

**LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH
AND SCHOOL**

(Grades K-8)

CLC - Church of the Lutheran Confession

134 21st Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

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9:00 am Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00 Worship Service

Vacancy Pastor Mike Schierenbeck

Principal Dave Bernthal

Teacher Amy Osborne

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Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 86, p.140

The Hymns: **5, 342, 324:1-3 & 6, 331:7-8**

Bells – Opening Prayer

First Hymn 5

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: Be merciful unto me, O Lord

C: For I cry unto You daily

P: For You, O Lord, are good and ready to forgive
C: And plenteous in mercy unto all those that call upon You

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.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. {8} "They

have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!' {9} And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! {10} "Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation." {11} Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: "LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? {12} "Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. {13} "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" {14} So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

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: You that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord

C: He is our Help and their Shield. Hallelujah!

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

PASTOR The New Testament reading is found in 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, {13} although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. {14} And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. {15} This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. {16} However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. {17} Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 342

Sermon Text: Luke 15:1-10

Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. {2} And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." {3} So He spoke this parable to them, saying: {4} "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? {5} "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. {6} "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' {7} "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. {8} "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? {9} "And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' {10} "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon Theme:

Know Why God Rejoices in Repentance

1. Every soul is precious including those lost in impenitence
2. He puts every effort into finding the lost
3. The lost are found through repentance

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.

*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 324:1-3, & 6

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 331:7-8**

**** 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	11:00	Call Meeting
Tuesday	6:30	Stewardship Committee

Next Sunday 9:00 Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00 Mission Festival (*Luther Memorial* students sing)
TV CHURCH – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 21
Tuesday at noon and Wednesday at 4:00 pm

Call Meeting

We were informed last Sunday that Pastor Michael Roehl has returned the call which was extended to him by *Luther Memorial*. His letter is posted on the bulletin board. In view of this a call meeting was scheduled for today following the worship service.

Sunday School

At the time that the bulletin was put together, we are still in need of teachers and substitutes for Sunday School. If you'd like to help out this year, please speak to Gordon Krause or Pastor Schierenbeck.

Anniversary at Hales Corners

Messiah Lutheran Church of Hales Corner will be celebrating fifty years of God's grace today. Worship services will be at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. with a "Memories and Reflections" hour at 9:30 a.m. A special anniversary service will be held at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor David Lau, a former pastor at Messiah, as guest speaker. A dinner and program will follow.

Church Council Meeting Notes

- 7 council members, the principal and pastor were in attendance
- Pastor's Report: It was noted that there is a need for pre-school Sunday School material. A motion was approved to purchase the material... Sarah Haensgen was granted a peaceful transfer to our sister congregation in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota... The need continues for Sunday School teachers
- Financial Secretary's Report: Budgetary receipts for August: \$14,479 YTD thru Aug.: \$125,518 Non Budgetary receipts for August: \$1105 YTD: \$34,952
- Treasurer's Report: Budgetary: Aug. Beginning balance: \$1063 Receipts: Offerings: \$14,479 Borrowed funds: \$13,000 Disbursements: 22,507 (includes \$5000 repayment to non-budgetary) Ending Balance: \$6034 Total budgetary loans: \$39,300 Mortgage remaining on duplex: \$17,348 Non-budgetary: Beg. Balance: \$6167 Receipts: \$6105 Disbursements: \$11,429 (\$9254 of which was for the ordering of the sign) Ending Balance: \$843
- Mission Committee Report Aug. Receipts General Missions: \$3572 YTD: \$6594 Goal to reach by June 30: \$47,000
- Building and Grounds Report: Work done in and around the church in August: Volunteers cleaned the church and pastor's office, grass was cut and trimmed, all windows washed, Mr. Bernthal's air conditioner was serviced. Work done in the parsonage: All closet doors repaired, patio sill replaced, washing machine repaired, heat and air registers cleaned, walls washed and painted, T1-11 siding painted, exterior trim painted, order new upstairs window.
- Unfinished business: There was discussion concerning alternatives for council reorganization and ways to reduce expenses and increase attendance. No formal action was taken.
- New business: It was approved to continue advertising in the Fond du Lac Visitor's Guide at an annual rate of \$49. There was consensus to ask Ms. Meyer to play piano in church on a regular basis.

Mission Festival

Next Sunday we celebrate Mission Festival with a special Bible Class on personal evangelism, as well as a service dedicated to the theme of our

mission on earth to spread the good news of Jesus. The day school children will be singing, and a pot-luck dinner will follow. Team #2 is in charge of the pot-luck and are asked to bring a dish to pass (plus a little more to ensure we have enough)

From the Mission Committee

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I once overheard two parishioners (not here) conversing in the narthex after service. One, an elderly gentleman, grabbed the other by the elbow and leaned in close. "You know, Frank, I think pastor only knows two sermons. The first one asks for money, and the second one makes me feel guilty for not listening to the first." We are fortunate in our circles in that we do not have to endure a good deal of fund raising from the pulpit. On the contrary, a little law and a great deal of gospel are the order of the day; however, we need gentle reminders that good and wonderful kingdom work is supported by our generosity. For the first time since I have been on the mission committee, we had nary a thin dime contributed last month on the non-budgetary side of our ledger (see below for an explanation of synodical mission funds) On the budgetary side, we had a \$2500 difference between what was budgeted for 5 weeks and what we gave. These are rough economic times, but there are those among us who have known rougher. Give as you have been blessed. *As each has received a gift, minister it to one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.* When you share what you have, a light heart is sure to follow. May the risen Lord, continue to bless us all. -- The Luther Memorial Mission Committee.

CLC Funds

With Mission Festival coming up next week, it would do well for us to review how your offerings are used when you give to a "Mission" Fund. When you check your offering envelope as "Missions" this designates it for work that we have agreed to do as a synod. In rough estimates 40% will go to the Board of Missions to help subsidize stateside congregations that are just starting out, and to pay the salaries of our foreign missionaries, and to help subsidize overseas seminaries. 40% or so will go for the Board of Regents budget, which subsidizes Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in order to keep it more affordable for members. *Luther Memorial* has estimated that it will contribute \$47,000 to general missions this fiscal year. The Boards set their budget within 10% of all the congregations' estimates. There are also non-budgetary funds that a person may contribute to:

- CLC Mission Development: Special one-time projects that go beyond the Board of Mission budget such as purchasing Bibles in India or a stateside outreach project.
- Project Kinship: Individuals and congregations can sponsor orphans or seminary students on an annual basis. This fund helps with other expenses that come up.
- ILC Student Aid: Makes funds available for loans and grants to students attending Immanuel.
- ILC Improvement Fund: Used for property repair and improvement at Immanuel
- ILC Building Fund: To pay off the mortgage on the ILC Academic Center
- Church Extension Fund: This fund is used to make loans to congregations (and also ILC buildings). In addition to the repayment of loans, funds may be give or loaned to this fund.

There many needs that our synod can address, not to mention the needs of our local church and school. It is difficult to prioritize and determine how best to serve our Lord with our offerings. This write-up is not meant to put one fund over the other, but simply to provide information as we approach our annual Mission Festival. May He grant us wisdom and enthusiasm to serve and love Him with our hearts, souls, and strength!

Evangelism Workshop

On November 28 the Second Evangelism Workshop will be held in Eau Claire from 2:00-5:30. More details will be coming, but currently they are looking to establish a layperson as a contact. This person would be a conduit of information as well as stimulating interest in the congregation for

members to go. If you would like to serve in such a capacity, please contact Pastor Schierenbeck.

CLC News

Our Redeemer's of Red Wing, Minnesota has called Pastor David Baker of *Ascension*, Batavia, IL.... In addition to our congregation and Red Wing, Northport, Florida and Weslaco, Texas also have vacancies.

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SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 2

Last week for the Lord

Worship Attendance: 130

Offerings:

<u>Local</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Needed</u>	<u>For fiscal year</u>
Budgetary	\$3235	\$4442	\$129,359
Communion	\$1		

Non-Budgetary

Maintenance and Improvement:	\$102
Debt Retirement	\$92
Deficit Elimination	\$11
Luther Memorial School	\$60*

*Three \$20 contributions in memory of Wilhelmina Batterman

CLC Missions (CLC fiscal year:7/1- 6/30) For fiscal year

Budgetary	\$794	\$7127
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Non-Budgetary

Mission Festival	\$40	
Mission Development Fund	\$100	