



"WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED..."

~1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

LUTHER MEMORIAL
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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 purple; the color of royalty signifies Christ's rule in His eternal Kingdom.

Welcome to all! This week's focus:

***"For His merciful kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!"***

Psalm 117:2

Today's Service Liturgy (how God's Word serves us): **Red Hymnal pg.5**

704 (1-4) ♦ 613 ♦ 15 ♦ 704 (5-6)

Pre-Service Meditation Ps 119-XVII. (Red Hymnal p.151) ~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 Savior's Divine Service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL:



OPENING HYMN: #704 (1-4) [Tan Supplement]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the LORD!



P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, 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 has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins: and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will, with true obedience to Your Word. Until the end, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He calls them children of God and promises to them the Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this Lord to us all!

II. WE PRAISE OUR LORD

THE GLORIA PATRI

"Glory to the Father" (Red Hymnal, pg 16)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be For - ev - er more. Amen.

THE KYRIE

"O Lord" (Red Hymnal, pg 17)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the highest" (Red Hymnal #237:3)

**O Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, the heavenly Father,
Who did for all our sins atone And Your lost sheep does gather:
O Lamb of God, to You on high, From out our depths, we
sinners cry, Have mercy on us, Jesus!**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

B: And with thy spir - it.

PASTOR: Let us pray: (Pastor says the prayer of the day)

R: A - - - - men.

III. OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ ZEPHANIAH 1:7-18

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

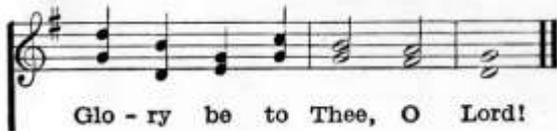
God's day of wrath would come swiftly on the people of Judah because of their materialism, worldliness, and general disobedience.

The final Day of Judgment will likewise come unexpectedly. We have all missed the mark of God's perfection and deserve only His wrath and punishment, now and eternally. However, God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to endure the punishment for our sins. All who believe in Jesus have no need to fear the Day of Judgment.

- 7** Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. **8** On the day of the LORD's sacrifice I will punish the princes and the king's sons and all those clad in foreign clothes. **9** On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the threshold, who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit. **10** "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will go up from the Fish Gate, wailing from the New Quarter, and a loud crash from the hills. **11** Wail, you who live in the market district; all your merchants will be wiped out, all who trade with silver will be ruined. **12** At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.' **13** Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. They will build houses but not live in them; they will plant vineyards but not drink the wine. **14** "The great day of the LORD is near--near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there. **15** That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, **16** a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. **17** I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth. **18** Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth."

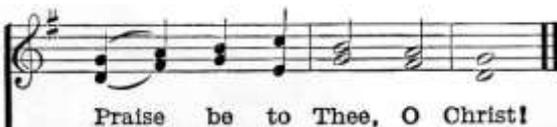


2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ 2 CORINTHIANS 10:7-18



Paul's question in the opening verse is worth asking. Constant comparing of externals with others can lead to spiritual pride or a deflated image of yourself. Beware of comparing yourself with others because outward appearance is not as important as the truth of the Gospel - that which sustains faith in the heart. Our physical lives are but "vapors" in the Lord's eternal plan (Psalm 39:5, James 4:14). The believer's boast is in Christ and directed toward His glory and His truth.

7 Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's. **8** For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed -- **9** lest I seem to terrify you by letters. **10** "For his letters," they say, "are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." **11** Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present. **12** For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. **13** We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us -- a sphere which especially includes you. **14** For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ; **15** not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, **16** to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment. **17** But "he who glories, let him glory in the LORD." **18** For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.



OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ THE THIRD ARTICLE (SANCTIFICATION)

The Third Article is a statement of faith about the work of the God the Holy Spirit.

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. Amen.

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: #613 [Red Hymnal]

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

AUDIO/VIDEO IN CRYROOM FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WHO NEED A BRIEF REMINDER

SERMON MEDITATION read/watch sermons and services online at www.fdllutheran.org

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

Psalm 117:1-2

1 Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

2 For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

"I can't wait to compare gifts at Christmas!" -- That's Good!

1. But there's a WRONG kind of comparison...

a. Motivated by your coveting...

b. Despising your inheritance like Esau.

2. And there's a RIGHT kind of comparison.

a. Desiring your inheritance like Jacob...

b. Motivated by your Christ.

THE OFFERTORY

We Offer God our hearts again, praying for His Spiritual blessings!



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence; and
take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal-va-tion; and up-hold me with Thy free Spir-it. A-men.

SERMON HYMN: #15 [Red Hymnal]

IV. WE OFFER OURSELVES TO OUR LORD

AN OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD – THE MOODIE FAMILY

"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

FOLLOWED BY THE OFFERING HYMN: [Red Hymnal #69:1,6]

**Arise, sons of the Kingdom! Our King is drawing near;
Arise and hail with gladness, Our Savior now is here!
All Christians, gather here! Your praise and honor bring Him
Let glad hosannas sing Him; No other love compares!**

**Oh, rich the gifts You bring us, Yourself made poor and weak!
O Love beyond expression, That You for sinners seek!
For this, O Lord, will we, Our joyous tribute bring You
Our glad hosannas sing You, And ever grateful be!**

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 unto you; The LORD turn His countenance and smile upon you and give you His peace!

ALL: (sing) **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN: #704 (5-6) [Tan Supplement]

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**

- Dec 10 Sun** Usher Team #3: Steve S, Don E, Dave M, Eric W, Austin W
Organist: Rhoda E / Counters: Eric W, John S
9a Christmas Practice / Bible Class (Growing in Prayer – Part 6)
10a Worship Service
- Dec 12 Tue** 6p Ladies Christmas Party
- Dec Wed** 10a Midweek Advent Worship!
Theme: The Ancestry of Jesus, and what it means for You!
i. Eternal Ancestry (December 6th)
ii. Paternal Ancestry (December 13th)
iii. Maternal Ancestry (December 20th)
- Dec 17 Sun** Usher Team #4: Wayne W, Dave B, Bob C, Ron H, Alan K, Larry S
Organist: Rhoda E / Counters: Eric W, John S
9a Christmas Practice / Bible Class (Growing in Prayer – Part 7)
10a Worship Service
Afternoon Christmas Caroling / Soup Supper at Seibel's

UPCOMING DATES:

- Dec 24 Sun** 10a Sunday Service (Advent 4)
6p Christmas Eve Children's Service
- Dec 25 Mon** 10a Christmas Day Service
- Dec 31 Sun** 10a Sunday Service
6p New Year's Eve Service (with Communion)
- Jan 1 Mon** NO New Year's Day Service (Council)

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THANK YOU LORD, and THANK YOU! Recently the final payment towards the contractor for the Fellowship Hall and Building Remodel work has been made. However, we still owe about \$200k to ourselves on the debt. But now that the physical work of this large project is complete, the Building Committee and the Church Council would like to thank once again everyone who was involved. To everyone who volunteered hours of labor, we thank you for your time and talents. To everyone who donated materials or offerings, we thank you for your generosity. Most importantly, during this time of Thanksgiving we all can thank the Lord who has given us all the means and opportunity to make new again our house of the Lord!

CLC Call News The Rev. Andrew Schaller, pastor of Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI, has returned the call as co-pastor to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN. They have now called the Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, as co-pastor.

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

Currently Hospitalized: Ron L was at Mayo and has returned home. Knee surgery will be in February.

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 26 Worship 118

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Budgetary (\$3596 budgeted per week)

\$3249 LM General Budget (past 2 Sun.'s)

Non-Budgetary

\$ _____ LM School

\$ _____ LM Student Aid Fund

\$ _____ LM Debt Retirement

\$610 LM Maintenance & Improvements

\$2 LM Local Missions/Outreach

\$10 LM Other: RRF (Building Fund)

Memorial (Designated):

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

Budgetary (\$635 needed per week)

\$417 CLC General Budget

Non-Budgetary

\$ _____ ILC Student Aid Fund

\$ _____ ILC Building Fund

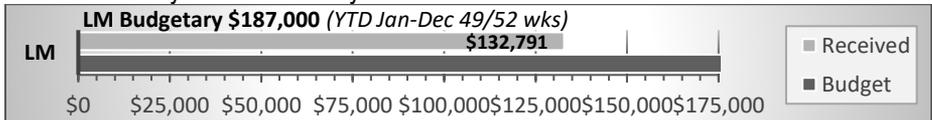
\$ _____ ILC Improvement Fund

\$ _____ Mission Development-(MDF)

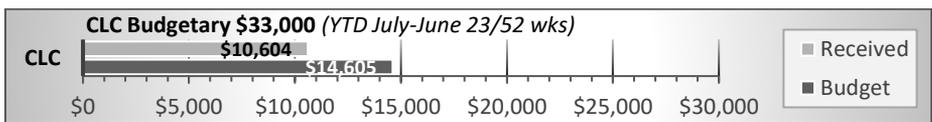
\$0/45 Project Kinship/Orphanage

\$ _____ CLC Other: Foreign

Due to the ongoing budget needs, the Council wishes to encourage LM Members to direct their local offerings to the “LM General Budget” rather than “Non-Budgetary” items for the remainder of the year. This is not an attempt to bind consciences, but rather to meet our weekly needs. Thank you!



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Christian Giving – Part 2

Our purpose here on this earth is to glorify God. This is a huge challenge for us as sinners. By nature we want to glorify and lift up ourselves rather than exalt our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. It is a constant struggle within (Romans 7). If we don't strive and plan to follow God's path, then we easily revert to our default setting of selfishness and sin. So Christians plan. We try to improve ourselves by learning how best to glorify God as spouses, parents, children, and citizens. We plan to avoid temptation. It only makes sense that we would construct a plan how to also use our earthly treasures to God's glory.

2. Directives about giving in Scripture are most often based on what a person has rather than need of the Church

How often have we published a need for a new building or a mission effort? There's nothing wrong with that in and of itself. That helps us to direct our offerings. But it shouldn't be the cause of our giving. There were occasions such as the famine in Jerusalem in Acts, or the building of the tabernacle when a specific need was made known. However, the vast majority of passages dealing with offerings have to do with what we have and not what the need is in God's Kingdom.

Let's say, for example, that by some miracle our congregation had millions of dollars in savings and the same was true for our synod. Should this affect our giving? Not at all! An apple tree doesn't produce apples because people like to eat apples, but because it's an apple tree. So also giving is a fruit of faith. The target for giving may change, but not the constant of our desire to give to our Lord out of our thanksgiving to Him.

As our congregation prepares a budget for 2018, there would be a great benefit to know what to expect for offerings so a realistic plan can be put forward. To this end the council is asking that each family prayerfully consider and plan according to God's principles what they will be giving in the next year. We are asking that you use this form to write down how much you anticipate to contribute to the Luther Memorial General Fund and to the CLC General Fund and then put it in the black box by the mailboxes. This is completely anonymous. This is between you and the Lord. Study/Forms are in the corner of the mailboxes.

*-With prayers and encouragement in Christ,
Your Church Council*

Looking Forward to Next Sunday!

Encouragement for Family Devotions - Individual and family devotions are certainly among the most important uses of our time every day. God tells us that through His Word He offers us guidance and direction (Psalm 119:105), hope (Psalm 119:114), understanding (Psalm 119:169) and comfort (Psalm 119:50). Through His Word He also revives (Psalm 119:154), gives Life (1 Peter 1:23) and salvation (James 1:21). Shouldn't we then make the reading of God's Word a priority in our daily lives, knowing we have these promises from God through His Word?



“Looking Forward to Next Sunday” Devotions - For our upcoming **THIRD Sunday in Advent**, the Lord's service focuses on what God offers to us in His Word and the salvation which Jesus came to bring for the whole world of sinners. But is this gift of God what we want? Sadly, our sinful flesh does not appreciate God's gift of a Savior or the Word which tells us about Him and His salvation. But God remains faithful in His promise to sinners.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1-7 Why do you come to God's house? Isaiah beautifully relays the word of the LORD to His people about keeping the Sabbath Day Holy (3rd Commandment). What will the LORD give to all those, including foreigners of all nations and gentiles alike, who come to His house? He gives His faithful message as a Covenant (a promise) of salvation to all people, and a call to remain faithful to Him! This prophecy is seen fulfilled in Acts 8 with the Ethiopian Eunuch who was baptized by Philip after hearing the Word of God. (Hymn 59)

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:18-26 "What did you come out to see?" Jesus asked the crowd this question three times in connection with John the Baptist's ministry. There was potential for the crowd to dismiss John's teaching because of the unexpected aspects of his ministry (living in the wilderness, wearing lowly clothing, and speaking with conviction against the religious leaders). Jesus realigned their expectations by directing them back to Scripture. Likewise, Jesus answered John's own question about whether or not He was the Messiah in the same way. Jesus pointed John back to Scripture to see the fulfillments that were happening through His miracles. Each time we come before the Word of God it is proper to ask the same, "What did I come to see (or hear)?" Are your expectations of Jesus in agreement with God's Word? (Hymn 63)

Psalm 22:22-31 God Himself came to be our Redeemer. He brings deliverance, life, and salvation for those who seek Him. This gift is for all the people of the world. As we gather for worship, we remember that it is this deliverance through our Savior that is the cause for all our praise. (Hymn 352)

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 2:3-15 The devil loves to detract from the absolute truth of God's Word. The devil offers as a substitute the inferior words and ideas of man. What do we go to church to hear? Do we want church to be like the world? God's Word is different, and it points us to the resurrected Savior Who came to deliver us from our sin. God's Word is powerful and it cannot be chained or stopped up. God does and will bring about the salvation of souls through the preaching of His Word. Ongoing instruction and faithfulness to God's Word MATTERS! God is faithful! (Hymn 294)



Daily Devotions by CLC Pastors
Quarterly Dec. 4-Mar.3
Advent Devotions 2017

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The Bread of Life
A Year of Devotional Bible Readings

DAILY DEVOTIONS BY CLC PASTORS

Now available on the home page of CLClutheran.org are daily devotions written and assembled by pastors of the CLC. You will find them under "Recommended Pages/Sites" on the right side of the site. Perhaps you would share the site on your personal social media outlets, or print a copy for a family member, friend, or neighbor who would benefit from these faith building encouragements based on God's Word.

YOUR MEMBER TIME & TALENTS FORM that was in your mailbox on Oct. 15th is due. Please fill out your up to date contact info and areas you can help serve the Lord as soon as possible. The forms may be placed in the black mail box by the mailboxes in the south entry. Thank you! The form looks like this and may also be found in the corner of the mailboxes.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!
INFORMATION
TIME & TALENTS INVENTORY

INTRODUCTION: There are 168 hours in a week. How many of these hours the Lord has given me do I give back to Him? **"And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again" 2 Corinthians 5:15.** Let us make known the joy of our salvation in the countless areas of service in our Savior's Kingdom. Remembering in prayer that God always supplies what is needed. Take a little time to fill out the following information and feel free to discuss with the pastor, councilmen, or elders. Thank you! May the Lord graciously bless all our efforts to His glory!

Section A will help provide more up to date personal contact information for our members at Luther Memorial. Let's be sure we can get in touch with each other to offer support and encouragement when needed. **"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and proper actions, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" Hebrews 10:24-25.** This will also help us get a better overall picture of the household demographics of our church membership, age, distance, gender, and so on.

+	Name(s)	Mr. _____	Mrs./Ms. _____
+	Birth date	_____	_____
+	Address	_____	
+	City/state/zip	_____	
+	Phone: Home # / Work #	_____	_____
+	Cell Phone	_____	_____
+	Primary Email	_____	_____
+	Child(ren) / Birth date	_____	_____
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+	Favorite Hymn(s)	_____	_____
		_____	_____
+	Favorite Scripture(s)	_____	_____
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Section B explores some of the various opportunities to serve our Lord not only with our treasures each Sunday, but also with our time and talents (things which are so easy to neglect to use for God's purpose)! **"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10** *If you have check marked a box, indicate next to it the family member interested: