



# Luther Memorial Church and School

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*Pentecost/Trinity Season (20/24)*

*Paraments are green; the color of life in nature signifies our spiritual life in Christ's kingdom.*

Welcome to all! This week's focus:

## **FOLLOW THE LEADER & LEAD WHILE YOU FOLLOW!**

*Today's Order of Service and Hymns:*

*Worship Supplement 2000 ~ "Setting #2" on p.12ff*

**387:1,2,7 ♦ 784 ♦ 421 ♦ 387:4,9**

Bells – Opening Prayer

**Opening Hymn: #387:1,2,7 [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 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.

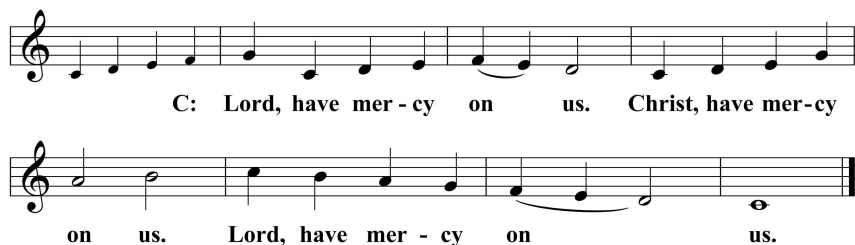
**Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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*

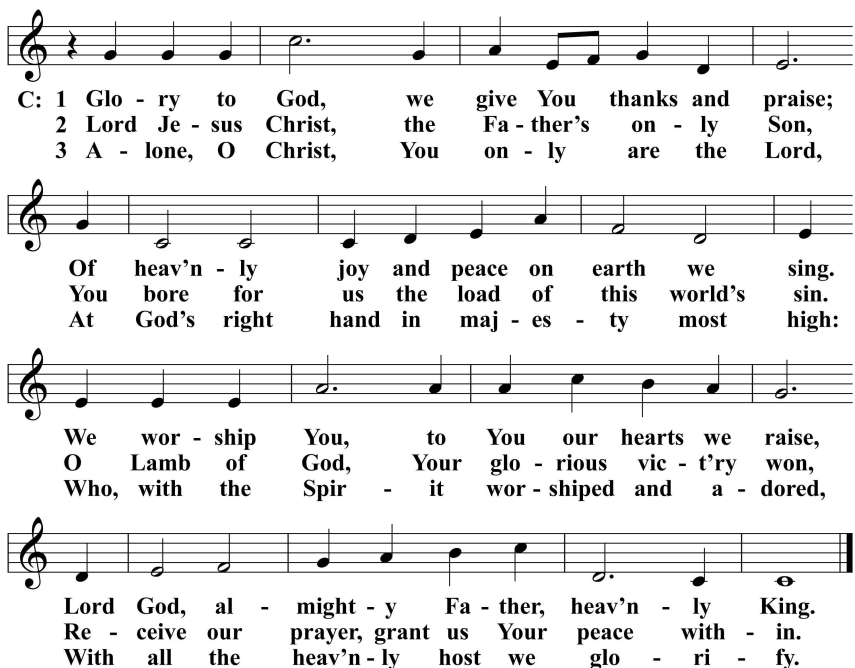
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C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**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 ~ AMOS 5:6-7; 10-15

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*In the **Old Testament Lesson**, Israel is called to hate evil and love good, repenting of its concentration on this world's treasures that led it into disregard of God's Word.*

6 Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. 7 You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground...  
10 you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. 11 You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. 12 For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. 13 Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. 14 Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. 15 Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

## RESPONSIVE READING ~ PSALM 119:73-80

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*The Psalmist leads us by trusting in God's Word and not being intimidated or frightened by those who do not.*

Pastor: Your hands made me and formed me;

**Congregation: Give me understanding to learn your commands.**

P: May those who fear you rejoice when they see me, for I have put my hope in your word. I know, O LORD, that your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

**C: May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.**

P: May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause; but I will meditate on your precepts.

**C: May those who fear you turn to me, those who understand your statutes.**

P: May my heart be blameless toward your decrees,

**ALL: That I may not be put to shame. Amen.**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ HEBREWS 3:1-6

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In the **Epistle**, we have the example of Jesus Himself Who in all things was faithful to His Father. Similarly, Moses was faithful in a lesser way. So we are to remain faithful to our hope.

1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

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!

## OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLES' CREED

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*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.

## Hymn of the Day: #784 [Worship Supplement]

### 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

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

**Mark 10:17-27** Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" **18** So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. **19** "You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' " **20** And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." **21** Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." **22** But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. **23** Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" **24** And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! **25** "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." **26** And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" **27** But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Theme: **"What is the COST of following Jesus?"**

1. Everything.

## 2. Nothing.

### 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: #421 [Red Hymnal]

#### 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

#### 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: #387:4,9 [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)  
**Youth/Adult** Choir & Chimers: brief practice after service  
**School Committee meeting**... following practice  
**7:30pm** Chimers
- Mon:** NO Chimers (calendar says there is)
- Tues:** **6:30pm** QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING
- Sun:** **9am** Bible Study/Sunday School – **10am** Worship (TLH)  
**Youth/Adult** Choir & Chimers: brief practice after service  
**NO** School Committee meeting today  
**4pm CLC JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE HERE @ LM**

### ***Witnessing idea for the week:***

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

**A Witness for Halloween...** So many doors ready to open, so many hands waiting for a treat! Halloween often has scary monsters, horror movies, and such playing on our fear of death and suffering.

#### **What's the solution?**

*Do enough good things to get rescued from such? We know better!*

If handing free goodies out anyway, why not also hand out to the "trick or treaters" a little something that would point to the reason for death and suffering, but also God's solution for it through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Isn't that be a treat *without* a trick!?!

*\*If you like something like this to hand out, talk to Pastor Neal.*

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

**Organist: Mrs. Eserhut**

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

**Organist: Mrs. Eserhut**

**FOUR YEARS YOUNG** "A bequest of \$ 38,000 was applied to the ILC Academic principal balance which on August 31 was \$1,669,442. Twenty consecutive monthly payments have been made on the 30-year loan. However, due to a shortfall of offerings for the ILC Academic Center, the board is not able to make mortgage payments for September and likely October as well." (From the Board of Trustees Report to the Coordinating Council September 21, 2011)

This is now the fourth school year that we are using the "new" Academic Center. My how time flies! With the passing of time, however, the remembrance of the excitement and joy of the past can also be

forgotten. An analogy can be drawn from something many of us have done. When one buys a new car, the monthly payments are no problem. There is still the excitement of the new car. However, after a few years, when the car is now older and the excitement wanes, the payments can become a burden. One needs to be reminded of the blessing of the car and the commitment to pay off that car. In a similar way, the "newness" of the Academic Center has probably worn off, but the payments continue.

For 20 months enough offerings from congregations and individual bequests came in to meet the monthly payments, but now we have fallen behind. We have a \$13,176 deficit and as noted above we were not able to make last month's (September's) payment. This insert is being sent to not only remind us of this debt that we have to pay, but also to remind us of the greater debt our Savior paid for us. We have so many blessings that our loving God has showered upon us, the greatest of which is the gift of His Son, Jesus. What joy or excitement would a new car or a new Academic Center be for us if we did not already have the gift of forgiveness of sins, the assurance of everlasting life and complete salvation earned for us by our loving Savior? It is that great sacrificial love that will motivate us to continue to give of our material blessings to finally fully pay off the debt that is still owed for this wonderful building for our students at ILC.

All glory be to His name! **ILC Publicity Committee** October, 2011

