

"In ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil"



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

(Grades K-8)

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9:00 am Summer Service

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3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 2009

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 26 front of hymnal p. 128
The Hymns: 226, 776, 371, 179

Prayer: Lord, as we come Thy name to praise, may we feel Thy presence near; may Thy glory meet our eyes while we in Thy house appear! Here afford us, Lord, a taste of our everlasting feast. In Thy name we ask it, Amen.

Bells – Opening Prayer

Hymn 226

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 LORD was my support.

C: He also brought me out into a broad place;

P: He delivered me;

C: Because He delighted in me.

P: I will love You, O Lord, my strength:

C: The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

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.

The Old Testament Reading:

Hosea 5:15-6:6 I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me." 6:1 Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. 2 After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. 3 Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth. 4 "O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away. 5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth. 6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

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.

Hymn 776

THE SERMON

Romans 4:18-25 Abraham, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness." 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Theme: "OUR HOPE FOR JUSTIFICATION"

I: Fails the test of reason

II: Prospers on God's promises

III: Rejoices in Christ's righteousness

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)*

PASTOR Here ends 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: In my distress I cried to the Lord:

C: And He heard me.

P: Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips:

C: And from a deceitful tongue. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: God judges the righteous:

C: And God is angry with the wicked every day. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PASTOR The New Testament Reading comes from Matthew chapter 7, beginning there in the 21st verse.

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

The New Testament Reading:

Matthew 9:9-13 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. 10 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 "But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading.

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

Congregation stands for:

**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 371

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) 179

*** *Silent Prayer* ***

Verbal Announcements --- Ushers dismiss by row

Announcements

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

IN THE HOSPITAL - IN OUR PRAYERS Carl Jacobs is at St. Agnes recovering from pneumonia. Recent new member Allan Larson is going through last stages of liver cancer at home, and is receiving hospice care. His wife Jan, and all their children, are with him. Al is a retired science teacher and football coach of 35 years at Theisen Middle School here in FDL. **Psalm 34:3-6, "I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."**

CLC PASTORAL CONFERENCE was held last Tuesday through Thursday at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. Getting together with fellow pastors for the purpose of studying God's Word is always a refreshing time of spiritual renewal! Please be encouraged to help yourself to copies of the following papers in the meeting room:

"A Light For Revelation to the Gentiles" Foreign Missionary D. Koenig

"Engaging in Mission Work While Maintaining Confessional Integrity"
"Millennialism – An Overview History"

"Freedom and Form – A Law/Gospel Perspective. Maintaining Balance in our Pastoral Ministries"

"The Setting of 1 Cor. 11:1-16: Public Worship? If So, How is This Determined?"

Old Testament Exegesis – Joel 2:21-27

New Testament Exegesis – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY – EASTER MATCH SUNDAY Our Stewardship Committee has challenged the congregation to match last Easter Sunday. Most importantly with the Gospel message preached – that's the pastor's job. Your job is to encourage attendance – we had 290 people where here last Easter Sunday. Also, let us bring a special offering to the LORD through the envelope provided by the Stewardship Committee. Last Easter \$11,000 was received. This will go a long way toward lowering our current deficit of about \$20,000. What can you do? Pray the LORD to move hearts through

His Word. Get on the phone this week and call your fellow believers from Luther Memorial – encourage them to make a special effort this coming Sunday to the glory of our gracious Triune God. Do it for Him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH BOOTH – County Fair – July 14-19

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP-OUT July 31 & August 1

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC 11:00 am Sunday August 2nd

TV CHURCH – Today's Service replayed on Cable TV Channel 19
Tuesday at noon and Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN Please remember to renew your subscription to the Lutheran Spokesman magazine. If you don't have a subscription, please consider this monthly magazine of our Lutheran synod – the Church of the Lutheran Confession. It is filled with faith strengthening devotions based on God's Word, as well as other important announcements and events in the CLC. Please notice this month's Lutheran Spokesman has been "up-graded" with better formatting and color layouts. Subscription rates are cheap - \$11 a year when you order through the congregation, and \$13 a year for individual orders. Subscribe or renew today!

GET READY FOR THE FAIR! Once again, Luther Memorial Church & School will be having a booth at the Fond du Lac County Fair. We are trying to let the community know where we are located and that our church is here to provide them with the pure Word of God. The Fair will be held on Tuesday July 14 through Sunday, July 19. If you would like to help manage the booth for a shift or two, please sign up at the south bulletin board. We are hoping to have two or three Youth Group members and an adult per shift.

LM CHURCH SERVICE AT THE LUTHERAN HOME

The Church Council has decided to schedule a LM Church Service at the Lutheran home once a month on the 1st Tuesday at 10:00 am. In the past we've had as many as seven members, now there is one. Our weekly service on Cable TV channel 19 is available in each room.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL This summer a weekend camp-out is planned on the church grounds. On Friday July 31 and Saturday

August 1 our young people will have the opportunity to learn five Bible lessons, participate in crafts, music, and other fun activities. We'll need four teachers, a craft teacher and a music teacher. If you can teach or help in other ways, please sign-up at the south bulletin board. Copies of the campout guidelines are also available. Sunday August 2 will be the annual picnic.

TVBS Our congregation has offered to help the Traveling Vacation Bible School program this summer by helping the congregation of Middleton, WI, with distributing flyers advertising their VBS in August. We are planning to take a car load or two on Tuesday, July 7th. We'll distribute 3500 flyers, hoping to finish in one day. Anyone who can walk are welcome to sign up. Please and thank you!

STAY TOGETHER IN CHRIST With the summer months beginning, please encourage each other to make regular worship services a main priority in our lives. Typically summer is the slow time of year for attendance here in the LORD's house as well as the offerings given to Him. Please lend your prayers and whole-hearted support in word and deed as you encourage each other to worship the LORD! **I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1**

GETTING READY FOR OUR NEW TEACHER The duplex is now half empty, and that gives us the chance to spruce it up in preparation of our new teacher, Miss Anita Meyer, arriving later this summer. Any volunteers to help clean or paint will be greatly appreciated. Please contact President Jim Fillmore at 922-1774.

50th ANNIVERSARY Luther Memorial Church will be celebrating it's 50th anniversary in March of 2010. The formal organization of the congregation took place on March 20, 1960. In our last Voters' Meeting, the "LM Sign Fund" was designated as our 50th anniversary fund and the congregation is encouraged to give their thank offerings to the LORD for 50 years of His grace through this fund. Volunteers are needed to help arrange and organize our 50th anniversary festivities. Please speak with the Pastor if you'd like to help.

THE 2009 ARISE AND SHINE RETREAT -- is scheduled for August 6-9 at Cuivre River State Park near St. Louis Missouri. Arise and Shine is an annual four day retreat designed to encourage Christian

fellowship, growth, and training for those members of the CLC in their 20's and 30's. This year's theme is "Be Ready...to Encourage Your Fellow Christian, to Share the Good News, and to Defend the Truth of God's Word." Registration is open at:

<http://www.ariseandshineretreat.com/index.html>

CLC NEWS <> Plans are for the Rev. Mark Gullerud to be installed at Ipswich and Bowdle SD on June 28. <> To fill the vacated second pastor position, Messiah Eau Claire congregation has called the Rev. Luke Bernthal, Spring TX. Retired Pastor/Professor Clifford Kuehne, Mankato MN, has been called to serve in the interim. <> The Rev. Paul Gurgel, Eau Claire, WI, has the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN. >>In a special service on July 5th, 2009, St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Lemmon, SD will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary. >> **LIBRARIAN NEEDED** Due to the resignation of the librarian, ILC is searching for a skilled individual to carry out the work of organizing, maintaining, and enhancing the library at ILC. If you are interested, please contact your pastor for a copy of the job description. At ILC, please contact President John K. Pfeiffer (<john.pfeiffer@ilc.edu>; 715-836-6621 or 831-9470; 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701).

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

God's Representatives

The good things that fathers do for their children and give to their children are blessings from God, for fathers and mothers are God's representatives to their children. As disciplinarians they are representatives of His holiness. As providers they are representatives of His goodness and generosity. As teachers of the Gospel they are representatives of His grace. And as representatives not only do they act toward their children on God's behalf, they also demonstrate to them who their God is and what He is like, for it is His blessings that they bring to their children. You fathers then should understand the importance of your place in the home and in the lives of your children. Yours is a God-given role, an essential part of God's design for the family. No matter how important the work you do outside the home, raising your children is one of the most significant things you will do with your life. All of which should not cause fatherless children and single mothers to despair. Where there is no father, the role of father can be filled by others; the Lord provides. And finally we all have one true Father, God Himself. Jesus has made us God's

own children and heirs. We have received "the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'" (Rom. 8:15). Earthly fathers may die and leave us. They may even be irresponsible and abandon us. But God is our Father forever. His blessings are ours forever.

--Pastor John Klatt, from the June '96 "Lutheran Spokesman"

SERVICE TODAY Usher 1, Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, David Dexter, Sam N, Larry Stubbs, Craig Youngerberg. Organist Rhoda
NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 2 Don Seibel, Lowell Boelk, Joe Naumann, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Tom Naumann. Organist Adrienne

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! To the glory of God the Alter Flowers today have been placed in honor of Larry and Georgene Stubbs 50th Wedding Anniversary.

LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD Attendance - 123

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

Budgetary	weekly (\$4,327 needed)	For the fiscal year	
Received	\$2,948		\$88,194
Non-budgetary			
Maintenance & Improvement	\$100	balance	\$1,792
Debt Retirement Fund	\$0	balance	\$994
LM Building Fund	\$50	mortgage	\$28,542
2008 Deficit Fund	\$15		

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

Budgetary	weekly	year to date
Received	\$741	\$45,247
Non-budgetary		
CLCI Orphanage		\$10

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

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The Old Testament Reading for 3rd after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15-6:6

The LORD does chastise us out of love – sometimes harshly – in order to get us back on track with Him. The Prophet Hosea here underlines the LORD's eagerness to forgive. His divine emphasis is on MERCY, and the knowledge of God. We read...

The New Testament Reading:

Matthew 9:9-13

When you are conscience of your sins, when they weigh upon your mind, that's when you appreciate what Jesus did for you. He took those sins on Himself for you. The tax collectors could see this, but the Pharisees were blinded by their own self righteousness. We read...