

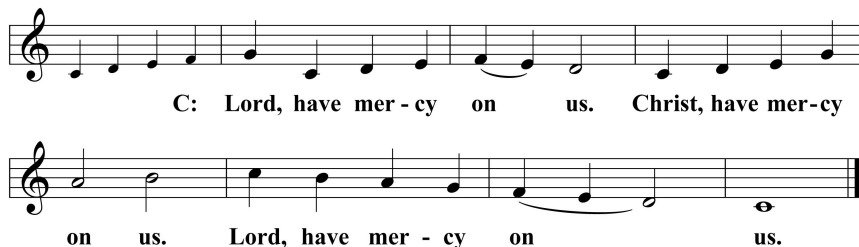


Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**Congregation (speaks): Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** *KYRIE*

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C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST** *GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

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C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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P: Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation (speaks): Amen.**

## **1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 36:5-10**

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The **Psalmist** contrasts the righteous with the wicked, pointing out that those who defy God do not find real happiness but only destruction. Those who trust God find real joy in Him Who preserves all creation. He provides for those who love Him.

P: Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

**C: How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.**

P: Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

**C: Let not the foot of pride come against me, And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.**

P: There the workers of iniquity have fallen;

**C: They have been cast down and are not able to rise.**

## **2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ ISAIAH 61:1-3**

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The **Old Testament Lesson** pictures the Messiah as coming to make joy possible. Note that Jesus read this lesson in the synagogue at Nazareth (Luke 4:16ff) describing His Messianic Office. We remember that He shares His Word of comfort with us and wants us to share it with others also.

1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

**Pastor:** 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!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ 3<sup>RD</sup> ARTICLE AND LUTHER'S EXPLANATION

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Article of the Apostles' Creed reminds us of the work of the Holy Spirit revealing God's Word to us and by His grace, bringing us to faith in all our Triune God has done!*

- 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.**
- I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**
- I believe in this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

### EPIPHANY HYMN: #132:1,5 [Red Hymnal]

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

*But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." ~Matthew 19:14*

#### SERMON

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

**James 4:1-6** NASB **1** What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? **2** You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. **3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. **4** You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **5** Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"? **6** But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Theme: **Consider the Source!**

1. Of Pride and Prejudice
2. Of Pleasure and Purpose

## THE OFFERTORY

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

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*"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*

### **WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD:** [Red hymnal #441:1,2]

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
May we Thy bounties thus, As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

### **BENEDICTION**

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*The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN: #54 [Red Hymnal]**

~ Silent Prayer ~

### **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*

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**Today:** 9am Study/Sunday School; 10am Worship (WS)  
Youth/Adult CHOIR– practice after service - for Lent  
Brief Organist meeting after choir meets  
7:30pm Chimers

**Tues:** 6:30pm Elders & Stewardship Meeting

**Thurs:** 9am Ladies Bible Reading (Acts)

**Fri:** 7pm Gym Night at Theisen Middle School

**Sat:** 1pm Annual Voters meeting

**Sun:** 9am Study/Sunday School; 10am Worship (TLH)  
Youth/Adult CHOIR– practice after service - for Lent  
7:30pm Chimers

**THIS SUNDAY** Usher Team 3 = Lowell Boelk, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel

**Organist: Mr. Hay**

**NEXT SUNDAY** Usher Team 4 = Wayne Wischnefski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King

**Pianist: Miss Meyer**

**THE LM CALLED WORKERS** (Miss Meyer, Osbornes, Bernthals and Radichels) would like to express their deep thanks and appreciation for all the Christmas gifts that were so graciously given. The support and encouragement is a tremendous blessing as we all continue to

work together to support the Gospel of Christ's Kingdom! The Lord continue to richly bless you and keep you all in His care!

We wish to thank you for the demonstration of Christian love you have shown in your Christmas present. What a touching experience to thus be reminded of the precious bond of faith in Christ which joins us. Though miles away you took time to think about us. The time and gifts you shared are a precious reminder of the time and gifts Christ has given us. Thank you for each remembrance. It is a privilege to share with each of you the knowledge of our Savior from sin and the eternal joy that provides us all.

**Thank you, Prof. John & Debi Ude & Family**

Dear Members and Friends of Luther Memorial Church,

I am thankful to the LORD for the eleven years my family and I were blessed to call Luther Memorial our home. The Christian education I received from you is the strong foundation that has led me along the path to become a pastor of the CLC. I am currently 20 years old and in the second half of my junior year of pre-theological studies at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI.

This summer I am blessed with the opportunity to travel to East Africa to the countries of Kenya and Tanzania in order to evangelize among our CLC sister congregations in those countries. I am very excited about the chance to serve the Lord on this trip! Members of the Mission Helper Team and I will be working with the pastors of the Kenya-CLC and the Tanzania-CLC to conduct one-day child evangelism programs. Many of the children whom we will be preaching the Gospel to have never heard about their Savior Jesus and the salvation that is theirs through Him.

I would ask you to please keep me and all the mission helpers in your prayers. Above all, pray for the Word to take root and bear fruit in the hearts and lives of all those who hear it.

I am also asking you to consider helping me with the cost of this trip. The cost for each volunteer is about \$3,000. This includes airfare, food, lodging, travel costs, and the costs of the vaccinations that are recommended for travel to a developing nation. If you are able to contribute to the cost of this trip, I would greatly appreciate it. Please make out all donation checks to your local congregation and place it in an envelope marked: "Tom Naumann Mission Helper Trip."

The Lord, in His Word, has given us all the direction to "go and make disciples of all nations." I am thankful that the Lord is giving me this opportunity to share in the spreading of the Gospel, sharing that Jesus came to die for the sins of all! I humbly invite you to share with me in this trip whether you are able to support me financially or with your prayers.

Joining you in His Service,  
Tom Naumann

**The 27th annual Grade School Basketball Tournament** for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, Friday through Sunday, **March 9-11, 2012**. CLC congregations and schools interested in having teams participate in this tournament must register their teams with the directors no later than February 1, 2012. Please send team information to [mikeschierenbeck@clclutheran.com](mailto:mikeschierenbeck@clclutheran.com). Teams will be co-ed, and fall into one of three categories: A (7th-8th grade), B (5th-6th grade), or C (5th-8th grade). Full guidelines are available on <http://www.clclutheran.net/tourney>.

Three blocks of rooms have been reserved (see below). Several other motels are available. May the Lord continue to bless this fellowship gathering for many years to come.

Tournament director, Mike Schierenbeck

### **Motel Information for Grade School Tourney 2012**

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the following motels. Ask for rooms for the CLC Basketball tourney to get the reduced rate.

Dates of the tournament are March 9-11.

*Best Western Trail Lodge*

715 838-9989 \$89 for two queen beds. \$99 for a King suite. Rooms released to the public on February 9.

*Hampton Inn*

715-833-0003 \$99 for two queen beds. <http://www.hamptoninn.com> (search for Eau Claire) Released to the public on February 24.

**USED CHRISTMAS CARDS** can be recycled in the red bin in the entryway. The cards are sent overseas and are happily used there!

**New Year's Resolution #2** – I resolve to make my life one of fervent and unceasing prayer. As a child of God I wish to speak to my heavenly Father daily, committing to Him all my needs and thanking Him for all the blessings he bestows upon me for Jesus' sake.