.**

P: Walk about Zion; take note of her towers; mark well her bulwarks; consider her palaces:

**C: That you may tell it to the generation following.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: For this God is our God forever and ever:

**C: He will be our Guide even unto death. Hallelujah!**

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

**Hymn: 262: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

Children Sing stanza's 1-2

All sing stanza's 3-4

**PASTOR** The New Testament Reading is from Romans, chapter 3, beginning there in the 19<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

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passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

**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 "THE SURE PROPHETIC WORD OF GOD"**

*(by Pastor W. M. Czamanske, sung to the tune of 620)*

The sure prophetic Word of God, Revealed to holy men  
At sundry times in ages past, Has come to us again.  
It is the Word our Savior spoke While He was here below,  
The Word restored by Luther's hand Five hundred years ago.

The sure prophetic Word has come To shed its blessed light,  
To drive away the clouds of grief, The dark and gloomy night.  
And we do well to heed this Word, To keep this treasure pure,  
Because it holds the priceless gems, The riches that endure.

The sure prophetic Word has come To us that we may trace  
The Love that gave His only Son, The Father's boundless grace.  
This Word alone has power to save, To make us truly wise,  
That we may see the dawn appear, The Morning Star arise.  
Amen.

### **THE SERMON**

John 8:31-36 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can you say, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 "And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Theme: "SCRIPTURE ALONE! – SOLA SCRIPTURA!"

- I. For true discipleship (31)
- II. For genuine Truth (31-32)
- III. For real freedom (33-36)

### **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!  
Amen.***

### **THE GENERAL PRAYER**

(Pastor)

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(All)

**Hymn 266**

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.**

**Closing Hymn (standing) 261**

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

*Verbal Announcements - Ushers dismiss by row*

## **A n n o u n c e m e n t s**

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

**TODAY'S JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE** This years area Joint Reformation service is a 3:00 pm service at Messiah Lutheran Church in Hales Corners, WI, with a fellowship meal to follow. We encourage all our members to make the trip over to Milwaukee to join in this fellowship service of like-minded believers from area congregations giving thanks to God for giving us our Lutheran Heritage. Attending congregations: Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac; Faith Lutheran, Markesan; Peace thru Christ, Middleton; Messiah, Milwaukee; and Ascension, Batavia, IL. Do you need a ride? Do you have extra room? Please let the Pastor know so he can coordinate rides.

**WITH THE LORD** Last Thursday morning the LORD, in His mercy, called His servant LaVerne Kiefner home to her heavenly reward. The

Funeral/Victory service is 2:00 pm Monday, October 27. Visitation from noon until the service. Burial is at Avoca Cemetery in Oakfield.

May the LORD comfort Julie, Ashley and all the family with the certain hope of the resurrection through our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 14:13** Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

**HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK:** Sue Smet had emergency surgery last Wednesday for a burst appendix. She is recovering at St. Agnes Hospital room 331. Floyd Mielke is UW Madison recovering from a leg amputation surgery. He is looking forward to coming home soon. We ask for and trust in the LORD's blessings for Sue and Floyd and for all who are ill. **James 5:15** "And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

#### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

**TUE** 6:30 pm School Committee Meeting at church.

**WED** 6:30 pm Elders' Meeting at church.

**TV CHURCH** – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV **Channel 19** Tuesday at noon, Friday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 3:30 pm.

**COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY** A Sacrament is a sacred act that fits these three criteria: 1) Instituted by Christ, 2) An earthly element connected with God's Word, 3) Gives the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Next week you are privileged to receive the forgiveness of your sins in the Sacrament of the Altar - the "Real Presence" of the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under, the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and to drink. Please check your name on the communion sign-up sheet at the registry table.

**MISSION FESTIVAL SERMON** Copies of the Rev. John Lau's sermon last Sunday are available in the hallway. Help yourself!

**TODAY'S BIBLE CLASS** We are studying a paper being written for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CLC by Pastor David Lau. It is a Bible based paper that explains our origins as CLC Lutherans. Join us! "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." **1 Peter 3:15**

**TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON** Parents, relatives, and friends may like to know what is being taught to the children of our congregation in Sunday School. Today our children heard about their Lutheran Heritage - Martin Luther and the posting of the 95 Theses nailed on the church door of the Castle Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. For a family devotion at home, open your catechism and review the history of Martin Luther and our Lutheran heritage. This Friday on the 31<sup>st</sup>, the LORD will give you the opportunity to witness your faith by saying "Happy REFORMATION Day!" Do it!

**LAST FRIDAY - LM EAGLES YOUTH GROUP** A devotion in God's Word, pumpkin carving, and games were the order of the evening last Friday as the Eagles gathered together for fellowship and fun. Even though the weather was inclement, the Sun was shining in our hearts as we enjoyed the evening activities. Many thanks to all who helped to make this a great evening!

**CHURCH BANNERS** The Church Council along with the congregation would like to thank Sherry Mondry and her daughter Jodimae Seibel for the beautiful new banners that they have contributed to the LORD and His work here at Luther Memorial Church and School. We would also like to thank Ron Strike for building a second banner stand and also a banner cabinet to store the church's banners. The new banners and cabinet are downstairs – take a look!

#### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE ACADEMIC CENTER

It is an exciting blessing to see 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! Mark your offering: "ILC Building Fund"

**CLC NEWS From our CLC President:** The Rev. Mike Schierenbeck, recovering from a long treatment for bone cancer, is back home in Markesan. He and his wife Sara have not been able to work for the past three months, and, of course, there are many out of pocket expenses not covered by insurance. If you are willing and able to help defray their expenses, you can send contributions to: Farmers State Bank C/O Mike Schierenbeck Transplant Fund 86 E. Water St., Markesan, WI 53946

**FUNDS TO REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS**

General Budget; Missions, LM Building Fund; Student Aid Fund; ILC Building Fund. Other synod and local funds are listed on the bulletin board. Envelopes are available on the registry table.

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

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

**Martin Luther’s Catechism Counters Spiritual Ignorance**

- Begin with the young!
  - ⇒ Bente: Fully realizing the general decay of Christian training, Luther at once directed all his efforts toward bringing about a change for the better. And well aware of the fact that the future belongs to the rising generation, the instruction of the common people, and particularly of the young, became increasingly an object of his especial concern. If the Church, said he, is to be helped, if the Gospel is to be victorious, if the Reformation is to succeed, if Satan and the Antichrist are to be dealt a mortal blow, a blow from which they will not recover, it must be done through the young.
- Incite the pastors
  - ⇒ Luther in Preface of Small Catechism: “Therefore I entreat you all for God’s sake, my dear sirs and brethren, who are pastors or preachers, to devote yourselves heartily to your office, to have pity on the people who are entrusted to you, and to help us inculcate the Catechism upon the people, especially upon the young.”
- Preach the Catechism
  - ⇒ Luther recommended having Catechism sermons several times a year. But at that time sermons were preached on a daily basis.

- ⇒ He encouraged Pastors to preach the Catechism on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Most of all, urge on the parents
  - ⇒ Luther in Preface of Large Catechism: “Therefore let every father of a family know that it is his duty, by the injunction and command of God, to teach these things to his children, or have them learn what they ought to know.”
  - ⇒ Ephesians 6:4: And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.
  - ⇒ Subtitle of Each Chief Part of the Small Catechism: “As the head of the family should teach them in all simplicity to his household.”
  - ⇒ Luther in his German Order of Worship: “For if parents and guardians of the young are unwilling to take such pains with the young, either personally or through others, Catechism will never be established.”
  - ⇒ Luther in a Sermon: “Think not, ye housefathers, that you are freed from the care of your household when you say: ‘Oh, if they are unwilling to go to Catechism instruction, why should I force them? I am not in need of it.’ You have been appointed their bishop and house-pastor; beware lest you neglect your duty toward them!”
  - ⇒ Bente: “If children were to memorize the Catechism and learn to understand it, they must be instructed and questioned individually, a task to which the Church was unequal, and for the accomplishment of which also the small number of schools was altogether inadequate. Parents, however, were able to reach the children individually. They had the time and the opportunity, too, morning, noon, and evening, at the table, etc. Furthermore, they had the greatest interest in the matter, the children being their own flesh and blood. And they, in the first place, were commanded by God to provide for the proper training of their children. The fathers and mothers, therefore, these natural and divinely appointed teachers of the children, Luther was at great pains to enlist for the urgent work of instructing the young.”

**GIVEN TO THE LORD – FROM THANKFUL HEARTS** Attendance: - 195  
*(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)*

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Budgetary</b>          | <b>weekly</b>            | <b>for the fiscal year</b> |
| Received                  | \$2,534 (\$4,312 needed) | \$144,063                  |
| <b>Non-budgetary</b>      |                          |                            |
| Maintenance & Improvement | \$25                     | balance \$3,055            |

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| Debt Retirement Fund | \$0   | balance  | \$1,561  |
| LM Building Fund     | \$100 | mortgage | \$33,941 |

*(\$100 given in memory of Dorothy Jacob's Birthday)*

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| New Copier Fund | \$110 |  |  |
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*(\$10 given in memory of Ella Eserhut; \$10 given in memory of Ella Eserhut)*

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

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| Budgetary | weekly | year to date |
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| Received | \$2,186 | \$15,747 |
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*(\$1,200 received for the Fall Mission Envelope- Total \$1,700. \$50 given in memory of Marvin & Francis Leonhardt; \$10 given in memory of Ella Eserhut)*

**Non-budgetary**

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| Mission Development Fund | \$20 |
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| ILC Building Fund | \$15 |
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*(\$10 given in memory of Ella Eserhut)*

**WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

**"Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct."**

**Hebrews 13:7**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

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**The OT Reading for Reformation Sunday**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The LORD reminds us of the New Covenant, or agreement, that He made for Israel (that is, the Whole Christian Church). The agreement is, its a one-sided contract coming from totally and alone from His love for us. He has forgiven us our sins for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ. We read...

## **THE NEW TESTAMENT READING**

### **Romans 3:19-28**

Grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone. That, in a nutshell is our Lutheran Heritage. And it was and is the battle cry of the Reformation against all other false teachings. In these verses we hear of all three – Grace, faith, and Scripture – and how these gifts of God are involved in our total Salvation. We read...