



## **THE INVOCATION**

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
(Hymnal, page 5)*

**PASTOR:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.  
**CONGR: (sing)** *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.*

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

*God speaks to us.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

Malachi 3:1-4 "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts. 2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness. 4 "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years.

**PASTOR:** This ends our Old Testament Reading. Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.  
Hallelujah!  
**CONGR: (sing)** *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*  
**PASTOR:** The New Testament reading is from Matthew chapter 3, beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.  
**CONGR: (sing)** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

### **New Testament Reading**

Philippians 1:3-11 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; 7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. 8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**PASTOR:** This ends the New Testament Reading  
**CONGR: (sing)** *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

### **THE NICENE CREED**

*We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who procedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Hymn 63

### THE SERMON

Luke 3:1-6 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, 2 while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. 3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; 6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Theme: "LISTEN TO A TRUE ADVENT PREACHER"

I. He urges us to turn from our sins

II. He invites us to receive God's salvation

### 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.*

### THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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

**PASTOR:** Having now heard the Word of God, I invite the congregation to kneel or stand and make confession of your sins.  
(kneelers are available under the pews on the right side of church)

**ALL:** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**PASTOR:** If this is your sincere confession, then answer by saying "yes."

**CONGR:** **Yes.**

**PASTOR:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Arise now in peace. Let us continue our Communion service.

### THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

*Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. (Hymnal p. 24-25)*

**PASTOR:** The Lord be with you.

**CONGR: (sing)** ***And with thy spirit.***

**PASTOR:** Lift up your hearts.

**CONGR: (sing)** ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

**PASTOR:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**CONGR: (sing)** ***It is meet and right so to do.***

**PASTOR:** It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and

archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify  
Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### THE SANCTUS

*Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!" (Hymnal, page 26)*

**CONG: (sing) Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.  
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He  
that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**PASTOR:** Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give  
us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil;

**CONG: (sing) For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the  
glory forever and ever, Amen.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Pastor)

*The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord  
assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time*

**PASTOR:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was  
betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He  
broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is  
My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of  
Me."

After the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had  
supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them,  
saying, "Take, drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament  
in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins.  
This do, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**CONGR: (sing) Amen.**

### THE AGNUS DEI

*Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that  
Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross. (Hymnal, page 28)*

**CONGR: (sing)**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the  
sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the  
sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the  
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

### THE DISTRIBUTION

Those who are members here at Luther Memorial or are members of  
a sister church in the CLC and have announced their intention to  
partake of the Lord's Supper may now come forward to receive the  
Sacrament at the direction of the ushers.

**A special note to our visitors:** *The Bible tells us to be "perfectly  
joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1  
Corinthians 1:10). Holy Communion is therefore both a communing  
with God and a public statement that those communing together  
believe the same thing. For this reason we ask that anyone who has  
not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation  
first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold  
this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment  
of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.*

**Hymn(s) sung during the Distribution: 85**

### 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.**

**PASTOR:** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**CONGR: (sing) And His mercy endureth forever.**

**PASTOR:** (Prayer)

**CONGR: (sing) Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

*The blessing given by God for 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) 712:1**

*\*\*\* Silent Prayer \*\*\**

# **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*

**TODAY! CHURCH DECORATING 11:00 A.M.** Your help is needed following the church service to decorate our wonderful house of worship for the Christmas season. With everyone helping, we'll be done in about an hour, so please stay if you can!

**PRAISE GOD!** To the many people who helped with last week's festivities at the Evening Ladies Christmas party and the 75ers' Christmas party, the congregation thanks you for sharing your God-given time and talents! You are appreciated.

**CAROLING** Beginning at 2:00 pm Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Once again this year we plan on singing some Christmas favorites to our shut-ins. All are welcome, young and old, just bring your voice! Bring the whole family and make some blessed memories for your children. Following that the Steve and Jodimae Seibel family have invited all carolers to an after-caroling dinner at their home – "All Things Mexican!"

**WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES** Please be encouraged to get your share of Advent blessings from Jesus Christ by attending our Second midweek service this Wednesday. Last weeks attendance was low - 71 in the morning service and 14 in the evening. Your Savior and I will be looking for you – please come!

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC ON CHRISTMAS EVE** If you'd like to play an instrumental to enhance the Christmas Eve service, please sign up on the bulletin board. The time reserved is 5:30 – 6:00 pm.

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Following service Today - Christmas Decorating of the church

**TUE** 6:30 pm Church Council

**WED** 10:00 am Second Midweek Advent Morning Service  
7:00 pm Second Midweek Advent Evening Service

**THU** 4:30-6:00 Non Day School Confirmation

**FRI** 7:00 – 8:00 pm Family Gym Night at Theisen School

**SAT** 9:00-10:30 am Children's Christmas Eve Practice

**SUN** 9:00 – 9:45 am Children's Christmas Eve practice  
11:00 am Pre-Schoolers' Christmas Party

**TV CHURCH** – Today's Service 'replayed on Cable TV Channel 21 Tuesday at noon, Thursday at 4:00 pm

## **CHILDREN'S PRACTICE FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

Miss Anita Meyer is our director. The following practices are planned:  
Saturday, December 12, 9:00 – 10:30 am.

Sunday December 13, 9:00 – 9:45 am (in place of SS School)

Sunday December 20, 9:00 – 9:45 am (in place of SS School)

All of our children (preschool - grade 8) have been included in the service and will be receiving their assignments. May the Lord bless us all once again with the message of our Savior's birth!

**CHRISTMAS BOXES** Your gifts of money to our Luther Memorial Called Workers, our Immanuel Lutheran College Professor Gift Boxes, and also our CLC Foreign Missionary can be put in the appropriate boxes in the back of the church.

**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.

**GRADESCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** Information may be found online at [www.clclutheran.com/tourney](http://www.clclutheran.com/tourney) It is suggested that hotel reservations be made soon!

## **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.

**CHEER LIST CORRECTION** The list of our congregation's shut-ins that you received a couple weeks ago needs one correction:

Carol Redmann's correct address is: Hope Health & Rehab, 438 Ashford Ave., Lomira, WI 53048. She resides in room 109.

**CLC NEWS** <>The Rev. Bruce Naumann, Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN, has accepted the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. <> The Rev. Philip Matzke, Mankato, MN, has the call to Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI.

**SERVICE TODAY** Usher Team 1 Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, David Dexter, Sam N, Larry Stubbs, Craig Y. Organist Rhoda E.  
**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES** Available Ushers. Organist Rhoda E..  
**NEXT SUNDAY** Usher Team 2 Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Tom N. Organist Rhoda E.

**WITH CHEERFUL HEARTS – LAST WEEK** Attendance – 168

*(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)*

<b>Budgetary</b>	<b>weekly (\$4,327 needed)</b>	<b>For the fiscal year</b>
Received	\$3,060	\$171,056

**Non-budgetary**

Maintenance & Improvement	\$36	balance	\$3,782
Debt Retirement Fund	\$42	balance	\$497

*(\$20 given in memory of Ervin Roehl)*

LM Building Fund	\$10	mortgage	\$25,849
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**Missions** (CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)

Budgetary	weekly	year to date
Received	\$910	\$19,677

*(\$10 given in memory of Ervin Roehl)*

**Non-budgetary**

India Orphanage Fund	\$104
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ILC Building Fund	\$95
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*(\$50 given in memory of Ervin Roehl; \$25 given in memory of Erle Wilson; \$20 given in memory of Ervin Roehl)*

**WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts. Malachi 3:1-4

**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.

Principal Dave Bernthal 922-7421

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Through the prophet Malachi God proclaimed that He would send a "messenger" to "prepare the way" for the LORD. We read...

### **New Testament Reading**

#### **Philippians 1:3-11**

In this his letter to the Philippians the Apostle Paul shows how as a faithful messenger of God – even while in prison – he is deeply concerned that the people entrusted to his care will remain faithful until the Day that Christ comes again. We read...

**Old Testament Reading for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**  
**Malachi 3:1-4**