

A History of The CLC — Retired Professor David Lau has been commissioned to write a history of the Church of the Lutheran Confession to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our synod. The CLC Board of Publishing would like to get a rough idea of how many copies to print. If you would like a copy, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back and indicate how many copies you would like. The approx. price is \$\$25-\$30 each.

Thank You From the Circle of Concern — “Gifts from people and organizations like you keep our shelves full so that we are able to help needy families and individuals when they come to our door. Since 1967, the Circle of Concern has fed hungry children, parents, and seniors; helped families stay warm and get the medicine they need; provided scholarships and school supplies to students...We are the first place that needy West County families go for help. We know that we can continue to face new challenges and reach out to our neighbors because of the love and support we receive from people like you, the ‘links’ in the Circle of Concern.” signed Glenn Koenen, executive director.

Garden View Game Night — is scheduled for Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please bring a game, a smile, and a patient heart of service.

New Usher and Altar Guild Sign-Up Sheets — for 2010 have been posted near the men’s bathroom in the vestibule. Please take a look at your schedules and sign up. Also, please take a moment to review the duties listed at the bottom of the page when you sign up. It would be helpful if we could have each month assigned well in advance. Thank you!

The Annual Voters and Care Committee Meetings — along with a potluck meal are scheduled for Sunday, January 17th following our worship service. 2009 ended with a \$20,000 deficit in our budget. We were able to under-spend our budget, partially because payments on our construction loan were delayed until completion. We began 2009 with a sizable balance on hand in the general account. This years balance is significantly smaller. Some difficult budgeting decisions will need to be made at Annual Meeting. If you have comments or suggestions, you are encouraged to share them with our treasurer or any of the officers of the congregation.

Elders and Building Committee — need to schedule meetings this week to prepare reports for the Annual Voters Meeting next Sunday.

Our Schedule

- Adult Bible Class —
Sundays at 9:00 am
- Children’s Sunday School —
Sundays at 9:00 am
- Sunday Worship Service —
Sundays at 10:00 am
- Confirmation Classes —
Wed. and Fri. mornings
- Mid-week Bible Study —
Wednesdays at 9:30 am
- Garden View Worship Service —
Thursdays at 9:30 am
- Meramec Bluffs Dementia Unit
Round-Table Devotion
Thursdays at 10:45 am
- Garden View Game Night
2nd Wednesday of the month
6:30 to 8:00 pm
- Mission Society Meeting
Last Wednesday of the Month
- Annual Meetings and Potluck
Sunday, Jan. 17th
- Altar Guild for January —
Volunteer/s Needed
- Ushers for January —
Volunteer/s Needed

Weekly Stewardship Report

Annual Offerings to Date	Annual Budget to Date	Difference
\$1367.41	not yet established	
General Fund Cash Balance	as of January 7, 2010	\$17,682.19
Building Fund Balance	as of January 7, 2010	\$18,231.42 (115K loan)
Thank Offering (1/3/2010)	Needed Weekly	Difference
\$1367.41		
Attendance (1/3/2010)	44	

January 10, 2010
First Sunday after Epiphany



ARISE,
SHINE,
FOR YOUR
LIGHT
HAS COME

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Opening Prayer

Hymn 129 ~ Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost

Congregation: (sing) **Amen.**

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Pastor: God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: *If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: *If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor and Congregation: *Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and we have sinned against You in our thoughts, with our words, and by our actions. Lord, we are sorry for our sins and pray to You, of Your bountiful mercy to be gracious and merciful to us. Forgive us Father for Jesus sake and renew us by Your Holy Spirit, and lead us in the way of everlasting life. Amen*

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world! We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may now approach God's throne of grace to find comfort and help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us now praise the Lord.

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

Pastor & Congregation: (sing)

We praise Thee, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion
our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee,
We kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy name,
Glad praises we sing.

Prayer

Hymn 134 — Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Congregation: (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

Hymn 131:1-2,5 — The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

Announcements

Welcome — to our guests and visitors who worshipped with us today. We invite you to return and worship with us again. Please sign our guest book.

For Parents with Small Children — video of our worship service is available in the Preschool Sunday School room in the basement.

CLC News — Pastor Mike Gurath, who is serving as the part-time assistant pastor in Phoenix, AZ has declined the call to Morning Star Lutheran Church in Fairchild, WI <> Pastor Andrew Schaller of Watertown, SD is still considering the call to the dual parish of Grace, Sleepy Eye and Faith, New Ulm <> Pastor Bruce Naumann, who recently accepted the call to Messiah of Eau Claire, WI, has resigned as Chairman of the CLC Board of Missions. Pastor Ohlmann was been elected Chairman of the board <> Scott Schiermeister, who recently resigned his call has applied for re-entry into the CLC ministry <> There are or will soon be four CLC pastoral vacancies in Minnesota, Washington / Idaho, Wisconsin, and Texas upon the April retirement of Pastor Dan Fleischer. Please keep these congregations in your prayers.

peared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.” ⁹When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

(The New King James Version. 1982. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.)

Sermon Theme

Epiphany = God’s Grace Revealed

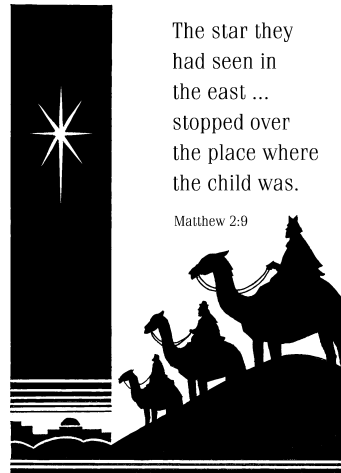
† Revealed in His Word.

† Revealed in our lives.

Our Commitment to God’s Word

Pastor & Congregation: *(sing)*

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.



The star they
 had seen in
 the east ...
 stopped over
 the place where
 the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Gloria

Pastor & Congregation: *(sung to the tune: Te Deum, hymn 798)*

God, we praise You! God, we bless You!
 God, we name You sov’ reign Lord
 Mighty King whom angels worship,
 Father, by Your Church adored:
 All creation shows Your glory;
 Heav’n and earth draw near Your throne,
 Singing “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!”

Psalm for the Day _____ Psalm 70
(read responsively, page 138 in the hymnal)

† Scripture Readings †

Old Testament Reading _____ Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-21

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
 and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
 and thick darkness the peoples;
 but the Lord will arise upon you,
 and his glory will be seen upon you.
 And nations shall come to your light,
 and kings to the brightness of your rising.

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New Testament Reading _____ Ephesians 3:2-12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men

in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

(The Apostolic Creed)

Pastor & Congregation: 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 128 — Brightest & Best of the Sons of the Morning

Sermon Text

Matthew 2:1-11

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

³When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”

⁷Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star ap-