

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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PENTECOST 11

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Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 24. p. 128

The Hymns: 537, 416, 430:1-4, 50

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

First Hymn 537

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, most often drawn from the Psalms.

P: As for me, I will call upon God; and He shall hear my voice

C: He has delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me

P: Give ear to my prayer, O God

C: And do not hide Yourself from my supplication

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.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.

PASTOR Here ends the Epistle 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: Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of the eye

C: Hide me under the shadow of Your wings

P: Let me sentence come forth from Your presence

C: Let Your eyes behold the things that are equal. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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

PASTOR The Gospel Reading is from Luke 12:15-21

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

New Testament Reading: Luke 12:15-21

And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." 16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18 So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.'" 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 21 "So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

PASTOR Here ends the Gospel 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.

Congregation sings Hymn 416

THE SERMON

Text: Ecclesiastes 2:18-26

18 Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. 19 And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also *is* vanity. 20 Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. 21 For there is a man whose labor *is* with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also *is* vanity and a great evil. 22 For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? 23 For all his days *are* sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also *is* vanity. 24 Nothing *is* better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I?

26 For *God* gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to *him who is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

Is Your Work a Dream Job or a Nightmare?

1. The unbeliever ultimately becomes frustrated with work and its end result
2. The believer sees his work as a blessing from the hand of God

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 442:2

***Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive. (442:2)***

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(All)

Congregation sings Hymn 430:1-4

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) Hymn 50

*** *Silent Prayer* ***

Verbal Announcements - Ushers dismiss by row

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

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

Schedule

Today: Young Adult Outing to Wisconsin Dells

Tuesday: 6:30 Church Council

Saturday: Work Day

TV CHURCH – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 21

Tuesday at noon and Wednesday at 4:00 pm

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Pastor Wayne Eichstadt continues to consider the call that *Luther Memorial* extended to him.

CLC NEWS

Prince of Peace of Loveland, Colorado has called Pastor Michael Eichstadt of Hales Corners, WI *Bethel* of Spring (Houston), Texas, has called Pastor Roland H. Gurgel of Weslaco, Texas.... *Our Redeemer's* of Red Wing, Minnesota has called Pastor Frank Gantt of Lemmon, South Dakota... Their decisions are not known.... Kathy Larsen, the wife of Pastor Paul Larsen, has been going through severe health problems the past several months. It now appears that her time on earth is drawing to a close. She has been flown to Eau Claire to spend time with her family. We pray that the Lord grants peace to her and to her family.

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 4: Wayne Wischneski, Alan Kottke, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel Delarme. Organist: Rhoda Eserhut