

# **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

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**February 6, 2011**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Today's Focus:

**Christ, the revelation of God's power and compassion  
for us, gives us hope and excitement!**

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**Pre-service meditation:** Since Jesus is the epiphany, or revealing of God to mankind, His life illustrates to us what God is really like. Today's service encourages us by pointing to the loving nature of God who accepts all those who trust in Christ; those who are despised by the self-righteous; those who suffer from various ills and troubles; those guilty of great sin – all people. In response, we gladly join in His Worship.

## **COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**Today's Hymns:**

**761 ~ 135 ~ 304 ~ 306 ~ 309**

Bells – Opening Prayer

**Opening Hymn: #761 [Tan Worship Supplement]**

### **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:** 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 of 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 58:5-9a**

**CONGREGATION SINGS: Glory be to You, O Lord!**

*In this Old Testament lesson, God asks His followers to humble themselves and serve Him by works of love. Then his blessings will abound toward them.*

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.' "

## **RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 119:17-24**

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

- 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 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

**CONGREGATION SINGS: Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*In this letter, 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.*

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.

## OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed

*The Nicene Creed was written to defend the Bible's teaching  
That the MAN Jesus Christ is also TRUE God.*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy, Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Epiphany Hymn: #135 [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**

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

## **“Don't miss the BIG SHOW!”**

**Matthew 5:1-12:** Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;  
**2** and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.  
**3** And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.  
**4** Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

**5** While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

**6** And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

**7** But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

**8** When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

**9** Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

**1. The Place**

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**2. The People**

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**3. The Purpose**

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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. Amen.**

**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 SERVICE OF SACRAMENT:**

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

**PASTOR:** The Lord be with you.

**CONGREGATION SPEAKS: And also with you.**

**PASTOR:** Let us lift up our hearts.

**CONGREGATION SPEAKS: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**PASTOR:** It is appropriate and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God... And now do we praise You that You sent to us Your only begotten Son and that in Him, being conceived and born true God and true man, You did show the fullness of your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, forever praising You and singing:

**CONGREGATION SINGS: [Sanctus, Red hymnal: pg. 26]**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He,  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**PASTOR:** 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 of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always! Amen.

**CONGREGATION SINGS: [Agnus Dei, Red hymnal: pg. 28]**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, the Lamb of God,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT:** *The Lord's Supper is a gracious way in which our Savior comes to us to strengthen our faith in Him. By taking the Lord's Supper together, the members of this church proclaim that we are "of one mind" together in Christ. As the scripture says:*

*"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," and "For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread" (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17).

Out of love for God's Word it is for this reason we ask that communicant members of Luther Memorial or a sister church of the "Church of the Lutheran Confession" come forward at this point at the direction of the ushers.

(Pastor would be happy to speak with you after the service if you have any questions.)

**Communion Hymns: #304, #306**  
**(Red hymnal, sung during distribution)**

**THANKSGIVING**

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** [Red hymnal, #315:15]

**My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed holy Trinity,**

**With angels I, Your praises telling, shall live in joy eternally.**

**Lord may Your body and Your blood be for my soul the highest good!**

**THE BENEDICTION**

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

**CONGREGATION SINGS: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**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! 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**

**MON:** 5:30pm Chimes Choir

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

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

**SAT:** 2pm Online Council meeting

**TV CHURCH** – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 21

**Tuesday at noon, Wednesday at 4:00 pm**

**CLCL NEWS AND ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING MINUTES** Pick up a copy in entryway if you are interested in knowing more about what's going on. If you have any questions speak to a councilman or Pastor Neal!

**ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13th** The congregation is invited to attend our annual chili lunch being served following service until 12:30 pm. This hearty meal served up by the Ladies of our congregation is sure to satisfy every appetite and warm every heart!

A basket will be put out and a free will offering will be accepted. Families are welcome to bring a dessert to share. If you'd like to know if you can help with something ask Jodimae Seibel.

**BAND INVITATION** The Annual Tourney Band will play at this year's CLC Grade school Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, March 12th. We will practice on Saturday (the 12th) morning, at a time when most players can make it—usually 9 or 10 a.m. We will play between games on the 12<sup>th</sup> (around noon). All CLC band students from grades 5-8 are welcome to play and students do not have to play basketball to be a part of the band. Music can be found on the CLC Tournament website-following the band link [www.clclutheran.net/tourney/](http://www.clclutheran.net/tourney/) Deadline to register is March 10. There is no fee, and students are asked to wear their school colors when they play. See you in March!  
Laurie Lau, Band Director, Messiah Lutheran Squires Band

**BIRDCAGE** – If you have a birdcage, know of someone who has one, or know where to get one, please speak with Dave Bernthal.

**THIS SUNDAY** Usher Team 2 = Seibel, Boelk, Jacobs, Mielke, Gescheidle     **Organist: Eserhut (Communion)**

**NEXT SUNDAY** Usher Team 3 = Krause, Dins, Herzberg, Johannes, Seibel  
                  **Organist: Fillmore**