



Luther Memorial Church and School

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Pentecost/Trinity Season (14/24)

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

Welcome to all! This week's focus:

FAITHFUL IN WORSHIP EVEN THROUGH TRIALS

Today's Order of Service and Hymns:

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

726 ♦ 291 ♦ 430:1, 5-7 ♦ 430:8

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #726 [Tan Supplement]

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*



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*



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

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.

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ JEREMIAH 15:15-21

The Old Testament Lesson shows us the prophet finding joy in his service to God in spite of persecution. Notice the comparison of God's Word to our necessary daily food!

15 O LORD, You know; Remember me and visit me, And take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. 17 I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, Nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, For You have filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain perpetual And my wound incurable, Which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, As waters that fail? 19 Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them. 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I am with you to save you And deliver you," says the LORD. 21 "I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible."

RESPONSIVE READING ~ PSALM 119:105-112

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

C: I have sworn and confirmed That I will keep Your righteous judgments.

P: I am afflicted very much;

C: Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.

P: Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your judgments.

C: My life is continually in my hand, Yet I do not forget Your law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, Yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.

P: Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

C: I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, to the very end. Amen.

2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ ROMANS 12:1-8

The **Epistle** teaches us to worship God properly by giving ourselves to accomplish His blessed work. As we examine these attributes, we pray the Lord both humbles and strengthens us.

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



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.

Hymn of the Day: #291 [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

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

Matthew 16:21-26 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. **22** Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." **24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **25** "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. **26** "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

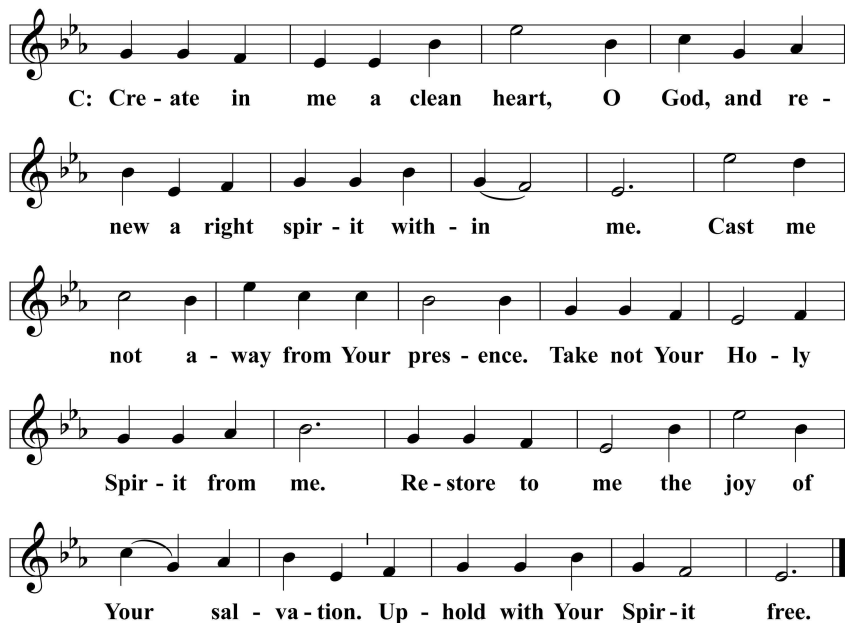
Theme: **How to Defend a Tough Offense...**

1. **Watch** your opponents
2. **Know** your own weaknesses

3. Trust your Captain

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: #430:1, 5-7 [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: #430:8 [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 Class/Sunday School – **10am** Worship
Youth and Adult Choir - **following service**

Tues: 6:30pm Council meeting

Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI invites you to celebrate with us 50 years of being gathered around God's Word. On September 18th, 2011 we plan to have a related Bible Class and Sunday School at 9:00 am, Worship at 10:00 am, followed by a pot luck meal. Trinity has many years worth of photo albums which will be available for review.

CLC Call News Pastor David Lau has retired from the public ministry due to health reasons.

The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran College announces the following nominations to fill the office of professor at Immanuel Lutheran College to be vacated by the impending retirement of Professor Michael Buck at the end of the >11->12 school year:

Nathan Albrecht – Spokane, WA

Matt Busch – Mankato, MN

Sherman Carstensen – Eau Claire, WI

Dean Marzofka - Marinette, WI

Michael Nieuwenhuis - Peoria, AZ

Kyle Ochsner – Mankato, MN

David Rodebaugh – Milwaukee, WI

The individual called must be able to teach biology and physical science and health at both the high school and college levels. Duties will commence with the 2012-'13 school year.

The Board of Regents invites comments regarding the nominees' educational background and teaching experience.

Individuals may also indicate how a nominee might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions, or submit any other comments which may be helpful to the call committee in its considerations. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates should be in the hands of the secretary of the Board of Regents no later than Sunday, September 18, 2011. Comments should be sent to:

Mr. Craig Ryan, secretary

ILC Board of Regents

499 Country Lane,

Fulda, MN 56131

In the entryway there is a copy of an article from the CLC's "Journal of Theology" that is rather interesting. It evaluates a confirmation class from an anonymous CLC congregation and talks about the family dynamics as well as the outcome of that particular class over the years. It is sobering to remember how important the example we set and instill in each other and for our youth. Our activity, or lack of activity in Christ's kingdom whichever the case, has a direct result on those who follow us. Pick up a copy. The Lord bless us and our youth!

Witnessing idea for the week:

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

A Witness to those closest to you...

"In a word, live together in the forgiveness of your sins, for without it no human fellowship, least of all a marriage, can survive. Don't insist on your rights, don't blame each other, don't judge or condemn each other, don't find fault with each other, but accept each other as you are, and forgive each other every day from the bottom of your hearts..."
-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

THIS SUNDAY Usher Team 1 = Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, Larry Stubbs, Craig Youngerberg **Organist: Mrs. Eserhut**

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 2 = Don Seibel, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Ron Snow **Organist: Mrs. Fillmore**

FRUITS OF FAITH – Last Week

Attendance: Church – 130 Appleton - 13

Local (Home)	Received / Budgeted	YTD Received / Budgeted
Budgetary (Holy Week)	\$2942 / \$4267	\$114,334 / \$140,807
<u>Non-Budgetary</u>		(Total deficit: about \$42k)
Reduce line of credit	\$280	LM Building Fund \$20*
Local Missions	\$10	Lutheran Spokesman \$15
Maint. & Improvement	\$102	LM School \$10
CLC Missions	Received / Budgeted	YTD Received / Budgeted
Budgetary	\$669 / \$904	\$44,985 / \$52,810
<u>Non-Budgetary</u>		
ILC Student Aid	\$100	In memory of Donald Meyn*