

"But thanks be to God,  
who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 15:57



## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

CLC - Church of the Lutheran Confession  
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7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 2009

**Preparation for Worship:** Read Psalm 16 front of hymnal p. 125  
The Hymns: 447, 378, 379, 463:5

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, God of all mercy, You have established the Church of Jesus Christ, wherein we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Grant unto us the opening of our hearts to receive the instruction which You give us in Your holy Word for the eternal welfare of our souls. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

**Bells – Opening Prayer**

**Opening Hymn 447**

**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:** The Lord is the Strength of His people

**C:** He is the saving strength of His anointed

**P:** Save Your people and bless Your inheritance

**C:** Feed them also and lift them up forever.

**P:** I will love You, O Lord my Strength

**C:** The Lord is my Rock and my fortress.

### **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:**

Zechariah 9:9-12 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.' 11 "As for you also, Because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. 12 Return to the stronghold, You prisoners of hope. Even today I declare That I will restore double to you.

**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:** Return, O Lord, how long?

**C:** **And let it repent You concerning Your servants.**

**P:** Lord, You have been our Dwelling Place

**C:** **In all generations. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**P:** In You, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed

**C:** **Deliver me in Your righteousness; bow down Your ear to me and deliver me speedily. Hallelujah!**

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

**PASTOR** The New Testament Reading comes from 2 Corinthians chapter 12, beginning there in the 7<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

**The New Testament Reading:**

Matthew 11:25-30 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. 26 "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 27 "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. 28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

**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 378**

**THE SERMON**

Romans 7:15-25 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God; through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Theme: "BRIGHT SKY OVER THE BATTLEFIELD"

- I. Our sinful flesh battles against our inner man
- II. The outcome of the battle seems gloomy
- III. But in Christ, God offers us a ray of hope!

Verbal Announcements --- Ushers dismiss by row

# Announcements

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

## 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  
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.**

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 379**

*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) 463:5**

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

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Henry Immel is at St. Agnes Hospital. Bonnie Martin is at St. Agnes Hospital. **"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." Psalm 50:15**

**COUNTY FAIR BOOTH** I hope you got a chance to see our booth at the fair – it was very well done, and a faithful representation of the Word of God and His Kingdom work being done here at Luther Memorial Church and School. It was a good way to let the community know where we are located and that our church is here to provide them with the pure Word of God. The visual results: Many were interested in our VBS, and one family is interested in sending their children to our school. The invisible results: God alone knows: **"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11**  
To God's glory we thank all those who worked to set up and take down the booth as well as those who put in the hours manning the booth during the week of the fair.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**TUESDAY** 6:30 pm Quarterly Voters' Meeting

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP-OUT** July 31 & August 1

**INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW TEACHER** Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** 11:00 am Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>

**YOUTH GROUP CAMPOUT** 6:30 pm Quarterly Voters' Meeting

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

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** This summer a weekend camp-out is planned on the church grounds. On Friday July 31 and Saturday August 1 our young people will have the opportunity to learn Bible lessons, participate in crafts, music, and other fun activities. We'll need four teachers, a craft teacher and a music teacher. If you can

teach or help in other ways, please sign-up at the south bulletin board. Copies of the campout guidelines are also available.

**MISSION HELPER TRIP – 2009** The 12 CLC Mission Helper volunteers arrived in India last week. Now, over a period of three weeks, they will visit congregations and conduct VBS evangelism. Pastor Todd Ohlmann, Pastor Frank Gannt, and Missionary Matt Ude will hold seminars with BELC pastoral students. An online travel journal will be updated regularly, at [www.2009mhtindia.blogspot.com](http://www.2009mhtindia.blogspot.com). We ask our Lord to prosper their work for His kingdom, and to keep them safe in their travels. Luther Memorial's own Jackie Schwersinske is one of the twelve. She writes: "Hi everyone, We made it! I'm trying to make sense of a lot of this culture. The more we are here the easier it gets. Pastor Ohlmann is doing a wonderful job of explaining things as we go along. We travel a lot - some days it is a 9 hr. drive or more at a time. Our bodies are trying to adjust to the time and all of our feet are swollen. We have some type of edema in the feet and ankles. But the Lord keeps us looking at the real reason for coming and that is to preach the Gospel. The first time will be today. We met many of our Christian brothers - they treat us very well and are very happy we are here to support and encourage them. They love their Lord and Savior that is for sure. We will talk to you soon and let you know how are first teaching lesson goes. We were told to expect 150 children.

In Christ, Jackie Schwersinske

#### **LM EAGLES YOUTH GROUP CAMPOUT AUGUST 2-4, 2009**

After the church picnic on August 2, the Eagles will head to Indian Trails Campground in Pardeeville, WI for three days of camping. We plan to have Bible Study, crafts, swimming (indoor and a beautiful swimming lake) and lots of fun. Please sign up at the bulletin board.

#### **GETTING READY FOR OUR NEW TEACHER - ANITA MEYER**

**FOOD PANTRY SHOWER** The LM Evening Ladies have placed a box in the entry way for non-perishable food items to stock the pantry of our new teacher prior to her arrival on July 29. Thank you!

**UNLOADING CREW** Miss Meyer's moving truck is to arrive on Wednesday afternoon, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to help if you are able!

**TEACHER INSTALLATION** is planned for Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**STAY TOGETHER IN CHRIST** During these summer months, please encourage each other to make regular worship services a

main priority in our lives Please lend your prayers and support in word and deed as you encourage each other to worship the LORD! **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** Luther Memorial Church will be celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March of 2010. The formal organization of the congregation took place on March 20, 1960. In our last Voters' Meeting, the "LM Sign Fund" was designated as our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund and the congregation is encouraged to give their thank offerings to the LORD for 50 years of His grace through this fund. Volunteers are needed to help arrange and organize our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary festivities. Please speak with the Pastor if you'd like to help.

**INVITATION TO CAMP** Registration is still open for the 6th Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp. The camp is for students entering 6th-12th grades and is held at Pigeon Creek County Park near Holland, MI from Mon-Thurs, August 10-13. The cost is \$50 and covers camp fees, meals, and activities. The word of God is free! For more information and registration visit [www.redeemerclc.info/campinfo.html](http://www.redeemerclc.info/campinfo.html)

**THE 2009 ARISE AND SHINE RETREAT** -- is scheduled for August 6-9 at Cuivre River State Park near St. Louis Missouri. Arise and Shine is an annual four day retreat designed to encourage Christian fellowship, growth, and training for those members of the CLC in their 20's and 30's. This year's theme is "Be Ready...to Encourage Your Fellow Christian, to Share the Good News, and to Defend the Truth of God's Word." Registration is open at: <http://www.ariseandshineretreat.com/index.html>

**CLC NEWS** <> On Sunday, August 16th 2009, the membership of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Watertown, South Dakota will celebrate their 50 year anniversary. All are welcome to attend. The Rev. Luke Bernthal, Spring TX, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI <>Northwest Hall at ILC in Eau Claire was leveled last Thursday as part of the ongoing building project. Online pictures may be viewed at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/ilcpublicity/20090710Update>

**TEACHER DUPLEX BUILDING FUND** Built in 2000, the total cost was: \$163,028. In the past nine years God has greatly blessed our efforts to pay down this mortgage. The current remaining balance is down to \$28,142. Thank You, LORD! Please remember the Building

Fund in your prayers and with your offerings. Envelopes are available by the registration table.

**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.

**SERVICE TODAY** Usher Team 1, Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John S., David Dexter, Sam N., Larry Stubbs, Craig Youngerberg Organist Rhoda E.

**NEXT SUNDAY** Usher Team 2, Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Tom Naumann. Organist Adrienne F.

**LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD** Attendance - 162

*(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	\$2,953	\$105,685	
<b>Non-budgetary</b>			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$124	balance	\$2,206
Debt Retirement Fund	\$122	balance	\$1,397
LM Building Fund	\$0	mortgage	\$28,142
LM Student Aid Fund	\$0		
ILC Washer/Dryer	\$91	balance	\$471

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

<b>Budgetary</b>	<b>weekly</b>	<b>year to date</b>
Received	\$872	\$1,674

*(\$10 given in memory of Bertha Wendt)*

**Non-budgetary**

CLCI Orphanage	\$30
<i>(\$10 given in memory of Bertha Wendt)</i>	
ILC Building Fund	\$5
Church Extension Fund	\$12
Project Kinship Fund	\$100

## Weekly Memory Verse

"O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank

## God; through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Romans 7:24-25



"Our Jubilee in Christ: Redemption for the past - Hope for the Future." This is the theme of CLC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year which the convention adopted last Summer. Leviticus 25:10 sums up the cause of our joy, **"And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you..."** The year of Jubilee was a year of "Liberty." Freedom from poverty and oppression. What a glorious picture of what we have been given in Christ - true freedom from the poverty and oppression of our sins and bondage to Satan. That freedom is won for us by the Redemption in Christ. The theme speaks about Redemption for the past. That is not to say that we will not need further redemption in the future, of course we will continue to sin. But at any point in our life, all our sins are in our past. Once we have committed a sin it is in the past. Those are the sins we seek forgiveness for and have forgiveness in the redemption of Christ.

Especially in this anniversary year, we look back over our past 50 years and rejoice that God has not forsaken us because of our sins and failures. We rejoice in our Redemption for all those past sins. For the Jews, property that was sold could be "Redeemed" or bought back at any time if the family gained enough money to do so.

However, even the very poor who could not redeem their property on their own would receive their property back without cost in the year of Jubilee. Again a beautiful picture of our free redemption in Christ. We could not possibly redeem ourselves. That makes us rejoice all the more that Christ has redeemed us. As a church body our cause for joy and celebration is not all the things we have accomplished in the past 50 years, but it is the grace of God who has continued to forgive our failures and continued to bless us with the privilege of being His ambassadors to this sinful world proclaiming

His grace to the lost. It is that Redemption that gives us real hope for the future. Just as the poor of Israel were given a new fresh start with new hope for the future, so we too, know that we are not doomed to the poverty of sin, but have been raised to live a new and glorious life in Christ.

May the LORD bless all of us as we celebrate God's grace together in this our year of Jubilee.