



## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

CLC - Church of the Lutheran Confession

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10:00 am Service    Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am

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1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27, 2009

**Preparation for Worship:** Read Psalm 96 front of hymnal p. 144  
The Hymns: 708, 715, 127:3, 138, 92:1  
*Prayer, Dear Child of Bethlehem, our Lord and Savior, graciously forgive our many sins. Supply us with hearts prepared by Your holy Word to worship You even as those believers, Simeon and Anna of old, who by faith believed and waited for Your first coming into the world. Guard and keep us through that Word until Your second appearance, when You will come in all power and glory to judge the world. In Your name, Amen.*

### **Bells – Opening Prayer**

**First Hymn 708**

### **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 Ghost.

**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:** When all was still, and it was midnight:

**C:** Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

**P:** The Lord reigns;

**C:** He is clothed with majesty.

**P:** The Lord is clothed with strength,

**C:** He has girded Himself with strength.

### **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:**

Jeremiah 31:10-13 "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, And declare it in the isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, And keep him as a shepherd does his flock.' 11 For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, And ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he. 12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, Streaming to the goodness of the LORD; For wheat and new wine and oil, For the young of the flock and the herd; Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, And they shall sorrow no more at all. 13 "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together; For I will turn their mourning to joy, Will comfort them, And make them rejoice rather than sorrow.

**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 are fairer than the children of men;

**C: Grace is poured into Your lips.**

P: My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King;

**C: My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: The Lord is clothed with strength,

**C: He has girded Himself with strength. Hallelujah!**

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

**PASTOR** The New Testament Reading is from Hebrews chapter 2, beginning there in the 10<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

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Hebrews 2:10-18 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." 13 And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." 14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

**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.**

**Congregation sings Hymn 715**

## **THE SERMON**

Luke 2:25-38 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: 29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." 33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 "(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." 36 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And

coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

“HOW CAN WE THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF HIS SON?”  
I. Like Simeon, let us find in Him our salvation (25-32)  
II. Like Anna, let us tell others about His redemption (36-38)

### **THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Latin: “Now Dismiss.” Simeon’s words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)  
(Hymnal, page 29)*

**CONGR: (sing) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. 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 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 127:3:*

**As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav’nly King!**

### **THE GENERAL PRAYER**

(Pastor)

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

(All)

### **Congregation sings Hymn 138**

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) 92:1**

\*\*\* 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*

### **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**THU:** 7:00 pm NEW YEARS’ EVE COMMUNION SERVICE  
**THU:** 8:15 New Years’ Eve Bowling Party - LM Eagles Youth Group  
**FRI:** 10:00 NEW YEARS’ DAY SONG SERVICE  
**TV CHURCH** – Today’s Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 21  
Tuesday at noon, Thursday at 4:00 pm.

**TWO COMMUNION SERVICES** This week we all have the rare opportunity to “proclaim the Lord’s death” twice in same week - New Years Eve service Thursday night and next Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup>. We encourage all the members of Luther Memorial to take advantage of these, and all communion opportunities. Jesus said: “Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 1 Corinthians 11:25 Please sign up at the guest register.

**NEW YEARS’ EVE BOWLING PARTY** Following the church service the congregation is invited to join the LM Eagles Youth Group at Karl Ray Lanes for a couple games of bowling fun! The cost is \$5 for two games, includes free shoes (Youth Group Members, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, bowl free!). Everyone is invited - bring Your whole family! Please sign up today on the church bulletin board so we can reserve lanes.

**LUTHER MEMORIAL YOUNG ADULTS** Another bowling party is planned for the young adults (high school age and older) of Luther

Memorial. We'll begin at church on Saturday, January 9, at 6:00 pm with a devotion followed by pizza. Then we will be heading over to Ledgeview Lanes for some fun bowling action at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend or two. The more the merrier!

**SERVING THE LORD** The Church Council is seeking eligible and willing men of the congregation to be nominated for the Church Council in the new year. Please speak with President Jim Fillmore.

**UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH** Following the morning church service on Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>. Your help is needed and appreciated - many hands make light work.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** With the snow season upon us, we are seeking volunteers to clear the sidewalks and entryways of our church and school. Snow blowers and shovels are provided. If no one signs up, we'll have to hire it out. Thanks for your consideration.

**GYM NIGHT** Next scheduled for Friday, January 8, 7:00–8:00 pm.

**THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, Friday through Sunday, March 12-14, 2010. CLC congregations and schools interested in having teams participate in this tournament must register their teams with the directors no later than February 1, 2010. Teams from Markesan, Mankato, Inver Grove Heights, and Eau Claire participated in the first tournament held at Immanuel Lutheran College March 1986. Since those first games, thousands of fifth through eighth graders with their families have made the trek to Eau Claire to experience Immanuel Lutheran College, enjoy Christian fellowship, and play basketball. Organized by Don Brandt and Pastor Dave Schierenbeck, the tournament has grown from eight games to thirty-nine games over a weekend. Teams from California, Arizona, the Rocky Mountain region, the Great Plains, South Carolina, and the Midwest as well as friends and relatives from all over have braved all kinds of early spring weather and travel conditions to be part of this yearly event. Individuals having photographs and other memorabilia from the previous tournaments are encouraged to share them during the 2010 tournament. Other suggestions as to how to mark this milestone in history should be directed to the tournament directors as soon as possible. May the Lord continue to bless this fellowship

gathering for many years to come. Tournament directors, Mark Kranz, Ted Quade  
Information may be found online at [www.clclutheran.net/tourney](http://www.clclutheran.net/tourney) It is suggested that hotel reservations be made soon!

**WOMEN'S INVITATION** The Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored annually by our sister congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, is being held Friday through Sunday, April 23-25 at Days Inn Hotel & Conference Center in La Crosse, WI. All the women of Luther Memorial are encouraged to consider attending this spiritually uplifting event. More information and registration forms are available in the orange flyer by the registry table. The theme this year: "Good News For Tired Souls" based on Mark 6:31, "**Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.**"

**THANK YOU ALL!** There are many tasks that must be done here in and around the church that are done by "silent" volunteers. We don't try to list them for several reasons: 1)they don't want notoriety, 2)we'd probably miss some, and 3)that's not the point. Even though you do these things out of love for your LORD Jesus, we want you to know that you are appreciated and noticed by your fellow members! May the Almighty reward you openly!

**"But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly." Matthew 6:3-4**

**SERVICE TODAY** Usher Team 4 Wayne Wischnefski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel Delarme. Organist Adrienne F

**NEW YEARS EVE** Available Ushers. Organist Rhoda Eserhut

**NEW YEARS DAY** Available Ushers. Organist Adrienne Fillmore

**NEXT SUNDAY** Usher Team 1 Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, David Dexter, Sam N., Tom N., Larry Stubbs. Organist: Adrienne Fillmore

**FUNDS TO REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS**

General Budget; Missions, LM Building Fund; Student Aid Fund; Academic Center Fund (ILC). Other synod and local funds are listed on the bulletin board. Envelopes are available on the registry table.

**DID YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR CURRENT DEFICIT?** The Church Council would like to bring to the attention of the congregation our budget deficit. With just a few days left in our fiscal year, the

spending deficit (what was spent in excess of what was collected) for the year is \$30,152. The loan balance that the budgetary account owes the bank is currently \$34,000. The LORD has gotten us all through a difficult recession this past year. Today and this Thursday are our last opportunities to help catch up the general budget. By faith through the Gospel, may the LORD bless you with the cheerful ability to give Him your best.

**2 Corinthians 8:9** “you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”

**GIVEN TO THE LORD – MIDWEEK & DEC 20** *Attendance 67 & 16; 171*  
*(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)*

<b>Budgetary</b>	<b>weekly (\$4,334 needed)</b>	<b>For the fiscal year</b>
Received	\$4,583	\$187,964

**Non-budgetary**

Maintenance & Improvement	\$31	balance	\$2,679
Debt Retirement Fund	\$60	balance	\$697
<i>(\$10 given in memory of John Dauterman)</i>			
LM Building Fund	\$75	mortgage	\$23,696
<i>(\$50 given in memory of Arthur &amp; Emilie Wischnefski; \$15 given in memory of John Dauterman; \$10 given in memory of John Dauterman)</i>			
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund – New Sign	\$130		
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**Missions** *(CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)*

Budgetary	weekly	year to date
Received	\$1,093	\$22,422
<i>(\$10 given in memory of John Dauterman; \$5 given in memory of John Dauterman)</i>		

**Non-budgetary**

India Orphanage Fund	\$10
Pastor McKenny Fund	\$30
Church Extension Fund	\$100

**WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

**“Arise, shine; For your light has come!  
 And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.”**

**Isaiah 60:1**

**LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

STRIVES TO BE...

- + A Church which keeps foremost the purpose to proclaim, preserve, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- + A Church which values faithfulness to the Word of God above the size and outward success of its membership
- + A Church which recognizes but one Master in all matters of faith, the God-man Christ Jesus, our Savior
- + A Church which promotes true Christian unity by both proclaiming the Gospel and by identifying error
- + A Church which backs its commitment to Christian education by supporting its own Christian Day school
- + A Church which respects your privacy in the matter of Christian giving
- + A Church which refuses to become just another political pressure group
- + A Church which seeks people to serve the LORD

Welcome! The Pastor is ready to arrange special instruction classes for you and your family at your convenience so that you may be sure of eternal life.

Pastor Dave Naumann 922-7421

The Principal of the school is also ready to discuss with you what the Lord wants most for your children regarding a truly Christian education.

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### **Old Testament Reading for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Jeremiah 31:10-13**

Jeremiah was a prophet called by God to raise his voice in warning urging repentance because of their sins against God. Here he also raises a clear voice of hope and joy, promising the Messiah's own work of redemption. A gift from the LORD - definitely something for which to be thankful. We read...

### **New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18**

The holy writer here tells us that Jesus shared in our flesh and blood – He was born of a Virgin in Bethlehem as foretold. Jesus, the LORD of heaven and earth, came as our Brother to ransom you and me from the devil. As our faithful High Priest, and with terrible suffering, He, with His own body made the sacrifice necessary to pay for all our sins. How thankful we are for this great gift! We read...