

Luther Memorial Church and School

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9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class • 10:00am Worship Service

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May 22, 2011 Creation Sunday / Home Mission Festival ~ Easter (5/7)

Paraments up front remain while, reminding us of Christ's glory that is now ours!

Pre-service Meditation: "Once Again" N. Radichel 5.12.04

God made the heavens and the earth

So begins His-story

As one reads from verse to verse

His words bring forth glory

All He said was "Let there be..."

And all the world came to be!

The Son came from heaven to the earth

So began His story

As one reads from verse to verse

His life brings us glory

When He said "It is done."

All the world had been won!

Creator (Redeemer), Maker (Savior), My Father (Messiah), and my friend

All you do and who you are is only, Perfection

Through it all gifts big and small you give Grace for us all

And I just thought I'd thank you... once again.

Welcome to all! This week's Focus:

GOD'S CREATION IS DESIGNED TO GIVE HIM GLORY!

Today's Hymns:

23 ♦ Children's Hymn ♦ 465 ♦ 792

Bells ~ CHIMERS

Opening Hymn: #23 [Red Hymnal] Hallelujah! Let Praise Ring

THE INVOCATION

PASTOR: We begin our Creation celebration in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION, & PRAISE FROM THE FORGIVEN

Responsive Reading from the Psalms 19 & 32 & 104

PASTOR: Who can understand his errors?

CONGREGATION: Cleanse me from secret faults.

P: Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;

C: Let them not have dominion over me.

P: Then I shall be blameless,

C: And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

P: I acknowledged my sin to You,

C: And my iniquity I have not hidden.

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let the words of my mouth

C: And the meditation of my heart

P: Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD,

C: My strength and my Redeemer.

P: The heavens declare the glory of God;

C: And the firmament shows His handiwork.

P: Day unto day utters speech,

C: And night unto night reveals knowledge.

P: There is no speech nor language

C: Where their voice is not heard.

P: O LORD, how manifold are Your works!

C: In wisdom You have made them all.

P: The earth is full of Your possessions;

C: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

P: May the LORD rejoice in His works.

C: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

P: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

C: Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

1st LESSON – RESPONSIVE READING/SINGING OF:

Psalm 8 (selected verses) and Hymn 15

P: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

C: Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red Hymnal #15:1]*

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land, by every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

C: The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

P: What is man that You are mindful of him,

C: And the son of man that You visit him?

CONGREGATION SINGS: *[Red Hymnal #15:2]*

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends Thy Word: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;

C: O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

Children's Hymn/Video Presentation of: "Shout to the LORD"

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King;

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar, At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

My Jesus, My Savior, Lord, there is none like You;

All of my days, I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;

Let every breath, all that I am, Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King;

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,

Nothing compares to the promise I have

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Nothing compares to the promise I have in you

2nd LESSON – RESPONSIVE READING/SINGING OF:

Ephesians 2 (selected verses) and Hymn 37

P: And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

C: Among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

CONGREGATION SINGS: [*Red Hymnal #37:1*]

**Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee;
That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse Thee
Had Thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me
Washed and cleansed and set me free
And unto this end ordained me,
That I ever live to Thee.**

P: But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

C: That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

CONGREGATION SINGS: [*Red Hymnal #37:2*]

**'Twas Thy grace in Christ that called me,
Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me,
To Thy heavenly glories blind.
Now my heart owns none above Thee;
For Thy grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love Thee,
Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.**

P: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

C: For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

CONGREGATION SINGS: [*Red Hymnal #37:3*]

**Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our Expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration, To the great Jehovah give.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

Hymn 39 & Luther's Explanation to: The First Article of the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.

**#39:1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is Thy Health and Salvation!
Join the full throng: Wake, harp and psalter and song;
Sound forth in glad adoration!**

**I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has
given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my bodily
members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them
for me.**

**#39:2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

**I believe that He also preserves me by richly and daily providing
clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife
and children, land and animals, and all my property and
all I need to support this body and life. He protects me
from all danger. He guards and defends me from every
evil. God does this because He is my good and gracious
Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to
earn or deserve it.**

**#39:4 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.**

**I believe for all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and
obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

**#39:5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen! Sound from His people again;**

Gladly for aye we adore Him!

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

1 Peter 2:4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, **5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

THEME: "YOU ARE A PRECIOUS STONE FOR CHRIST!"

1. **A stone... that was individually created! (Creation)**
2. **A stone... whose function is for building! (Mission)**

SERMON HYMN: #465 [Red Hymnal] Christ is Our Cornerstone

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

"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

OFFERING HYMN (CHILDREN): "The Garden"

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." 1 Corinthians 3:6,7

Today, today, is gonna be a nice sunny day
Today, oh yes today, I'm gonna work in the garden

My life, no, Your life, is worth my following

I choose, not to lose out on, all of this gardening

Well I might be one who likes to plant

Or I might be one who likes to water

Hey it really doesn't matter which I do, my friends

For a seed will only grow by the hand of the Lord

Oh Lord, Oh my Lord, help me as I work

I try even to die, to speak your name

SPECIAL PRAYERS ~ CREATION SUNDAY PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER THE BLESSING OF OUR CREATOR GOD

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 face toward you and give you His peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #792 [Worship Supplement] Let All Things Now Living

~ Silent Prayer ~ **CHIMERS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Take a moment to read through the announcements for some news and notes: (920) 922-7421
"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today: -Brief Council/School Committee meeting after service
Pastor Neal will be out of town; Pastor Michael Eichstadt is on call for the week: **Home Phone: (414) 427-9303**
Cell Phone: (414) 688-4517 - Church Phone: (414) 427-9337

TUES: No nightly meetings...

THUR: LM Last Day; School picnic/Awards/Play 11:30am

SUN: **May 28th - SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS / 9am Worship!**

TV CHURCH: Will be starting up June 1st on Wednesday's @ 3pm on cable Channel 20 or 8. Charter is no longer offering this service free. It will now be \$75 a week for the one showing. The voters have decided to have a 3 month trial while looking for support/options.

SIGN UP! Various summer activities need your help! Check entryway.

JUNE 6-7 CLC DELEGATE CONFERENCE We are still looking for 1 more gentleman to represent Luther Memorial Church at the Great Lakes Delegate Conference at Hales Corners, WI. Time: 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 6, through Noon Tuesday, June 7.

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2011 meeting today following the service. LM youth entering freshman in high school – sophomore year in college should stay to hear detailed information about our trip this August!

SPRING CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL Luther Memorial is hosting a Spring Christian Music Festival. We are inviting your congregation members not only to come, but to participate as well. We welcome musicians of any age, of every kind (vocal, solo/ensemble, instrumental - wind, string, brass, keyboard, etc.) as well as Christian music of every genre (baroque to contemporary).

-Interested in coming to listen? The SCMF will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 5th, with a supper afterwards (LM will provide the table

service, as well as meat and drinks). Those attending are encouraged to bring a bag of chips, a salad, and/or dessert.

-Interested in being a participant? Contact Pastor Neal Radichel -- nealradichel@gmail.com (920-922-7421) or Pastor Paul Krause -- PTKrause@clclutheran.com (920-398-2778) concerning what you would like to play or sing. We look forward to this being a wonderful opportunity in our fellowship for musicians to put their musical talents to use both for the enjoyment of those listening as well as to the glory of our gift-giving God.

CLC Call News Kirsten Gullerud, Phoenix AZ, has returned the call to teach at Immanuel Lutheran school, Winter Haven FL. Seminarian David Pfeiffer, through the Call Committee on Graduates, has received and accepted the call to Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL.

THIS SUNDAY Usher Team 1 = Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, Larry Stubbs, Craig Youngerberg

Organist: Mr. Hay

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 2 = Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk – Ed Jacobs – Gene Meilke, Don Gescheidle

Organist: TBA

Witnessing idea for the week:

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

“Creation vs. Evolution”

Many people believe these days that the universe spontaneously formed on its own and that non living material gave birth to living material. For the last 3 generations most schools have taught that we evolved from animals. Why should we be surprised then when society around us behaves as such?

Try this: Be informed witnesses! Grab a copy of what we read in Bible class.

If you have a witnessing idea for the week, please share it with pastor!