

May 21, 2017

Easter 5 / Confirmation



"WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED..."

~ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

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Confirmation Sunday

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

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Pastor Neal Radichel ♦ Principal David Bernthal ♦ Teacher Jennifer Wiese

Alter cloths are red; color of fire, like tongues of fire the Spirit made Himself known to Apostles.

Welcome to all! This week's focus:

**“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope
without wavering,
for He who promised is faithful.”**

Hebrews 10:23

Today's service liturgy (how God serves us) and hymns: **As follows**

342 ♦ 334 ♦ 800

Personal Pre-service Psalm 68 (Red Hymnal pg.137) ~ Opening Bells / Prayer
Our worship service centers and glorifies our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please turn off your cell phones to avoid distraction.

I. THE TRINITARIAN INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin this affirmation/confirmation service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen!

1. Why do we start our Divine Worship Services in this way?
2. What is our "Great Commission" from Jesus?

OPENING HYMN: #342:1-3 [Red Hymnal]

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high, Lived that I might never die,
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me--wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.
3. Jesus only can impart, Balm to heal the smitten heart;
Peace that flows from sin forgiven,
Joy that lifts the soul to heaven;
Faith and hope to walk with God,
In the way that Enoch trod.

II. THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

1st Commandment – "Have no other gods"

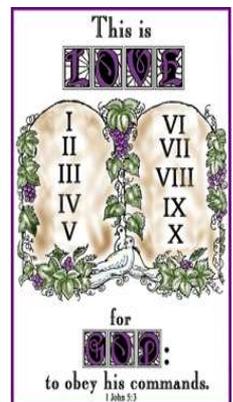
3. How does the Lord feel about sharing His glory with false god's?
4. Who alone should we worship and serve?

2nd Commandment – "Keep God's name holy"

5. Why should we give thanks to the Lord?
6. What does God say about cursing that comes from our mouths?

3rd Commandment – "Keep the Sabbath holy"

7. How should we feel about going to the Lord's house?
8. What kind of people are very blessed?



4th Commandment – “Honor those in authority”

9. What do children owe their parents?
10. What should we say if we're told to do something contrary to God's Word?

5th Commandment – “Do not murder”

11. Who controls the “times” of a person's birth and death?
12. How serious is it to hate your brother or any other person?

6th Commandment – “Don't commit adultery”

13. When is sex right and when is it wrong?
14. With what words can we pray when our hearts need cleansing?

7th Commandment – “Do not steal”

15. To whom does everything in the earth belong?
16. What should happen to the person who refuses to work?

8th Commandment – “Don't ruin reputations”

17. What is more valuable than riches of silver and gold?
18. Where does the Bible forbid us to hurt others by the words we speak?

9th Commandment – “Don't covet your neighbor's things”

19. What is our Savior's warning about coveting?
20. What is the danger of the desire for riches?

10th Commandment – “Don't covet your neighbor's living things”

21. What kinds of things are found in a sinful human heart?
22. What promise should make us content with what we have?
23. How does Jesus sum up these two tables of the Law?

OPENING HYMN: #342:4-5 [Red Hymnal]

**4. Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
Safe with Him from earthly strife, He sustains the hidden life.**

**5. O my Savior, help afford, By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply, While I live and when I die!**

III. THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS AND CONFESSION

- 24. Where does Scripture say if you break one commandment, you've broken them all?
- 25. If God gave us what we deserved, what would our wages be?
- 26. Where does Jesus give His disciples the authority to forgive or retain sins?
- 27. What do we do to ourselves if we deny our sins? What does God do if we confess them?

IV. THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

- 28. Who wrote the Bible?
- 29. What are the Holy Scriptures able to do for us, even from childhood?
- 30. In what ways are the inspired Scriptures "profitable"?
- 31. What is the "Gospel in a Sentence"?
- 32. For what purpose did God cause the words of the Bible to be written?

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



V. THE CONFESSION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)

1st Article – “I Believe in God the Father”

33. What is faith?
34. What, by faith, do we know of how God created the world?
35. Who is it that can be confident that all things are working for their good?

2nd Article – “I Believe in God the Son”

36. What was the first promise of the Savior, spoken in the Garden of Eden?
37. How did God fulfill His promises of a Savior when the fullness of time had come?
38. What hope is there for us who fall short of the glory of God?
39. How do we know that salvation can come only through the name of Jesus?
40. It's easy to love those who are good to you – why is God's love so special?

3rd Article – “I Believe in God the Spirit”

41. What is the only way someone can truly say Jesus is Lord?
42. Where does faith come from?
43. How much good can a person find in our sinful nature?
44. How much of our salvation depends on us?

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

VIII. THE LORD'S PRAYER

45. What good does it do to ask, seek, and knock in prayer?
46. Why should we be on guard against the devil?
47. What did Jesus tell us to do to avoid entering into temptation?
48. What does the Lord say will happen when we call upon Him?
49. Where should we cast all of our heart's burdens?
50. To whom does every living thing look for daily food?
51. What good reason does a Christian always have to forgive?



VI. THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

52. What is Jesus invitation to those who labor and are heavy laden?
53. What is the difference between those who will be saved and those who will be condemned?
54. Where does the Bible say that we have sin even before we are born?
55. How are we made "sons of God"...and, how does our baptism help us?



Re-Affirmation of Holy Baptism for...

(Re-affirmation: the public acknowledgment)

Emmersyn Melanie Beck

Born of the flesh: 12.10.16 / Born of the Spirit: 12.14.16

VII. THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

56. Where does Jesus compare Himself and His believers to a grapevine?
57. What kind of communion (sharing) goes on with the wine and bread in the Lord's Supper?

58. Why should a person examine his heart before going to communion?
59. What does God say about fellowship and participation with those who teach or believe differently than the Bible does?
60. Who are those who are Jesus' "disciples indeed"?



CONFIRMATION / AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONFIRMATION DEVOTION

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

Isaiah 61:10 "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."

"Are these white robes really necessary?" "Yes, they are!"

Timothy Patrick Burns ~ Philippians 4:13 NKJV

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Kaden Nicholas Goldapske ~ John 8:31-32 NKJV

"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

RITE OF CONFIRMATION, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, AND 1ST COMMUNION

CONFIRMATION HYMN OF PRAISE: #334 [Red Hymnal]

1. Let me be Thine forever, Thou faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake Thee never, Nor wander from Thy Word.
Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever, Thy holy name I'll bless.
2. Lord Jesus, my Salvation, My Light, my Life divine,
My only Consolation, Oh, make me wholly Thine!
For Thou hast dearly bought me, With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.
3. And Thou, O Holy Spirit, My Comforter and Guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit, I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing, Whom I have known by faith.
Give me Thy constant blessing, And grant a Christian death.

OUR 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 3.12.12, Red Hymnal #532, Ps 25:5

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 as I should

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: [Red Hymnal #400:1,6]

Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure-store;

Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all, for Thee!

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ CONFIRMATION PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

X. THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD turn His face and smile upon you and give you His peace!

ALL: Amen!

GRADUATION OF LMS 8TH GRADERS

CLOSING HYMN: #800 [Tan Supplement]

CHILDREN:

Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing-- You are My own!

WOMEN:

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story;

Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

MEN:

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

ALL:

**I the Lord will bless and keep you, And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you, And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you, And give you peace! Amen!**

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*

- May 21 Sun** Usher Team #2: Don S, Pete A, Mark R, Don G, Gene M, Stuart P
Organist: Mrs. Fillmore / Counters: Alan K, Need Helper
9a Sunday School / Bible Study: Psalm 110 part 3 of 3
10a Confirmation/Graduation Service
- May 25 Thu 6:30p** Ascension Divine Service
- May 28 Sun** Usher Team #3: Steve S, Don E, Dave M, Andrew T, Eric W
Organist: Mrs. Eserhut / Counters: Alan K, Need Helper
9a Divine Service (Summer Schedule until Labor Day)

UPCOMING DATES: —————>

- May 29 Mon** Memorial Day Parade (Walk with our Float!) Guindon Line up 9:30a
- Jun 4 Sun 11a** Special Voters meeting (Building cost update / Organ discussion)
- Jun 5,6 M-T** Great Lakes Delegate Conference (Coloma, MI)

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SUMMER HOME VISTS! Pastor would like to try to visit everybody this summer, Lord willing. There are calendars laid out in the back of church. Please write your name down on a day that works for you! Pastor looks forward to stopping by for a bit to catch up and encourage!

CALL NEWS The Rev. Matthew Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas TX, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN. <> Heidi Nelson, Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran school, Eau Claire WI. <> Teacher Lane Fischer, Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran school, Cheyenne WY. <> Mrs. Collette Krause has accepted the one-year call to teach Kindergarten at Trinity Lutheran, Watertown SD. < PULPIT VACANCIES > Rock of Ages, Grand Rapids MI. <> St. Luke's, Lemmon SD. <> Immanuel, Mankato MN.

Sam Schierenbeck - 2017 Mission Helper Trip To Nepal – Our own LM member, Sam Schierenbeck has volunteered and been selected to travel overseas on our CLC Mission

Helper Teams to Nepal! For several weeks, Sam will be extensively traveling the mountainous country to spread the Word of God with many who have yet to hear it as well as encouraging our brethren in fellowship with the CLC. *Isaiah 52:7 says, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"* **If you would like to help financially support Sam's trip, please use the black box next to mailboxes in hallway.**

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

Hospitalized: Ron Langacker was admitted to St. Agnes this past week for treatment to his knee infection and continues to be recovering there. <> Pearl Becker was called home to be with our Savior on Friday afternoon. Visitation is Tuesday (May 23rd) from 4-7pm at Kuri-Mach and also from 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, (May 24) at Luther Memorial until the hour of the Victory Service.

Shut-ins: Evelyn Chase (Lutheran Home), Eileen Gantner (Woodlands), 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 (Lutheran Home), Jim Steffen (Harbor Haven), Leah Wirkus (Lutheran Home).

FRUITS OF FAITH – HOLY WEEK / FOR THE YEAR *Bible Class 23 / Worship 140*

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Budgetary (\$3596 budgeted per week)

\$2575 LM General Budget

Non-Budgetary (photo directory to date) \$70

\$25 LM School

\$ LM Student Aid Fund

\$60 LM Debt Retirement

\$60 LM Maintenance & Improvements

\$57 LM Local Missions/Outreach

\$290 LM Other: RRF (Building Fund)

Memorial (Designated): Caroline Rathman \$25 (M&I)

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

Budgetary (\$680 needed per week)

\$567 CLC General Budget

Non-Budgetary

\$ ILC Student Aid Fund

\$25 ILC Building Fund

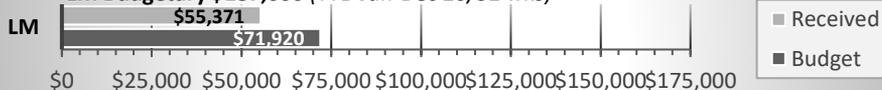
\$ ILC Improvement Fund

\$20 Mission Development-(MDF)

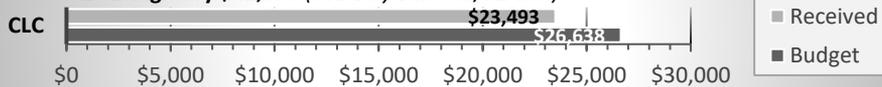
\$15/0 Project Kinship/Orphanage

\$25 CLC Other: Foreign

LM Budgetary \$187,000 (YTD Jan-Dec 20/52 wks)



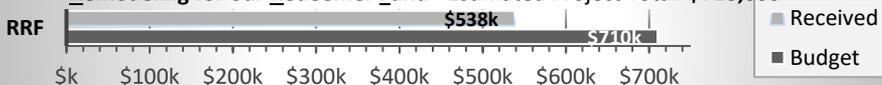
CLC Budgetary \$32,500 (YTD July-June 45/52 wks)



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Remodeling for our Redeemer Fund - Estimated Project Total: \$710,000





I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. -John 15:5

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

Mon Psalm 100 serves a short-and-sweet invitation to those whose hearts have been warmed by the Lord to attune their voices and hands in the service of praise (1-2). We know that the LORD is God, who has created us as His people (3) and we are ready for church when we thankfully bless His holy name and acknowledge that His good-hearted mercy outlasts us. (We're thinking of Jesus, aren't we?)

Tues Mark 2:18-22 Granted that fasting may have spiritual value, it's out of place at a wedding banquet; do it later (19-20). Further, don't try to patch up a worn-out religion with a piece of Jesus, and don't try to bottle up Jesus into shabby rituals (21-22). You must start all over.

Wed 1 John 2:3-11 John clarifies that keeping *the commandments* (directives) of Jesus means honoring Him and His Word enough to *walk just as He walked*. That's old news, of course (7), for a religion is validated by how its followers treat others (9-11). In other words, let's BOTH talk the talk AND walk the walk . . . as Jesus has directed us.

Thurs Psalm 143 surges up in a tsunami of prayer: "Lord, please listen to me, for I am in desperate trouble (3-4). I am trying to compensate by focusing on You (5-6), but I still can't handle it (7)—so please take control of my life (8), cancelling out the negatives (9) and fortifying the positives (10), because I really need You (11)." (Signed: Your servant)

Fri Luke 5:33-39 "Why?" was a good question, meriting Jesus' superior answer: "Now is the time for feasting (not fasting) at the banquet that I am providing, so eat up while you can (34-35)! Further, the Jewish pattern of religion is tattered, so don't patch it up with Me being the patch (36), and don't inject Me into fragile formalism, for I'll burst the seams (37-38). But who listens to Me, anyway (39)?"

Sat 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 lays stress on the newness/novelty of God's religion—namely, that since Jesus died as Substitute for all, God considers us to have died/passed away with Jesus (14-15). Further, since Jesus rose as Substitute for all, everyone who is *in Christ* is a new and novel entity with a new personality, while *old things* (former religious practices and customs) have *passed away* with Jesus! All such things have become new in/with/via Jesus! What a great God we have, who re-creates us as His newly-born, dear children! Hallelujah!