

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, most often drawn from the Psalms.

P: All the earth shall worship You:

C: And shall sing to You, O God.

P: They shall sing to Your name:

C: Oh You who are the Most High.

P: Make a joyful noise to God, all you lands:

C: Sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.

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.

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-7 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. 2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law." 5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes hold Your hand; I will keep from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: 6 "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, 7 To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament 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: Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only

does wondrous things!

C: And blessed be His glorious name forever!

P: The mountains will bring peace to Your people,

C: And the hills righteousness. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

C: Serve the LORD with gladness! Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from Acts chapter 10,
beginning there in the 34th verse.

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

New Testament Reading:

Acts 10:34-38 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 "But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ; He is Lord of all; 37 "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

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.**

Congregation sings Hymn 131

THE SERMON

Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22 Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, 16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 "His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." 21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

Theme: THE HEAVENS OPENED AT JESUS' BAPTISM

- I. They opened on the Son in prayer
- II. They opened for the descending Spirit
- III. They were open as the Father spoke

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.

21 Tuesday at noon, Thursday at 4:00 pm

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 438:4-5:

**We Lord would lay at Thy behest The costliest offerings on Thy shrine
But when we give, and give our best, We give Thee only what is Thine.
O Father, whence all blessings come; O Son, Dispenser of God's store;
O Spirit, bear our offerings home: Lord, make them Thine forevermore.**

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(All)

Congregation sings Hymn 775

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) 134:5

*** Silent Prayer ***

Verbal Announcements - Ushers dismiss by row

A n n o u n c e m e n t s

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUE: 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

FRI: 7:00 – 8:00 pm Family Gym Nite at Theisen

TV CHURCH – Our Church Service replayed on Cable TV Channel

UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH Begins right after church service today. Your help is needed and appreciated - many hands make light work.

CONGRATULATIONS! This past Wednesday the LORD blessed the Chris and Trisha Sabel family with the gift of a son – Cooper Lawrence Douglas Sabel. Next Sunday these Christian parents will present their new born for Holy Baptism – the Sacrament whereby God gives the gift of faith so that even newborns believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins and have eternal life now and in eternity!
Psalms 128:3-4 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD.

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING Next Sunday January 17 beginning at 1:00 pm. In preparation for the meeting, please read the 2010 Budget Proposal that has been distributed in your church mail box. The Church Council is still looking for nominations of eligible men of the congregation to serve on the Church Council for 2010.
Isaiah 6:8 I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."
Please speak with President Jim Fillmore. Phone: 922-1774.

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS Our secretary Pearl Steffen has placed these envelopes in your church mail boxes. She requests that you look them over and get back to her if you find any discrepancies.
FREE COMPUTERS AND MONITORS Our school is upgrading its computer lab, so we are giving away the older models as well as many 21 inch and 17 inch color monitors. Anything on the table in the hallway is free! Help yourself!

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS If you're throwing out Christmas cards, please throw them out in the red plastic baskets placed at either entrance of the church. The covers are used and very much appreciated in our foreign mission fields. Thank you!

GYM NITE FRIDAY Once again, we are renting the Theisen Gym for all the young and old of our congregation who wish to play a variety of games and expend lots of energy on the following Friday nights: January – 15, 22, 29. February – 5, 19. March 5. The older children are honing their basketball skills for the upcoming CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI. This Friday 7-8:00 pm is our next scheduled event. The whole congregation is invited!

HOSPITAL? Planned or unplanned, hospital stays are serious. It is a time for God's Word and for prayer. If you let the Pastor know about a hospital stay he'll visit you with a brief devotion from God's Word to strengthen the heart and a prayer of faith to heal the sick.
Psalms 4:3 Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD will hear when I call to him.

THE 25TH ANNUAL GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, Friday through Sunday, March 12-14, 2010. Information may be found online at www.clclutheran.net/tourney It is suggested that hotel reservations be made soon!

WOMEN'S INVITATION The Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored annually by our sister congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, is being held Friday through Sunday, April 23-25 at Days Inn Hotel & Conference Center in La Crosse, WI. All the women of Luther Memorial are encouraged to consider attending this spiritually uplifting event. More information and registration forms are available in the orange flyer by the registry table. The theme this year: "Good News For Tired Souls" based on Mark 6:31, "**Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.**"

Isaiah 60:2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

LET THY WORD HAVE SPEEDY COURSE

If we look at middle and eastern Asia, inner Africa, Australia, and the countless islands of the Pacific Ocean, we see that the largest and most beautiful surfaces of the earth are still enveloped in the night of heathendom. Even our beautiful fatherland still has thousands of heathen inhabitants. Christian eastern Europe, which has been highly blessed for more than a millennium, and western Asia and northern Africa, where the Gospel was once abundantly heard, are now filled with millions of worshipers of that false god that Muhammad

preached. Of the approximately one billion people who inhabit the earth at this time, about two-thirds are still without the light of the Gospel.

Like us, they all have one God in heaven, who wants to be their Father, and one Savior. They too, are reconciled with God, and all their sins have been paid for. Paradise in heaven and on earth has again been opened to them. But they know none of this because no one proclaimed it to them.

Like us they have a feeling heart that longs for perfect happiness, rest, and the peace that this world and all its glory cannot bestow. But they know nothing of the One who calls the weary and heavy-laden to Himself, refreshes them, and gives them rest and peace for their souls.

Let us look upon the terrible darkness that still surrounds millions of our brothers. It is more horrible than if the earthly sun were not to shine upon them. Their silent distress and their temporal and eternal misery call loudly into our ears, "O Christians, do not place your light under a bushel, but set it on a high place so that it may burn brightly, shedding light into our poor, desolate, hopeless, and eternally lost heathen world!"

And let Thy Word have speedy course,
Thro' ev'ry land be glorified,
Till all the heathen know its force
And fill Thy churches far and wide.
Oh, spread the conquest of Thy Word
And let Thy kingdom come, dear Lord! Amen.

(The Lutheran Hymnal, 494:4)

-Excerpt taken from "God Grant It : Daily Devotions from C. F. W. Walther" Concordia Publishing House, 2006.

CLC NEWS >>The Rev. Mike Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI. >>The Rev. Andrew Schaller of the dual parish Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Watertown SD and Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Hidewood Township SD, has the divine call to the dual parish of Grace Lutheran Church of Sleepy Eye MN and Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm MN. >>CLC President John Schiernebeck has appointed Pastor Mark Gullerud to fill the remainder of Pastor Bruce Naumann's term on the Mission Board. This position will come up for election at the CLC Convention in June. >>The Rev. Scott Schiermiester has applied for re-entry into the public ministry of the CLC. The Re-Entry Committee will meet with

him at the CLC Convention this June. Scott is married to Peggy (nee Heise) from Luther Memorial congregation.

SERVICE TODAY Usher Team 2 Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Tom N. Organist: Adrienne
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 3 Gordon Krause, Reuel Dins, John Herzberg, Tim Johannes, Steve Seibel. Organist: Rhoda Eserhut

FOR THE LORD – FROM THANKFUL HEARTS

Attendance: NYDay - 108; Sunday - 151

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

Budgetary	weekly	for the fiscal year	
Received	\$4,470	\$4,470	
Non-budgetary			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$162	balance	\$2,896
Debt Retirement Fund	\$192	balance	\$889
LM Building Fund	\$50	mortgage	\$23,646
50 th Anniversary Sign Fund	\$25		

Missions *(CLC fiscal year is July 1 to June 30)*

Budgetary	weekly	year to date
Received	\$746	\$24,027

Non-budgetary

Project Kinship	\$100
ILC Building Fund	\$5

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

“I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.”

Psalm 4:8

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

STRIVES TO BE . . .

- + A Church which keeps foremost the purpose to proclaim, preserve, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- + A Church which values faithfulness to the Word of God above the size and outward success of its membership
- + A Church which recognizes but one Master in all

matters of faith, the God-man Christ Jesus, our Savior

- + A Church which promotes true Christian unity by both proclaiming the Gospel and by identifying error
- + A Church which backs its commitment to Christian education by supporting its own Christian Day school
- + A Church which respects your privacy in the matter of Christian giving
- + A Church which refuses to become just another political pressure group
- + A Church which seeks people to serve the LORD

Welcome! The Pastor is ready to arrange special instruction classes for you and your family at your convenience so that you may be sure of eternal life.

Pastor Dave Naumann 922-7421

The Principal of the school is also ready to discuss with you what the Lord wants most for your children regarding a truly Christian education.

Principal Dave Bernthal 922-7421

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Old Testament Reading for this 1st Sunday after Epiphany

The OT Reading comes to us from Isaiah 42:1-7. Here our gracious God describes the work that His Anointed One, our Savior came to do for us. We read...

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New Testament Reading:

In these verses the Apostle Peter's words to a man named Cornelius proclaims the good news of peace through Jesus Christ whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power right after Jesus' baptism. We read...

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