

February 5, 2012

Epiphany 5

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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The Apostle Paul preaching at Corinth

Welcome to all! This week's focus:

You are God's Representative.

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

16 ♦ 717 ♦ Communion Hymns: 754 & 305 ♦ 309

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #16 [Red Hymnal]

THE INVOCATION

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

PASTOR: We begin our Savior's worship service today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



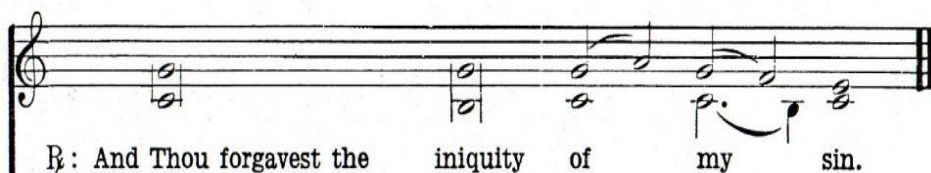
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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 to God our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!



PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



ALL: Dearest Jesus, in every word and deed You have shown Yourself, to be the true Light that has come into this world. We were without God, strangers outside of Your Kingdom; sinners, who deserve only Your wrath and eternal punishment. Your Law has shown us our sin. We come to You alone with sorrowful hearts and confess all our sins and iniquities.

But You oh Lord, have declared us Your people – fellow citizens and saints of God's household. You have caused Your glory to shine upon us. You have opened our eyes to the forgiveness found in Christ alone. For this we praise you again today with thankful voices, and each new day sing of Your grace and goodness as long as we have our breath. As Your life and death has given us this eternal glory, let our lives give Your name glory forever and ever! Amen.

PASTOR: On this your confession, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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 Spirit.



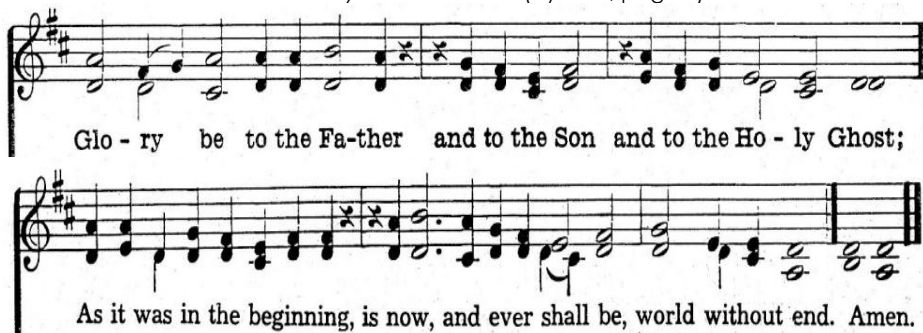
THE INTROIT

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, often a Psalm.

P: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation;
C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

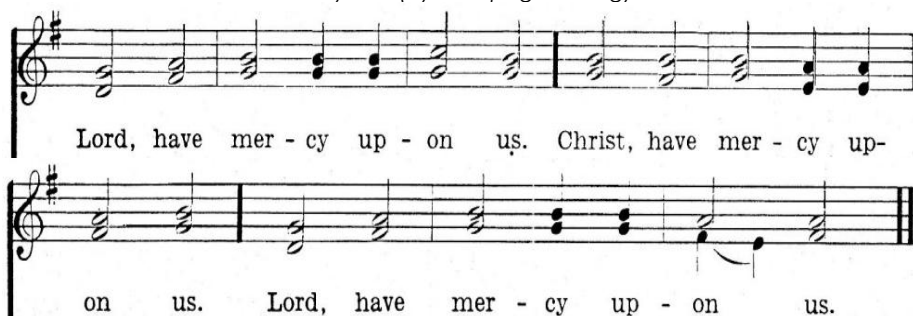
Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly 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)



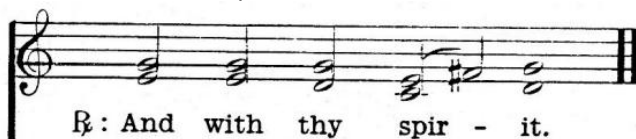
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the highest" (131:5 to the tune of Hymn 237)

**All glory, Jesus, be to Thee... For this Thy glad epiphany;
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost forevermore.
Now let Thy Word within me shine, and love Thy precious Name
Divine, my faithful King and Savior.**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.



R: And with thy spir - it.

PASTOR: Let us pray: (*Pastor says prayer of the day*)



1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 119:17-24

The **Psalmist** asks God to open his eyes to the Law and guide him in living by it. He recognizes God's scorn for those who defy His Word and pledges himself to delight in it.

P: Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep your Word.

C: Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.

P: I am a stranger in the earth; Do not hide Your commandments from me.

C: My soul breaks with longing for Your judgments at all times.

P: You rebuke the proud – the cursed, who stray from Your commandments.

C: Remove from me reproach and contempt, for I have kept Your testimonies.

P: Princes also sit and speak against me, but Your servant meditates on Your statutes.

C: Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: Their sound is gone out into all the earth:

C: And their words to the end of heaven;

P: The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament shows forth His handiwork. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C: I have chosen you out of the world that you should bring forth fruit: and your fruit should remain. Hallelujah!



2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5



In the **Epistle**, Paul explains that the goal of his ministry is not to flatter himself or impress others, but to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior. He was fearful and inept, but God used him to accomplish His work.

1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. **2** For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. **3** I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. **4** And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.



CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ 3RD ARTICLE AND LUTHER'S EXPLANATION

The 3rd 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: #717 [Tan Supplement]

SERMON

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

Isaiah 58:5-9 NKJV

5 Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, And an acceptable day to the LORD? **6** "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? **7** Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? **8** Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. **9** Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' "

Theme: **What is God's "Fast" Food?**

1. God's purpose of "fasting."
2. God's food is worth the focus!

THE OFFERTORY

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

**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.**

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 #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

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer: pg. 118 [Red Hymnal]

PASTOR: Having heard the Word of God, the congregation may stand or kneel at this time, and confess our sins to God.
(Kneelers are available under the pews on the right side of church)

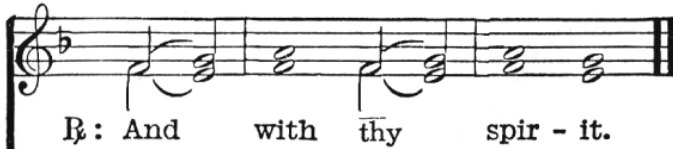
P: Knowing that God searches the heart, I ask you, are you sorry that you have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed; and do you pray, with a sorrowful and repentant heart, to amend your sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit? Then declare so by saying, "Yes, with the help of God."

C: Yes, with the help of God.

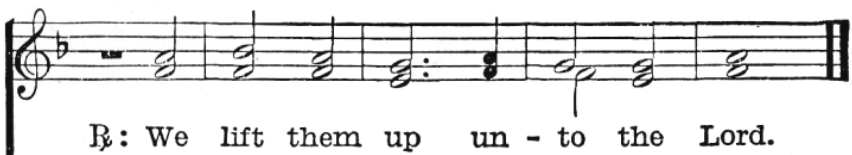
P: Upon this confession of your sins, I announce the grace and peace of God to you, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

~Arise in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

P: And may the Lord be with you!



P: Let us lift up our hearts!

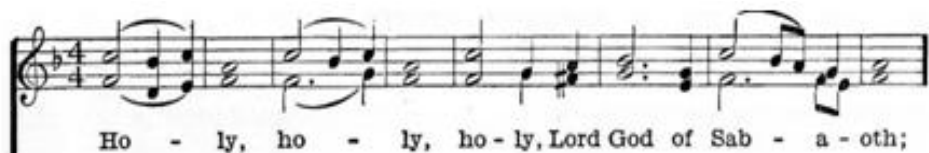


P: It is right and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord:

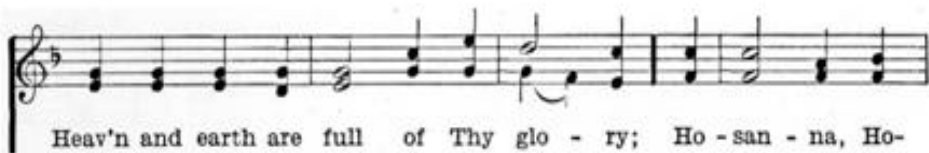
And we do now praise You again O Lord, that You sent to us Your only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found as both true God and also true man, You made known through Him to us the fullness of Your glory.

Therefore with angels and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, forever praising You singing...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY SANCTUS



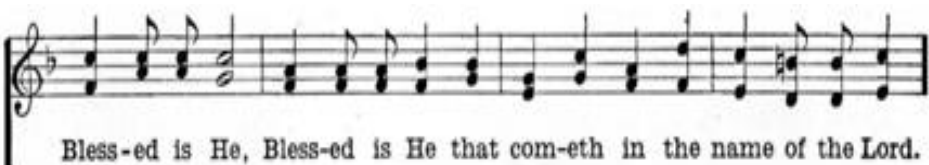
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;




Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -



san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



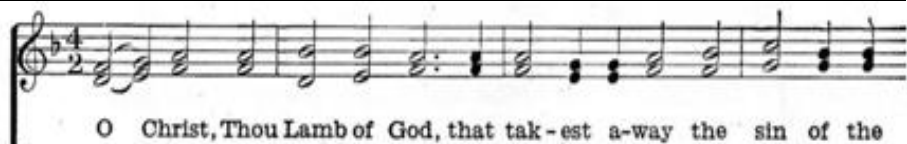
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

P: 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." In the same way He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

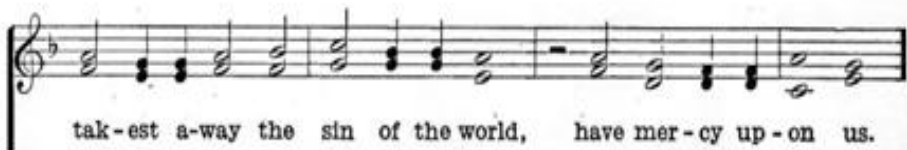
P: *May this peace of the Lord be with you always! Amen.*



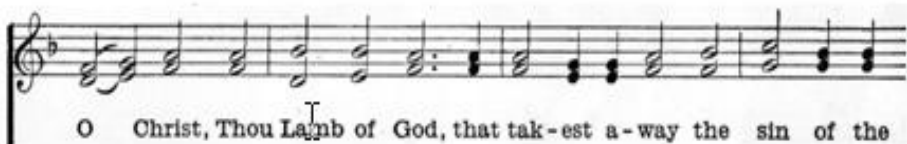
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. . . A - - - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #754 & #305 [Red Hymnal]

Our practice of Communion (see blue handout in entryway track rack)

We believe that God desires full unity of faith and confession among all who commune together. All communicant members of Luther Memorial and of our sister congregations in the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) are welcome at the Lord's Table. If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service, we'd love to have you!

Communing

Members who have difficulty with steps or the kneeling rail may sit in the front pew on either side. The pastor will bring communion to you there. Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread in your hand, just extend your hand to receive it. After taking the wine, please place individual cup in end baskets.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
A Light to light - en the Gen-tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - - - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be: world with-out end. A - men.

THE 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.

B: A - men, A - men, A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: #309 [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 (TLH) **with Communion**
Youth/Adult CHOIR– practice after service - for Lent
NO Chimers
- Thurs:** **9am** Ladies Bible reading at church (Acts)
9-2pm CLC area pastor's study club (Markesan)
- Fri:** **7pm** Family Gym Night at Theisen Middle School
- Sun:** **9am** Bible Study/Sunday School; **10am** Worship (WS)
Youth/Adult CHOIR– practice after service - for Lent
7:30pm Chimers

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.

ILC REGENTS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor John Pfeiffer expires June 30, 2012. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2012. Nominations must be written or E-mailed no later than midnight April 15, 2012 to... Mr. Craig Ryan
499 Country Lane Fulda, MN 56131 E-Mail: cryan@page1printers.com

WINTER FUN AT CASCADE: Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 25th! Anyone interested in going skiing or tubing at 5pm on that day please contact Craig Youngerberg or Pastor Neal Radichel (see below for contact info). Please sign up by February 14th so we can lock in a group rate. Cascade is located near Portage, WI and their website is www.cascademountain.com.

We need *15* people to ski/snowboard in order to get a group rate of \$16 per lift ticket and \$12 for equipment rental (if needed). 12 and under get a free lift ticket, but will still need to pay \$12 for equipment rental. People interested in tubing will be in a different group. If we

have *15* people tubing, the rate will be \$15/person (ages 7 and up) or \$10/person (ages 6 and under) for a 2 hour session. *If we do not get 15 people to sign up:*Normal ski pricing without the group rate would be \$25/lift ticket and \$22/equipment rental. Normal tubing pricing is \$22 (ages 7 and up) and \$10 (ages 6 and under) for a 2 hour session. As you can see, the more the merrier!!!

I encourage you to visit the website if possible, and sign up for an evening of great winter fun! To sign up, or if you have any questions, contact Craig Youngerberg (563)-568-8318 golfmech86@gmail.com or Pastor Neal Radichel nealradichel@gmail.com. We have two additional sets of ski equipment available on a first come/first serve basis as long as the boots fit you. Hope to hear from you soon!!!

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 2 = Don Seibel, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Ron Snow

Organist: Mrs. Fillmore

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

Organist: Mrs. Eserhut

FRUITS OF FAITH – Last Sunday

Attendance: Bible Class – 31

Church – 124

Local (Home)	Weekly Received / Budgeted	YTD Received / Budgeted
Budgetary	\$2667 / \$3635	\$23,805 / \$189,000
<u>Non-Budgetary</u>		
None		

CLC Missions	Weekly Received / Budgeted	YTD Rec. / Budg. June-July
Budgetary	\$791 / \$962	\$21,929 / \$50,000
<u>Non-Budgetary</u>		
Mission Helper Program -Tom Naumann \$25		

New Year's Resolution #5 I resolve to set my affection on things above and to keep my heart firmly fixed on the glory of heaven which Jesus waits to give me.

I pray that God will richly grant me His Holy Spirit, by whose gracious working alone I can carry out these resolutions, to make 2012 a year pleasing to Him and eternally beneficial to my soul. (Taken from St. Mark's, Onalaska 1989 church bulletin)