

# 2009



1. Read my Bible daily
2. Have family devotions
3. Witness Jesus Christ

## New Year's Eve Communion Service

December 31, 2008

### Luther Memorial Church & School

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Personal pre-service reading: Psalm 111 p. 147

Hymns: 110, 123, 755&315, 110:6

## WELCOME!

Greetings to all, especially our guests and visitors! If you are worshiping with us for the first time, we are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are with us tonight. You are among friends! Luther Memorial Church is committed without reservations to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. In short, what better way to end (or begin) our year! Come again soon to share God's blessings with us. You are always welcome here!

*The Order of our Communion Service*

Bells – Opening Prayer

First Hymn 110

### THE INVOCATION

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

**PASTOR:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**CONGR: (sing)** *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.*

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

*God speaks to us.*

### **The Gospel Reading**

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**PASTOR:** This ends the New Testament Reading

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

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

The Hymn 123

## **THE SERMON**

Psalms 90 LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. 3 You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." 4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night. 5 You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: 6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. 7 For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. 8 You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of

Your countenance. 9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. 10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. 11 Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. 12 So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. 13 Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. 14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! 15 Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil. 16 Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. 17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Theme: "TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS"

### **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.*

### **THE GENERAL PRAYER**

(Pastor)

### **THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

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

**PASTOR:** Having now heard the Word of God, I invite the congregation to kneel or stand and make confession of your sins.  
(kneelers are available under the pews on the right side of church)

**ALL:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever

**offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**PASTOR:** If this is your sincere confession, then answer by saying "yes."

**CONGR:** Yes.

**PASTOR:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto 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 Ghost. Amen.

Arise now in peace. Let us continue our Communion service.

### **THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE**

*Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. (Hymnal p. 24-25)*

**PASTOR:** The Lord be with you.

**CONGR: (sing)** ***And with thy spirit.***

**PASTOR:** Lift up your hearts.

**CONGR: (sing)** ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

**PASTOR:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**CONGR: (sing)** ***It is meet and right so to do.***

**PASTOR:** It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **THE SANCTUS**

*Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!" (Hymnal, page 26)*

**CONG: (sing)** ***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;***

***Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.  
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### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PASTOR:** 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;  
**CONG: (sing)** For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

(Pastor)

*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:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Take, drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**CONGR: (sing)** Amen.

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

*Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross. (Hymnal, page 28)*

**CONGR: (sing)**

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

### **THE DISTRIBUTION**

Those who are members here at Luther Memorial or are members of a sister church in the CLC and have announced their intention to partake of the Lord's Supper may now come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers.

**A special note to our visitors:** The Bible tells us to be "**perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment**" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Holy Communion is therefore both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. For this reason we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

Hymn(s) sung during the Distribution: 755 & 315

### **THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)  
(Hymnal, page 29)*

**CONGR: (sing)** ***Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. 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.***

**PASTOR:** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**CONGR: (sing)** ***And His mercy endureth forever.***

**PASTOR:** (Prayer)

**CONGR: (sing)** Amen.

### **THE BENEDICTION**

*The blessing given by God for 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.

Closing Hymn: 110:6

\*\*\* *Silent Prayer* \*\*\*

*Verbal Announcements -- Ushers dismiss by row*

Please join us tomorrow morning at 10:00 am for our New Years' Day Song service. During this service we sing the congregations' favorites, so start thinking about which one you'd like to sing!

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### **The Gospel Reading for New Years' Eve Service**

#### **Luke 13:6-9**

Since our LORD looks for the fruits of faith in our lives, isn't a joy to know that throughout the past year of 2008, your Savior Jesus Christ has been busy fertilizing - revitalizing - your faith with His powerful Word. We read...

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#### **2 Timothy 4:1-5**

Every believer of all time has been given a job to do that is more important than anything else – that is to preach the Word. As we look back on the year gone by, we all need the encouragement to continue with the Work of an evangelist – someone who tells others about the Good News of forgiveness found in the cross of Jesus Christ. We read...