

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

CLC - Church of the Lutheran Confession

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9:00 am Summer Service

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2009

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 19, front of hymnal p. 126
The Hymns: 16, 341, 777, 279:4

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

First Hymn 16

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: Make haste, O God, to deliver me:

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

P: May You be a Strong Rock:

C: **A House of Defense to save me.**

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust:

C: **Let me never be ashamed.**

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:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed. 6 "Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants; Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant; 7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." 8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather to him others besides those who are gathered to him."

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: I will bless the Lord at all times:

C: His praise shall be in my mouth continually.

P: My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:

C: The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Sing out loud to God, our Strength:

C: Make joyful music to the God of Jacob. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading comes from Matthew chapter 15, beginning with the 21st verse.

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

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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 341

THE SERMON

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. 15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

Theme: "GOD'S TALL GLASS OF MERCY"

I. Provokes in order to save (13-15)

II. Bankrupts in order to make rich (29-32)

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 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 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) 279:4

*** *Silent Prayer* ***

Verbal Announcements --- Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

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

BAPTISM TODAY The baptism of Sidney Allan Shafer, born August 17 to Becky and Chad Shafer, will take place in a ceremony after our morning church service today. Serving as witnesses: Carla Kern and Jamie Zemeer. As always, all are invited to attend.

"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD!" Psalm 127

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUE: 10:00 am LM Church Service at the Lutheran Home
7:30 pm LM Evening Ladies Meeting

WED: 6:30 pm Parent Teacher Connection Meeting

TV CHURCH – Today's Service replayed on **Cable TV Channel 21**
Tuesday at noon and Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

PTC KICK-OFF MEETING The first "Parent Teacher Connection" meeting is scheduled, Lord willing, for this Wednesday September 2 at 6:30 pm. Parents and also non-parents who are interested in helping in and around the school are encouraged to come.

OPEN HOUSE! (SCHOOL) Two weeks from today on September 13, following the service of Education Sunday, the congregation is invited to take a few minutes and tour the classrooms of your 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!

THE FALL SCHEDULE of Luther Memorial begins Sunday September 13 with Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am, and Communion Worship service at 10:00 am.

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 22-23

Luther Memorial has been asked to host the Great Lakes Pastoral Conference for September 22 and 23 - Tuesday and Wednesday. We'll be responsible for lodging about a 12-15 men for one night -Tuesday night. We need your help with lodging and/or with food and meal preparation. Please consider if you are able to help with any of these things and sign up at the bulletin board.

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 13. 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."**

50th ANNIVERSARY Luther Memorial Church will be celebrating it's 50th 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 50th 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 50th anniversary festivities. Please speak with the Pastor if you'd like to help.

CLC NEWS <> The Rev. Wayne Eichstadt, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI <> Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called the Rev. Nathanael Meyhew, Lawrenceville GA.

WHAT IS GOING ON WITH LUTHERANISM IN AMERICA?

In the news this past week there was extensive coverage of the national convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the ELCA. This is the largest Lutheran church body in the U.S., with 4.7 million members. Our own church body, the CLC, is not in any way affiliated with this group. At its convention, the ELCA reversed its long-standing ban on the appointment of non-celibate gay and lesbian clergy. This clears the way for congregations in that synod to call practicing homosexuals to be their pastors. This is a sad day for Lutheranism, which was founded on the principle of faithfulness to

the Word of God alone. The Word of God clearly identifies homosexual behavior as sin (for instance, see Lev. 18:22, Rom. 1:18-27, and 1 Cor. 6:9-10). Of course, we all sin every day. We are thankful that we have God's full forgiveness, by faith in Jesus' death and resurrection for us. Yet, the Christian life of repentance and forgiveness means that we want to be free from our sins. We do not want to continue in them, and it would certainly be wrong and hurtful to teach, by word or example, that sinful behavior is now OK. 1 Peter 4:11 says *"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God."* That means that whatever we teach in God's name had better be what God has actually said, in the Bible. This news about the ELCA should not be an occasion for conservative Lutherans to feel superior to anyone else. We have plenty of our own sins to confess to God, without confessing the sins of others. It should, however, be a reminder of our continual need to dedicate ourselves to support the teaching of God's true Word alone. What is at stake goes far beyond the issue of what is moral or immoral in our society. What the devil really wants to steal from us is the Gospel of Christ crucified for sinners. If we ever begin to pick and choose among the Bible's teachings, instead of affirming them all by faith, we and our children will eventually lose the Gospel itself. Let us pray to God for humility, discernment, and faithfulness in these evil times!

NEXT SUNDAY? Sometimes those who miss church on Sunday neglect to look after their spiritual life privately by reading their Bibles at home and spending time in prayer. They decide that they'll just wait until "next Sunday" to nourish their souls. These same people would never consider such a starvation diet for their bodies, however. If they miss out on a meal at home, they'll be sure to eat out somewhere. So they try to stay on a three-meals-a-day schedule. Anything else would be unthinkable! This indifference toward God's Word creates a problem for the whole congregation. These same people are also often careless about supporting the church and its God-given work. They bring an offering whenever they come to church, but ONLY then. Instead of offering to the LORD a certain portion of their income, they regard the offering somewhat like going to a movie. When you don't go, you don't buy a ticket. They "save" money by not going to church. Others, of course, who are more spiritually alive bring their offerings even when they have to be absent and they are careful to bring their offerings to church in advance of their absence so that the LORD's work may continue as it

should. Our spiritual life is directly proportioned to the use we make of God's Word and Sacrament, for the Holy Spirit uses these means to keep and strengthen faith in our hearts. Our offerings reflect our attitude toward God and His Word. All of us need improvement spiritually, and we can grow in faith and godliness only by constant use of Scripture. If we really desire to keep our faith and strengthen it we won't wait until "next Sunday" for our spiritual nourishment when we have to be absent, but will worship privately to make up for what we have missed. A blessed result will be greater diligence in church attendance and in our support of the Church's work.

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 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist Rhoda E.
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 4 Wayne Wischneski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel D. Organist Adrienne F.

WITH CHEERFUL HEARTS – LAST WEEK Attendance – 195
(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)

Budgetary	weekly (\$4,327 needed)	For the fiscal year	
Received	\$2,990		\$123,895
Non-budgetary			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$142	balance	\$3,954
Debt Retirement Fund	\$40	balance	\$569
LM Building Fund	\$0	mortgage	\$27,554
Missions (CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)			
Budgetary	weekly	year to date	
Received	\$963	\$6,818	
Non-budgetary			
ILC Building Fund	\$5		

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

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.

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The Old Testament Reading for 13th after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Behold God's plan of grace! He calls people from every nation to salvation by faith in Christ. No one who comes to Him for mercy will ever be turned away. We read...

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

In these verses a non-Israelite woman comes to Jesus asking to have her daughter healed. Jesus tests her faith to its limits, yet she continues to hold ever more tightly to God's Word of promise. Proving again that God calls people from every nation to salvation by faith in Christ. No one who comes to Him for mercy will ever be turned away. We read...