

January 29, 2012

Epiphany 4

*Alter cloths are white; symbolizing for us the glory of God revealed in the humanity of Jesus.*

# Luther Memorial Church & School

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

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**Welcome to all! This week's focus:**

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## God's Wisdom Revealed for His Servants

*Today's order of service and hymns: Tan Supplement pg. 12*

**768 ♦ 128:1,4,5 ♦ 444 ♦ 342:1,2,5**

Bells – Opening Prayer

**OPENING HYMN: #768 [Tan Supplement]**

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### THE INVOCATION & CONFESSION OF SINS/ABSOLUTION

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

Pastor: We begin our Savior's divine worship service, in the

Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (speaks): Amen.**

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

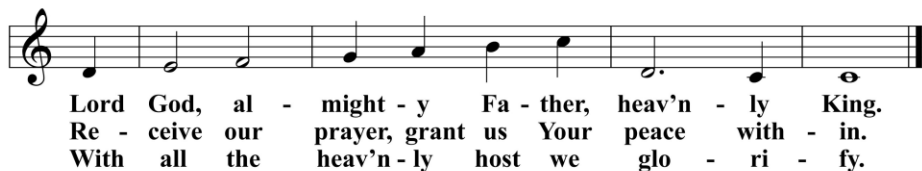
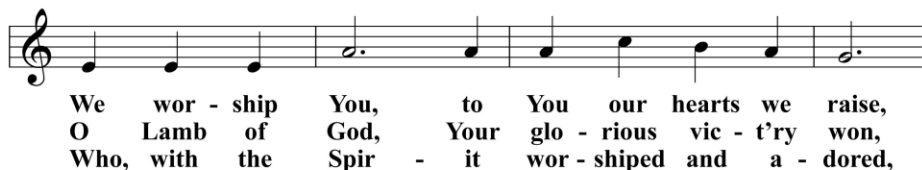
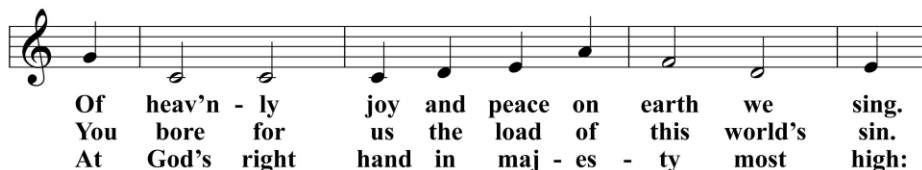
Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**Congregation (speaks): Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** *KYRIE*



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



**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 1**

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The **Psalmist** teaches us that God's children find great blessings in His Word (the "law" in the broad sense). Why? Because following Christ our Good Shepherd leads to peaceful waters!

P: Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

**C: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.**

P: He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

**C: The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**C: But the way of the ungodly shall perish.**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ 1 THESSALONIANS 5:9-25**

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The **Epistle** reminds us of God's love. He has called us to love and serve Him, as well as those who love and serve us in His name!

**9** For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. **11** Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing...

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

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- President..... Don Eserhut
- Vice President..... Chris Osborne
- Recording Secretary..... Mark King
- Treasurer..... Alex Scheberl
- Financial Secretary..... Alan Kottke
- Mission Committee..... Ron Langacker
- School Committee..... Ron Snow
- Board of Elders..... Chris Osborne
- Building and Grounds..... Wayne Wischnefski

**12** ...And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, **13** and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. **14** Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. **15** See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

**16** Rejoice always,

**17** pray without ceasing,

**18** in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**19** Do not quench the Spirit.

**20** Do not despise prophecies.

**21** Test all things; hold fast what is good.

**22** Abstain from every form of evil.

**23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**24** He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

**25** Brethren, pray for us.

**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!

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

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*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: #128:1,4,5 [Red Hymnal]

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

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*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*

#### **1 Corinthians 1:26-31** NKJV

**26** For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. **27** But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; **28** and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, **29** that no flesh should glory in His presence. **30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God -- and righteousness and sanctification and redemption -- **31** that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

Theme: **What do you see in *your* calling?**

1. Foolishness or Wisdom?
  2. Personal gain or Heavenly glory?
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## 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.

### SERMON HYMN: #444 [Red Hymnal]

~ HAND CHIMERS ~

#### OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

*"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 #127:3,4]

**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 heavenly King!**

**Holy Jesus, every day, Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.**

## **BENEDICTION**

*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: #342:1,2,5 [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*

**Today: 9am** Bible Study/Sunday School;

**10am** Worship (WS) **with installation of church officers**

Youth/Adult CHOIR– practice after service - for Lent  
School Committee Meeting

**7:30pm** Chimers

**Thurs: 9am** Ladies Bible reading at church (Acts)

**9-2pm** CLC area pastor's study club (Markesan)

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

**Sun: 9am** Bible Study/Sunday School; **10am** Worship (WS)

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**FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL** We appreciate all our members, who continue to serve, support, help, and encourage us! Many thanks!!!

**PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD AND TABLE** for recent information regarding our church or the synod. On the bulletin board you'll notice many thank you cards, as well as a letter from both Tom Naumann and Ethan Kranz requesting support for their upcoming Mission helper trip to Africa. Pastor continues to try to keep the latest news and information available. If you have any questions, just ask!

**USED CHRISTMAS CARDS** that were collected came to nearly 500 and were sent to the CLCI Orphanage this week. Thank you everyone for all these beautiful cards that will be reused and enjoyed again! If you still have more, please put them in Gordon & Rhoda Krause's mailbox.

**CLC CALL NEWS** Rev. Michael Gurath returned the call to serve as a foreign missionary to India & East Africa. Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, called the Rev. David Fuerstenau, Ketchikan AK.

**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 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**

*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.

*Witnessing idea for the week:*

**Lord, grant to Your servants that with all boldness we may speak Your word. (Acts 4:29)**

**When's the last time?**

*...You invited a relative, neighbor, friend, or coworker to church?*

*Yes, it can be a bit unnerving at times.*

But who do you know who has recently experienced:

*The death of a loved one, the loss of a job, a divorce, expecting or a birth of a child, personal injury or illness, a retirement, financial difficulties, a marriage, or a child leaving home?*

*Remember that Jesus has made you a "fisher of men!"*

**THIS SUNDAY** Usher Team 1 = Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, Larry Stubbs, Craig Youngerberg **Organist: Mrs. Eserhut**

**NEXT SUNDAY** Usher Team 2 = Don Seibel, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Ron Snow **Organist: Mrs. Fillmore**

**New Year's Resolution #4** – I resolve to bear patiently every cross the Lord sees fit to lay upon me. Without murmuring or complaint I shall strive to live under the guidance of His gracious protection.