

Luther Memorial Church and School

An Affiliate of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class

10:00am Worship Service

Pastor Neal Radichel
Teacher Amy Osborne

Principal Dave Bernthal
Teacher Anita Meyer

January 23, 2011

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Today's Focus:

Christ establishes His Word and Kingdom

Pre-service meditation: Read Psalm 147 front of hymnal p. 156

Today's Hymns:

391 ~ 127: 1, 4-5 ~ 781 ~ 496: 1, 4

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #391 [Red Hymnal]

THE INVOCATION

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

PASTOR: We begin our worship service in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Lead us, Lord God, by Your Holy Word and reveal to us the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior! Amen.

OUR CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF OUR SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we sin daily and need His forgiveness.

PASTOR: Beloved in the Lord! Just as the star led the wise men to the Savior, the Scriptures lead us to the revelation of the Messiah, God's Anointed sacrificial Lamb. During this season God directs our attention to the Epiphany of the God-man Jesus Christ, and to a heart that confesses our sins to God, our Heavenly Father. As He has sent His Son to die for us, we come today asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us all our sins. Our help is in the name of the LORD... the LORD our Righteousness!

CONGREGATION SINGS: [*Red hymnal #23*]

**Lord, when you look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above –
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood,
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy, Warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!
For You teach us,
God's own love through You has reached us.**

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, during this season of Christ's Epiphany, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and we have sinned against You by our thoughts, words, and deeds. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and asking Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ:

CONGREGATION: Dearest Jesus, in every word and deed You have shown Yourself, to be the true Light that has come into this world. You desire to light the way to life eternal for all people. 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. You have removed the blindness from our hearts. 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. Let us remain blessed citizens of Your kingdom of joy and honor in heaven, as heirs of Your eternal glory. As Your life and death has given us this eternal glory, let our lives give Your name glory forever and ever! Amen.

PASTOR: Upon this confession of your sins, by the promise and authority of Christ our Savior, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 9:1-4

Congregation Sings: Glory be to You, O Lord!

In the Old Testament Lesson, Isaiah speaks of the hope God gives His suffering people. The people had been abused by the Assyrians, but God has great things in store for them.

Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed her, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. 2 The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian."

RESPONSIVE READING:

Psalm 27:1-4

CONGREGATION SINGS: [Red hymnal, pg.20] **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

- P:** The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?
C: The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?
P: When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes,
C: They stumbled and fell.
P: Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I *will be* confident.
C: One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.
P: For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;
C: In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.
P: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;
C: Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.
P: Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
C: When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."
P: Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help;
C: Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Matthew 4:12-23

Congregation Sings: Praise be to You, O Christ!

The Gospel tells of Jesus' ministry in Galilee, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy; and of His calling His first disciples.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him. 21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son of* Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. 23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Apostles Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

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

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

"Agree with one another."

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1. **...in what you believe.**

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2. **...in Whom you hope.**

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3. **...in how you should live.**

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THE OFFERTORY

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

CONGREGATION SINGS [Red hymnal, pg. 22]:

**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.**

SERMON HYMN: #781 [Tan Worship Supplement]

OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD ~ **2 Corinthians 9:7**

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

SPECIAL PRAYERS - EPIPHANY GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING HYMN: #496: 1, 2 [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! Visitors and members: feel free to speak with the Pastor after the service, or call: (920) 922-7421

“If the LORD wills, we will do this or that.” James 4:15

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY: School/Education Committee following the service
(no meeting on Tuesday)

MON: 6:30pm Discussion Group: *Already Gone* – Ken Ham
6:30pm Chimes Choir

FRI: 7:00-8:00 pm Family Gym Night at Theisen

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

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING MINUTES Pick up a copy in the entryway table if you are interested in what took place at last week's meeting. If you have any questions speak to a councilman or Pastor Neal!

BULLETIN/LITURGY We are currently following the ILCW series A periscope (order of Scripture readings and texts) in our services. Everything for the service today is printed in the bulletin and continues to be based on the Red Hymnal liturgy. As was discussed last week, we are trying to improve the layout week by week and still keep with our trial idea of focusing more specifically on the church year. Please keep the comments and suggestions coming! Thank you all for your loving feedback.

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 8-10 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 yellow flyer by the registry table. The theme this year: "Faith in Action" based on Hebrews chapter 11:1, "**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**"

CLC NEWS There are copies in the hallway of both the Monthly Mission Newsletter as well as the CLC Financial Report for December. Pick up a copy to find out what's going on in both our domestic and foreign missions! If there aren't any copies left see Pastor Neal for an extra.

CALL NEWS St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, has called the Rev. Terrel Kesterson, Spokane WA.

HOT LUNCH will be served again this coming Wednesday, at school (Still \$1.50 each!). Come on over and get to know the LM kids better and show them your support!

THIS SUNDAY Usher Team 4 = Wischnefski, Kottke, Sabel, Haensgen, King, Delarme **Pianist: Meyer**

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 1 = Boelk, Kern, Scheberl, Stubbs, Yongerberg **Organist: Fillmore**