

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION

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OPENING HYMN: # 39 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

INVOCATION

M: We gather together in the name of the Father who created us; in the name of the Son who redeemed us; and in the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

♪ Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

C. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

M. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

C. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

M. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

C. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

M. Heavenly Father, we come to you recognizing that in the past fifty years we have sinned against you in many and various ways. By our thoughts, words, and actions we have walked in the counsel of the wicked, stood in the way of sinners, and sat in the seat of mockers. We ask you to forgive us on account of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May your Holy Spirit lead us ever to delight in your Word of salvation so that we may be as trees planted by streams of living water which yield their fruit in the proper season.

C. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

♪ Praise him for his grace and favor
To his people in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

KYRIE

M. O Lord, as you have had mercy on us in our spiritual need, look upon us also in our bodily distress.

C. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

M. As you healed the blind man who called out to you for mercy, reach down with your powerful hand to restore us and preserve us while we live our lives in this fallen world. →

C. Have mercy upon us, O Christ.

M. Strengthen us each hour that we might serve you all our days.

C. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

♪ Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;

In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- M. We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.
C. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of your glory.
M. You are the King of Glory, O Christ.
C. When you had overcome the sharpness of death, you opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
M. Now grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
C. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

♪ "Glory in the highest glory!"
Shout the angels in the skies,
Bringing earth the wondrous story:
God is come he meets our eyes.
Alleluia, alleluia! "Peace to you," the Lamb now cries!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M. Heavenly Father, we rejoice that you have made us one with you and with each other through faith in Christ our Lord. We thank you for the abundant blessings you have bestowed upon our church body during the past fifty years, especially the Word and work in which you have enabled us to share.

Confirm us in the faith we confess with those who have gone before us and those who have spoken your Word to us. Empower us by your Spirit to meet the challenges of our day as we take the Word of Christ to those in need. Continue to sustain us with Word and Sacrament until we come at last to our eternal home. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

♪ God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure.
Throughout all generations.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:13-20

Rejoice that your names are written in heaven!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

(The Church of the Lutheran Confession has made this primary Christian confession of faith the first of her confessions.)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #465 "Christ Is Our Corner-Stone"

THE SERMON

LEVITICUS 25:9-12

Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you

shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. {10}
'And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family. {11} 'That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. {12} 'For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field.

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: # 212: 1, 5-7 "A Hymn of Glory"

THE OFFERING

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER

M. Almighty and eternal God, when the time was right, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins.

C. You accepted his sacrifice on the cross. You raised him from death in glorious splendor. For his sake, you richly and daily forgive the sins of all who put their trust in you.

ALL. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

M. When the time was right, you bestowed your Holy Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the Gospel to every creature.

C. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation into all the world.

ALL. The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

M. When the time was right, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure teaching of your Holy Word.

C. You renewed your people with the light of your love, you granted power and success to the proclamation of the Gospel, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

ALL. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

M. When the time was right, you brought together the founders and builders of our churches. Guided by your Spirit, they took hold of the truth and abandoned an apathetic allegiance to your Word.

C. They joined hands with other believers and worked together in ministry as members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. You have blessed their sons and daughters during the fifty years past and enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving Gospel of your Son.

ALL. Sing to the Lord, for he has done marvelous things; let this be known to all the world.

M. Let this be the time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service.

C. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the leaders of our past.

ALL. May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers. May he never leave us or forsake us.

M. Let this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. For Jesus' sake forgive us whenever we love ourselves more than you and whenever we serve ourselves instead of your people. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our work.

C. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference toward public worship and continued growth in your Word, destroy all distrust that may plague us, and shatter every thought and word which harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

ALL. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

M. Let this be the time, O Lord, when we recommit and re-consecrate ourselves to the ministry of the Gospel of your Son. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is your will, success in our labor.

C. And give us faith, O Lord, to truly be, in our thoughts, words, and actions, what you have called us to be—witnesses of your grace!

ALL. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

M. Keep in your care, O Lord, all those we love, those who are close by and those far from home. Protect them from temptation and every spiritual evil.

C. Watch over those among us who are lonely or distressed, those who are afraid and facing danger, those who have pain of body or mind, and those who are at the hour of death.

ALL. Answer us according to your wisdom and grace, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

M. May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: # 783 "Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep"

	ANNOUNCEMENTS
MONDAY	4:00 Confirmation Class - Brandon
TUESDAY	1:30 Beymer 2:00 Nation 2:30 McLean 3:00 Murphy
WEDNESDAY	6:15 History 7:00 Family Bible Hour
THURSDAY	7:00 Adult Class - King
FRIDAY	7:30 Play Winter Haven Theatre
SUNDAY	8:00 Orlando Service 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Bible Class 10:15 Winter Haven Service

5/9 ATT WH = 34 Orlando = 20 TOTAL = 54

Offering = \$1,164 CLC = \$50 Tuition = \$160 Property Fund = \$20

Building Fund = \$25

MAY USHER: David Bowen

CHURCH CLEANING: Rosenberry/Schierenbeck

PRAYERS

John Galstad was taken off all his medications. He will go into the hospital on Monday to see what can be done for his atrial fibrillation.

Marva Nation's had a cat scan on Friday.

Remember these in your prayers.

CLC CALL NEWS

Janelle Hein has accepted the call to teach at Fridley, MN.

Nathan Pfeiffer of Hecla, SD has returned the call to Valentine, NE.

Luke Bernthal of Houston, TX has received the call to Valentine, NE.

Richard Kazenbach has accepted the call to Fairchild, WI.

Mark Gurath of Sioux Falls, SD has returned the call to Red Wing.

Clarkston/Orifino has called David Naumann of Fond du Lac, WI.

CALL

Mrs. Sharon Schierenbeck has accepted the call to teach Pre-K and Kindergarten for the school year 2010-11. She thanks you for your support and asks for your prayers in the coming year.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN

We have sent in a blanket subscription to the *Lutheran Spokesman*. If you would like to support this effort, please put \$15 dollars in the enclosed envelope and put it in the offering.

PLAY

You invited to attend "Paintin' the Fence" at the WH Theatre this Friday. If you would like free tickets, contact Mr. Bernthal.

SCHOOL

End-of-the-Year program will be held Friday, May 28.

The church/school picnic will be held Sunday, May 30.