

CLC News — Pastor Jay Hartman of Anchorage, AK has accepted the call to Resurrection Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi, TX. He will arrive in mid-February <> Pastor Peter Reim of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland, CO has resigned from the ministry to pursue a career teaching high-school and/or college English.

The Mission Society of Faith Lutheran

Church — will meet on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm for a meal provided by Len Benter. Rob Sauers will lead a mission/evangelism focused Bible study. We will also do some planning for 2010.

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. 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. This book will also serve as a Church History Textbook for classes at ILC. The approx. price is \$25-\$30 each.

New Usher and Altar Guild Sign-Up Sheets — have been posted near the men's bathroom in the new vestibule. Please take a look at your schedules and sign up. It would be helpful if we could have each month assigned well in advance.

Thank you!

The Messenger of Faith Newsletter — will be mailed later this week to your home address. Please read this newsletter carefully and prayerfully as it contains news and encouragement from our Annual Voters meeting held last Sunday. This newsletter was started back in 2003 in an attempt to keep members of Faith better informed of the ministries, activities, and financial aspects of the congregation. If you have any questions or concerns about what you find in the letter or if you have suggestions to improve the newsletter or communication in the congregation, please feel free to contact Pastor Ohlmann, President Len Benter or either of the elders; John Elliott or Rob Sauers. If you have questions concerning the budget or finances please feel free to contact Art Pontow, our treasurer.

Weekly Stewardship Report

Annual Offerings to Date	Annual Budget to Date	Difference
\$3109.00	\$5,253.00	—\$2,1443.00
General Fund Cash Balance	as of January 10, 2010	\$17,681.90
Building Fund Balance	as of January 10, 2010	\$18,451.78 (115K loan)
Thank Offering (1/17/2010)	Needed Weekly	Difference
\$668.00	\$1751.00	—\$1,083.00
Attendance (1/17/2010)	28	

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
- Ash Wednesday
February 17th
Mid-Week Lenten Services
at Garden View Care Center
- Easter Sunday
April 4th
- Altar Guild for January —
Volunteer/s Needed
- Ushers for January —
Volunteer/s Needed

JANUARY 24TH, 2010
3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*You formed
my inward parts;*

*You knit me
together in my mother's womb.*

*I will praise You,
for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;*

Psalm 139:13-14a

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Hymn 18—Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

Invocation

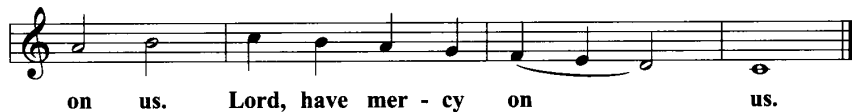
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost

Congregation: (sing) Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: We have come into the Presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins and plead for His mercy in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Pastor and Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am all together sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting Jesus, my Savior, I pray: According to Your loving-kindness, have mercy upon me O Lord, Cleanse me from my iniquity, forgive my sin, and restore unto me the joy of salvation.



Pastor: God, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us and therefore, upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Congregation: Amen

Benediction

Congregation: (sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

Hymn 378—All That I Was, My Sin, My Guilt

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 in the back of the church. Thank You!

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

Remembering and Praying for the Unborn — On January 22, 1973 the historic and horrific U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Roe. v Wade case was handed down and thus legalized abortion in our country. In those 37 sad years more than 50 million babies have been legally killed in our nation alone. More than 1.3 million abortions are performed each year, that's 3,700 each day. Statistics show that worldwide, more than 42 million abortions are performed each year. Please prayerfully read and consider the bulletin insert concerning FOCA and pass it along to others. Also, please pray for and support God-pleasing efforts to stop abortion in our nation and around the world.

Speaking The Truth for Those Who Have No Voice:

The truth is: Every life is precious to God.

Every life is the handiwork of God. (Psalm 139:13-16)
Every life is bought with a price. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
Every life God desires as His own. (1 Timothy 2:4)

The truth is: Abortion dishonors the preciousness God gives to life.

Abortion destroys over 3,000 such precious children every day in the U.S.
Abortion destroys children in terrible ways.
Roe v. Wade allows for abortion in all nine months of pregnancy.
Minors do not always need parental consent to obtain an abortion.
Women and men often deal with overwhelming regret following an abortion decision.
At least 70 percent of those having abortions identify themselves as Christian.

The truth about life needs to be spoken in love ...

So people will see abortion as a spiritual issue, an affront to God.
So hearts and lives will be changed.
So forgiveness and love in Jesus Christ can be proclaimed.
So Christians can influence our society.

What can you do to speak this truth in love?

Promote Word-based education on abortion and other life issues in your congregation.
Support women and men dealing with unplanned pregnancies.
Support a local pregnancy center.
Promote adoption.

Bring the hope of the Gospel to those who have made wrong choices.

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¹ “The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me,
Because the LORD has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to *those who are bound*;
(The New King James Version. 1982. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.)

Sermon Theme

Jesus — Our Great Liberator!

OFFERTORY

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

The Offering is Received

Prayer

Hymn 441—We Give Thee But Thine Own

Lord’s Prayer

Psalm of the Day ~ Psalm 19

(Read responsively, page 126 in the front of the Hymnal)

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Prayers of the Day

Congregation: (sing) Amen.

† _____ Scripture Readings _____ †

First Reading _____ I Corinthians 12:12-27

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And

if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

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Second Reading _____ Luke 4:14-21

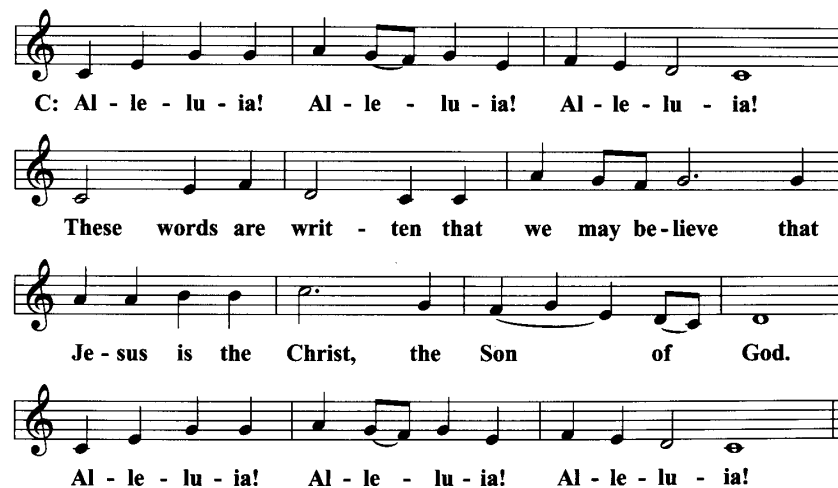
Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,

to release the oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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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 360—Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing