

Good Shepherd Sunday



Welcome to LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

Church of the Lutheran Confession
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10:00 am Service Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:00 am
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2ND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

APRIL 26, 2009

(Misericordias Domini: The Risen Lord as the Good Shepherd Gives His Church Security)

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 23 front of hymnal p. 128

The Hymns: 368, 436, 783, 648

Prayer O Lord Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd, we look to You for protection and guidance, life and salvation. Forgive us our sins; feed us with Your holy Word and keep us forever as Your sheep. Guide us this day and always in peace and hope. Finally, bring us all at last to our eternal home earned for us by Your shed blood. Amen.

Bells – Opening Prayer

First Hymn 368

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, page 5 – Congregation Stands)*

PASTOR In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE 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 unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) Who made heaven and earth.

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

CONGR. (sing) And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

CONGR. (sing) Amen. *(congregation is seated)*

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 from the Psalms.

P: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord:

C: **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made.**

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name:

C: **Make known His deed among the people.**

P: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:

C: **For it is especially fitting for you to sing His praises.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

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

CONGR. (sing) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; 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 mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the highest" (Hymnal page 7 - sing)

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy

upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world. Receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGR. (sing) And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

First Bible Reading:

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PASTOR Here ends the First Bible Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

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

P: Hallelujah! Then was the Lord Jesus known of the disciples:

C: In the breaking of bread. Hallelujah!

P: Then said the disciples one to another:

C: Did not our hearts burn within us? Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: I am the Good Shepherd:

C: I know My sheep, and am known of mine. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

PASTOR The 2nd Bible Reading is from John chapter 10, beginning there in the 1st verse.

CONGR. (sing) *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

New Testament Reading:

John 10:1-11 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. 7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading.

CONGR. (sing) *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Installation of Stewardship Captains

Second Hymn 436

THE SERMON

1 Peter 2:19-25 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Theme: "GUIDED BY THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

- I. For your salvation (24-25)
- II. For your imitation (19-23)

THE OFFERTORY

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, pages 12-13) (sing)*

**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.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

THE GENERAL PRAYER - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn 783

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

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

PASTOR:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

CONGR. (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Closing Hymn (standing) 648

*** Silent Prayer ***

Verbal Announcements -- Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday April 28, 6:30 pm.
TV CHURCH – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 19
Tuesday at noon and Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP THIS WEDNESDAY This annual event will be held in the morning 8:00 am to 10:45 am. The pre-schoolers will be able to sit in on a couple of classes with the Kindergarteners and see what next year will be like. This year's theme is "Race Cars". The children will enjoy many activities including patterning with cars and checkered flags, coloring race cars by numbers, and making a race car photo frame. Parents be sure to pack a snack for your child. If you know anyone who is interested in sending their child to our school, there is still time to get this information to them as well as Amy Osborne, Luther Memorial K-2 teacher. 906-3659

THANK YOU!! The congregation would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to the Rademann/Habriga/Reimer Family for their extensive work on the church grounds this past week. First the entire lawn was raked and aerated and mowed. Scarred turf from this past winter was repaired and reseeded. Fresh bark was placed around the trees and in the playground. The lawn was fertilized with weed and feed. The baseball diamond will soon receive a fresh load of a special sand and gravel mixture. As their ad says: "We do the best work on earth" and to the glory of God, it starts with their church.

TEACHER KAREN STRIKE FAREWELL Sunday May 3, 11:30 am. A program will be given followed by a luncheon. We will be serving guests, as many family members and friends have been invited, so please bring plenty of side dishes and deserts to pass. The Church

Council has authorized a farewell "purse" to be collected in the model church. Cards and well wishes may also be placed there. Karen's husband, Ron, (Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds) will also be greatly missed. Please plan to join us for this celebration of God's blessings through our teacher Karen and her husband Ron!

75ER'S SPRING BANQUET Friday May 8, at 1:30 pm

SPRING MISSION FESTIVAL Sunday May 10th. In preparation for this annual festival in two weeks, please give prayerful attention to the envelope that was handed out today along with the special message from our own Mission Committee.

COMPUTER CRASH Your patience is requested as our secretary Pearl Steffen deals with a computer failure that occurred a couple of weeks ago. If you notice any mistakes in names or address on your quarterly statements or any other church hand-outs, please write a note and leave it in the church mail box of Bruce Steffen, Pearl's husband. Thank you.

M&I FUNDS NEEDED With summer fast approaching, a flurry of projects have been done and will need doing on the church grounds. Projects include replacing the water heater at parsonage, a water pump on the church furnace, lighting on east end of building, paying for sidewalk repair, as well as other heavy maintenance projects. If its been a while since you used that "Maintenance and Improvement" envelope from your box of offering envelopes, please help now as you are able.

YOUR PRAYERS REQUESTED – MISSION HELPER TRIP 2009
Dear Brothers and Sisters of Lutheran Memorial Church, *"For Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are*

the feet of those who bring good news." Romans 10:13-15. I thought I would update you a little on preparing for the CLC Mission Helper Trip to India this July, 2009. First of all we have a wonderful Pastor organizing this trip - Pastor Todd Ohlmann. He is a very good communicator. I can see why God put him in this position. I have my Passport. Pastor Ohlmann just purchased our plane tickets which has made me a little nervous because reality is setting in that I'm really going. This is why I'm writing this to you! I'm asking you all to keep me in your prayers and my family also. As I continue to serve the Lord. Pray that I use all my talents to the glory of the Lord. That my mission will be to serve with all my heart, soul, and mind. I need prayers for wisdom, leadership, setting a good example, being a good team player. Physical and spiritual strength. Most of all teaching God's Word in truth and purity. Pray that at the same time I don't neglect my first calling my precious family. Pray also for the eleven precious souls going with which will be Steve Eichstadt, Carly Meyer, Joey Reim, Josh Ohlmann, Peter Evensen, Mike Naumann, Dorena Wiechmann, Katie Wiechmann, Pastor Todd Ohlmann, Pastor Frank Gantt, Pastor Matt Ude. *"Show me your ways, O Lord teach me your paths; lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; On you I wait all the day."* Psalm 25: 4-5

Thank You! Your Christian Sister, Jackie Schwersinske

CLC NEWS The Rev. Michael Gurath has returned the calls to Living Word of Liberty, MO and Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich SD, and has accepted a one year call to Holy Cross Lutheran Phoenix AZ. >> Mrs. Gail Schaefer, Peace Thru Christ of Middleton WI, where she has taught for 8 years, will be retiring from the teaching ministry at the end of the school year. A retirement celebration/meal is planned for her following services on Sunday morning May 31. Service begins at 10:00 a.m. All are invited! >>Gethsemane of Saginaw, MI will be celebrating it's 50th anniversary on November 1 of this year with pastors Dave Schierenbeck and Mark Bernthal preaching. Service times are scheduled for 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on that day.

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 1, Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, David Dexter, Sam N., Larry Stubbs, Craig Y. Organist Rhoda E

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 2, Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Tom N. Organist Adrienne F.

WHAT TO BRING TO CHURCH

- Bring a soul that hungers and thirsts for the pure Word
- Bring a holy reverence for both God and His house, the church
- Bring an unselfish spirit and an abiding love for your fellowman
- Bring your offerings
- Bring a friendly smile and a hearty handshake for friends and strangers alike
- Bring a kind word for your church, its programs and leadership
- Bring a willingness to join in the worship service by singing from your heart
- Bring your visiting friends and relatives
- Bring a prayerful heart and a mind open to the Word of God
- Bring a list of unsaved friends and pray for them during the service
- Bring a willingness to serve the Lord in the church

LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD Attendance - 128

(This is an unofficial summary. For the official summary, speak to the Financial Secretary)

Budgetary	weekly (\$4,327 needed)	For the fiscal year	
Received	\$11,446		\$62,385
Non-budgetary			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$25	balance	\$2,553
Debt Retirement Fund	\$0	balance	\$466
LM Building Fund	\$0	mortgage	\$29,369
LM Student Aid	\$0		
Missions (CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)			
Budgetary	weekly		year to date
Received	\$805		\$38,553
Non-budgetary			
CLCI Orphanage	\$10		
ILC Building Fund	\$100		

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

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First Bible Reading for this Good Shepherd Sunday (2nd)

Acts 6:1-9, 72, 51-60

These verses show the work of God in and amongst the early NT church and the readiness of the faith of one disciple to follow his Shepherd even into death. We read...

Second Bible Reading

John 10:1-11

Here Jesus contrasts His role as the Good Shepherd with that of thieves and robbers. While they come only to steal and kill, Jesus came o give us life in all its fullness. We read...