



Luther Memorial Church and School

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Pentecost/Trinity Season (13/24)

Paraments/paper are green: color of life in nature signifies our spiritual life in Christ's kingdom.

Welcome to all! This week's focus:

J.O.Y. IN SERVING: JESUS, OTHERS, THEN YOURSELF

Today's order of service and hymns: Lutheran Hymnal pg. 15

540 ♦ 514 ♦ Communion hymns: 519, 310, 315 ♦ 416

Bells – Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #540 [Red Hymnal]

THE INVOCATION

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

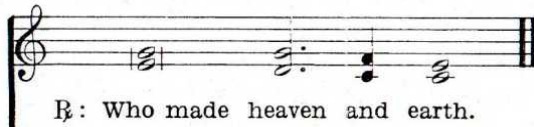
PASTOR: We begin our Savior's worship service today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



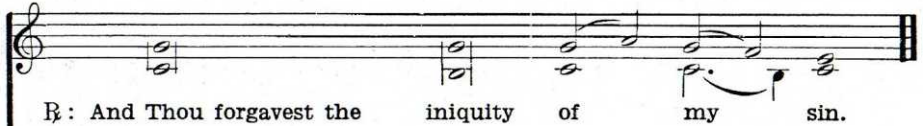
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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

PASTOR: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!



PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



ALL: Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner confess to You all my sins and iniquities, with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

PASTOR: On this your confession, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



THE INTROIT

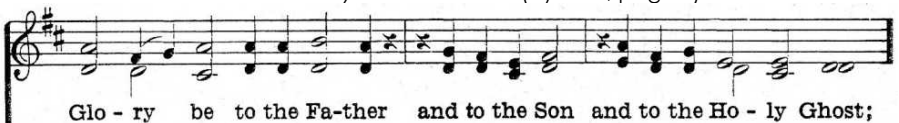
Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often a Psalm.

P: Happy is the man who fears the Lord by joyfully keeping His commandments!

C: He is gracious, compassionate, good, a beacon in darkness for mankind. Nothing shall ever shake him, his goodness shall be remembered for all time. Amen.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal page 7 - sing)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the highest" (Hymn 237:1)

**All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on
earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!**

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spir - it.

PASTOR: Let us pray: *(Pastor says prayer of the day)*

R: A - - - - men.

1ST SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ EXODUS 6:2-8

*The **Old Testament Lesson** reveals God promising to redeem the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. It reminds us too of our promised rest in heaven from our slavery to sin in this world!*

2 And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD. 3 "I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD I was not known to them. 4 "I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. 5 "And I have also heard the groaning of

the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. 6 "Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7 'I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 'And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.' "

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: I will praise You with my whole heart; before the rulers I will sing praises to You.

C: I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; Hallelujah!

P: For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

C: In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul. Hallelujah!



2ND SCRIPTURE LESSON ~ MATTHEW 16:13-19



The Gospel lesson is Peter's confession, and Christ's statement that "this" confession will be the rock on which the Church will be built. Whoever confesses Christ has these keys from Him.

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you,

Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."



OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed was written to defend the Bible's teaching that the MAN Jesus Christ is not only true man, but 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.**

Hymn of the Day: #514 [Red Hymnal]

SERMON

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

Romans 11:33-36 (NASB) Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His

judgments and unfathomable His ways! **34** For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? **35** Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to him again? **36** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Theme: **SEEK THE BEST DEAL**

1. In dealing with my life.
2. In being dealt God's Grace.

THE OFFERTORY

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

**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

**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

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

PASTOR: Having heard the Word of God, the congregation may stand or kneel at this time, and confess our sins to God.
(Kneelers are available under the pews on the right side of church)

PASTOR: Knowing that God searches the heart, I ask you, are you sorry that you have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed; and do you pray, with a sorrowful and repentant heart, to amend your sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit? Then declare so by saying, "Yes, with the help of God."

C: Yes, with the help of God.

PASTOR: Upon this confession of your sins, I announce the grace and peace of God to you, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. ~Arise in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

PASTOR: The Lord be with you!



PASTOR: Let us lift up our hearts!

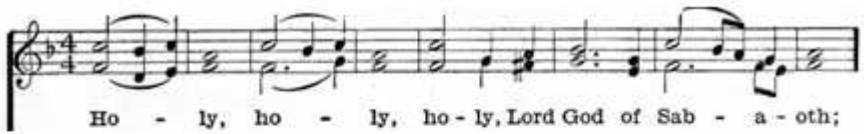


PASTOR: It is right and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord:

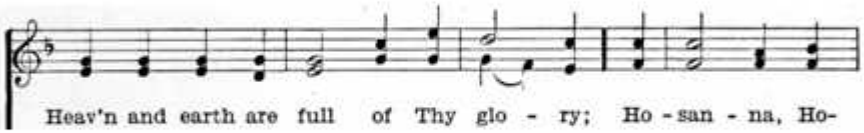
Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, and one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal.

Therefore with angels and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, forever praising You singing...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *SANCTUS*



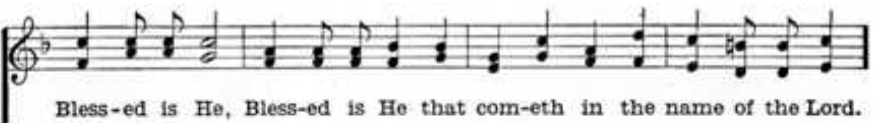
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -



san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

PASTOR: May this peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD *AGNUS DEI*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. . . A - - - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #519, #310, & #315 [Red Hymnal]

Our practice of Communion (see blue handout in entryway track rack)
We believe that God desires full unity of faith and confession among all who commune together. All communicant members of Luther Memorial and of our sister congregations in the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) are welcome at the Lord's Table. If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service, we'd love to have you!

Communing

Members who have difficulty with steps or the kneeling rail may sit in the front pew on either side. The pastor will bring communion to you there. Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread in your hand, just extend your hand to receive it. After taking the wine, please place individual cup in end baskets.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *NUNC DIMITTIS*

Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 A Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-
 ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be: world with-out end. A - men.

THE 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.

B: A - men, A - men, A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: #416 [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: **CHECK ENTRY WAY** for your lost clothing/items!!!

Appleton Bible Study 4pm/Worship 5pm

Tuesday: **7pm Ladies meeting**

Wednesday: **CORRECTION-NO** Parent Teacher Connection Meeting

**Sunday: FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE! 9am Bible class/10am Service
9am Bible class/Sunday School resumes! Join us!
CHOIR!** Begins immediately following the service.

Youth/Adult Chimer Group will begin practices starting Monday, Sept. 12th from 7:30-8:30pm. Please contact Miss Meyer with a call or text message if you have any questions 509-701-2898 Also, Miss Meyer would appreciate anyone who would be willing to donate **Scrapbook materials** of any kind (special pens, cardstock, stamps, page decorations, etc.), also 8 binders and boxes of sheet protectors.

Upcoming services Via the survey collected so far, the council agreed until Thanksgiving to try a mix of services using the Red Hymnal and Worship Supplement rather than one and not the other. Also, the projector that was donated for the church/school is being tried out for a ease of following the service for both members/guests, for parents holding young children, for Bible class (more accessible for elderly), for school usage, etc.

CLC Call News: President John Schierenbeck, Winter Haven FL, has returned the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla SD. The congregation has now called the Rev. Rick Grams, Red Wing MN.

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.

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
cryan@page1printers.com

Called Workers Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 8th at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac for the area CLC teachers and pastors and their families. The picnic will begin at 11am with lunch and follow into the afternoon with games either inside or outside. More details to come as the date gets closer. We look forward to gathering together for festivities, fun, and fellowship!

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 a unanimous 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..." (as Christ has forgiven you!)

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

THIS SUNDAY Usher Team 4 = Wayne Wischnefski, Alan Kottke, Chris Sabel, Ron Haensgen, Mark King, Joel Delarme **Organist: Mrs. Fillmore**

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