

January 14, 2018

Epiphany 2



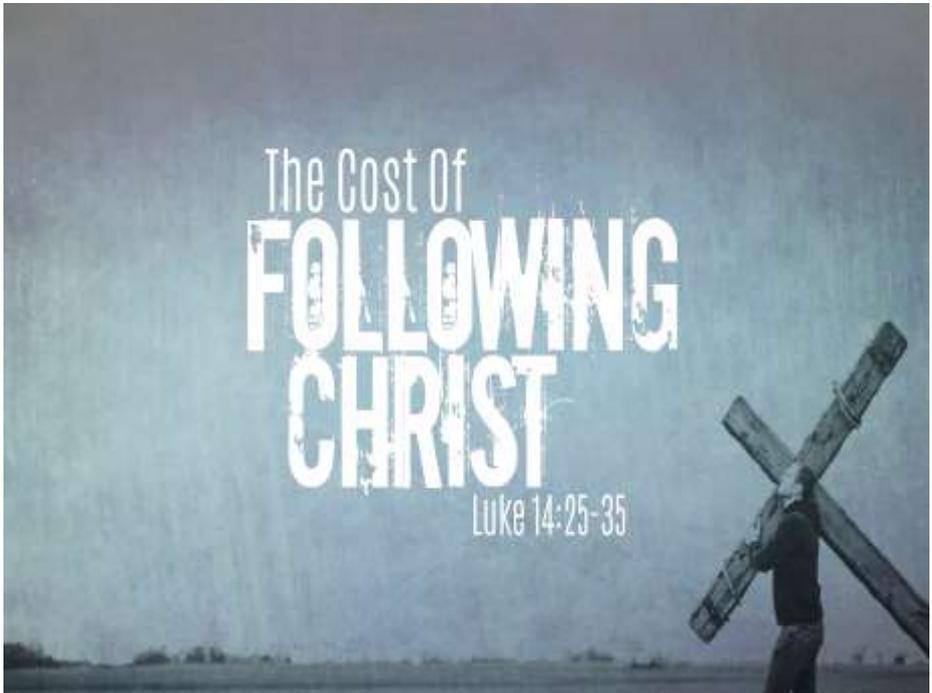
"WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED..."

~1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & SCHOOL K-8

134 21st Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

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9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class / 10:00am Divine Service

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Pastor Neal Radichel ♦ Principal Dave Bernthal ♦ Teacher Jennifer Wiese

Altar cloths are **white**; the color of purity is displayed as we rejoice in the pure Word of God.
Welcome to all! This week's focus:

**"Then a certain scribe came and said to Him,
"Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."**

Matthew 8:19

Today's Service Liturgy (how God's Word serves us): **Supplement pg. 22**

625 (1-4) ♦ 785 ♦ 270 ♦ 625 (5)

Pre-Service Meditation Psalm 116 (Red Hymnal pg. 148) ~ Opening Bells / Prayer

Our worship service centers and glorifies our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please turn off your cell phones to avoid distraction.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

I. WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

THE INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.

PASTOR: We begin our worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

ALL: I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #625 (1-4) [Red Hymnal]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

ALL: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting.

P: Jesus Christ is the satisfactory payment for our sins, and not for our only, but also for the sins of the whole world. You are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of Jesus Christ's forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

ALL: Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation (speaks): Amen.

III. OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ GENESIS 46:28-34

Joseph and his father Jacob (Israel) are at last reunited in Egypt. Joseph shows love and respect for his father and brothers' reputation as they enter Egypt. How much more respect should we have for our Heavenly Father?

28 Then he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out before him the way to Goshen. And they came to the land of Goshen. **29** So Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; and he presented himself to him, and fell on his neck and wept on his neck a good while. **30** And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive." **31** Then Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh, and say to him, 'My brothers and those of my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me. **32** 'And the men are shepherds, for their occupation has been to feed livestock; and they have brought their flocks, their herds, and all that they have.' **33** "So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls you and says, 'What is your occupation?' **34** "that you shall say, 'Your servants' occupation has been with livestock from our youth even till now, both we and also our fathers,' that you may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians."

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ TITUS 2:1-10 NIV

The Apostle Paul shares examples of good behavior and gives another reminder of the importance of a family's training and instruction with God's Holy Word.

1 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: **2** that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience; **3** the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things -- **4** that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, **5** to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. **6** Likewise exhort the young men to be sober-minded, **7** in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, **8** sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you. **9** Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, **10** not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ THE THIRD ARTICLE (SANCTIFICATION)

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #785 [Tan Supplement]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." ~Matthew 19:14

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Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" ~Luke 11:28

Matthew 8:19-22 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." **20** And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

21 Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." **22** But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Parallel Gospel: Luke 9:57-62

61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." **62** But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

What is the cost of discipleship?

1. Your physical home?
2. Your immediate family?
3. Your personal reputation?

SERMON HYMN: #270 [Red Hymnal]

IV. WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERING MEDITATION: *"Your Way"* N. Radichel (Ps 25:5, TLH #532)

Your way, not mine, O Lord, however dark it be.

Lead me by Your own hand; and choose my path for me.

I dare not choose myself; I would not if I could

You choose for me, my God, so I'll walk...

Your way, Your way, not mine O Lord...

Your way, Your way, not mine O Lord...

Please... choose for me my friends, my sickness or my health

Please... choose for me my cares, my poverty or wealth.

Not mine, not mine, the choice, in all things great or small;

Be for me my Guide, my Strength, my Wisdom and my All...

FOLLOWED BY THE OFFERING HYMN: WS #788:3

***Blessed by You with gifts and graces, May we heed Your Spirit's call,
Gladly in all times and places, Give to You who gives us all.
You have bought us; now no longer, Can we claim to be our own;
Ever free and ever stronger, We shall serve You, Lord, alone.***

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ **SAY** LORD'S PRAYER

V. OUR LORD BLESSES US

BENEDICTION

God's blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

ALL: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: #625 (5) [Red Hymnal]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Questions? (920) 922-7421

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: *"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15*

**Online calendar at FDLutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran*

Jan 14 Sun Usher Team #4: Wayne W, Dave B, Bob C, Ron H, Alan K, Larry S

Organist: Rhoda E / Counters: Eric W, Don E

9a Sunday School / Bible Class (The Lord's Prayer)

10a Sunday Service

11a Church Council

Jan 8 Mon 8a LM School Resumes
 Jan 21 Sun Usher Team #1: Lowell B, Reuel D, Rodney K, Tyler K, Alex S, John S
 Organist: Adrienne F / Counters: Eric W, Don E
 9a Sunday School / Bible Class (The Lord's Prayer)
 10a Sunday Service
 2p Christian Music Festival – Faith, Markesan, WI

UPCOMING DATES: →

Jan 28 Sun 1p Annual Voters Meeting – All members are encouraged to come and will be allowed to speak. LM Men 18 and older are voters and are expected to take part in the work of our church for Christ's kingdom and in leading our congregation. "Serve the LORD with gladness..." (Psalm 100:2)

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CHURCH CLEANERS ARE NEEDED FOR 2018 – Please sign up on the bulletin board!
NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE positions have been mailed out and the response is due today. Please let one of the current council members know if you will serve!

Christian Music Festival - Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan WI is hosting a music festival, Sunday January 21st, at 2 pm All are welcome to come and enjoy. Many are encouraged to come and play. Information is available on their website MarkesanLutheran.com/MusicFestival For more information or to sign up to play contact Marie Muelenhaupt at dalemari@centurytel.net

IN OUR PRAYERS *If you are hospitalized, please let pastor know if you would like a visit!*

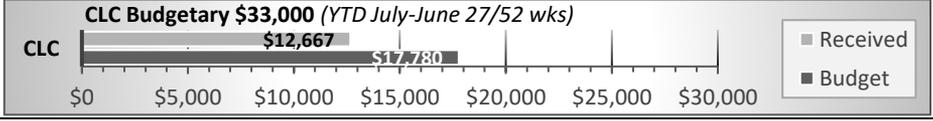
Currently Hospitalized: None that pastor or the elders are aware of at this time.
Shut-ins: Dan Immel (Woodlands), Ed Jacobs (868 W Scott St), Gloria Jacobs (Woodlands), Doris Kaiser (Woodlands), Jeanette Keipe (675 S. Main St.), John Lenburg (769 Mustang Ln), Marion Mach (Lutheran Home), Lois "Jean" Martin (Woodlands), Jim Steffen (At home).

FRUITS OF FAITH – LAST SUNDAY / FOR THE YEAR Bible Class N/A Worship 93

<u>LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH</u>	<u>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION</u>
Budgetary (\$3596 budgeted per week)	Budgetary (\$635 needed per week)
\$3107 LM General Budget	\$372 CLC General Budget
Non-Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
\$ _____ LM School	\$ _____ ILC Student Aid Fund
\$ _____ LM Student Aid Fund	\$ _____ ILC Building Fund
\$25 LM Debt Retirement	\$25 ILC Improvement Fund
\$505 LM Maintenance & Improvements	\$25 Mission Development-(MDF)
\$10 LM Local Missions/Outreach	\$0/0 Project Kinship/Orphanage
\$20 LM Other: RRF (Building Fund)	\$ _____ CLC Other: Foreign
□ Memorial (Designated): Leroy Hulke (\$10 Missions, \$10 MDF), Nathaniel Krause \$10 Mis.	

TO BE DECIDED AT ANNUAL MEETING ON THE 28th

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THE LM CALLED WORKERS The Wieses, The Bernthals, & The Radichels would all like to express their deep thanks and appreciation for all the Christmas gifts that were given this year. The encouragement is a tremendous blessing as we continue to work together to support the work in our Savior's Kingdom! The Lord continue to richly bless you and keep you all in His care! *We always thank God as we remember you in our prayers, for your love has given us great joy and encouragement, because you, have refreshed our hearts of the saints. (Philemon 1:1,7)*

New Year's Resolution #2 – I pray Christ would strengthen my life in unceasing prayer. As a child of God I desire to speak to my heavenly Father daily, committing to Him all my needs and thanking Him for all the blessings he gives me for Jesus' sake.

Psalm 19:14 *"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer."*

Looking Forward to Next Sunday!

"Looking Forward to Next Sunday" Devotions - As we look ahead to the Third Sunday after Epiphany, our service will focus on the cost and blessing of discipleship. We face temptations from the world and our flesh which cause us to feel that service to the LORD is not worth the cost or that it is too much work. But the LORD assures us that service to Him comes with great reward!

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:13-18 Do you ever wonder if following the LORD is really worth it? When we look at the world it seems like the wicked thrive and the godly suffer. When we think like this, we need a new perspective. We need to trust in the LORD's power and mercy and return to His Word. In His Word He clearly reveals the outcome of following or rejecting Him, His Word and His salvation. (TLH 278)

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:5-14 Are you in the faith? Is Christ in you? Have you been disqualified or are you approved? Test yourself on the basis of God's Word of Truth. As CHRISTians, we work for the Truth and with the Truth to strengthen one another in the faith, through both encouragement and correction. Through that Truth we are united (we are being made complete, like-minded) with God by faith and with one another in faith and receive His peace and love. (TLH 396)

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-36 Following Jesus will come at a cost in this life. Christians will be hated, persecuted and reviled because of their relationship with Jesus. But while much is lost, even more is gained by following Him. We have the blessing of God, which cannot be taken away! So we are encouraged by Jesus to endure such suffering, trusting in Him and keeping His Word, looking to the mercy of the LORD in Christ. (TLH 421)

CLC Financial Report - December

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2017	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2017
General Fund	0	458,245	476,950	465,000	- 8,705
ILC Operations	0	712,190	608,175	264,000	104,015
Total	\$0	\$1,180,435	\$1,085,125	\$729,000	95,310
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	27,274	170,316	6,444		191,146
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	- 49,213	338,300	185,117		103,970
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	61,237	102,771	95,702		68,306
Kinship	43,040	48,161	54,327		36,874
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,030,843	723,828	547,641		1,207,030
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	68,917	73,070	77,885		64,102
Reserve Fund	225,190	0	0		225,190
Total	\$1,407,288	\$1,456,446	\$967,116		\$1,896,618

ILC Bldg Projects Mortgage (Academic Center Bal & North Hall Reno)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance December 31, 2017	\$1,454,661
Principal paid to date	\$6,271

Notes:

- * **General Fund** offerings in December totaled \$82,893 vs disbursements of \$70,802, a positive cash flow reducing the General Fund deficit by \$12,091. Budgetary offerings needed per month are \$77,500.
- * **ILC Building Projects** revenues in December totaled \$257,287 (\$3573 in offerings & \$253,714 reimbursement to the Projects Fund from the Convention-approved CEF loan for North Hall updates). The \$8,000 disbursement was for the 2nd monthly payment on the recently consolidated loan for the Academic Center balance and the North Hall dorm project. The resulting \$104,000 Projects balance is due to the CEF loan transfers restoring the Building Projects Fund to its pre-renovation balance of around \$24,000. Due to this large balance (mainly from special offerings of \$50,000, \$10,000, & \$5,000, plus congregational offerings to the Bldg Fund over the last 6 months), the Board of Trustees will pay down around \$80,000 directly on the loan principal in January, saving total interest of \$115,000 & decreasing the loan term by 2 years.
- * **CEF:** revenues in December totaled \$275,758, from CEF loan repayments (\$112,000, including 1 congregation paying off its loan), & from accrued earnings from the CEF invested balance over the past year.
- * **MDF:** offerings in December totaled \$40,512 (\$21,000 special) vs disbursements of \$18,225, which included \$2,600 for Telegu hymnals/books, about \$10,000 for several foreign field seminars, & our missionary visitations.
- * **SAF:** received \$10,019 in December from offerings (\$1,125) and student loan re-payments (\$8,894) vs disbursements of \$10,405, for the monthly allocation for student loans & awards.
- * **IIF** - The ILC Improvement Fund has received a \$132,000 bequest and a special gift of \$30,000. These will enable us to do all the approved projects in the IIF. Re-paving of Ingram Drive is the top priority.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees