

ORDER for WORSHIP

To prepare for worship you are encouraged to read Hymn 720

The bell calls us for worship

Opening Prayer

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray You so to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe in Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Hymn 719

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL SING: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to 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.

ALL SING: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

ALL SING: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal

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Transfiguration Sunday – February 7, 2016

Organists: Melanie Dumann, Naomi Fuerstenau, Rebecca Larson

Sunday worship services – Zion: 9 a.m.; Trinity: 11 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Service – as printed in this bulletin (based on TLH page 15ff)

Welcome!

“Lord, it is good for us to be here!”

Luke 9:33

Note to Visitors about Holy Communion

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask that only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith with us by membership at Zion or Trinity or another CLC church come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with the pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!

punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray that of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, You will be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the place and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL SING: Amen.

P: Let us pray. O God, before the Passion of Your only-begotten Son You revealed His holy glory upon the holy mountain. Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of His countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into His likeness from glory to glory. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns as one triune God with You, Father, and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

ALL SING: Amen.

First Reading – Old Testament – Deuteronomy 34

The end of Moses' ministry of leading the Israelites is recounted, relating God's rich blessings through him

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the LORD said to him, "This *is* the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." 5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. 6 And He buried him in a valley in the

land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. 7 Moses *was* one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished. 8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses ended. 9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. 10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, 11 in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, 12 and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

ALL SING: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Second Reading – New Testament Epistle – Hebrews 3: 1-6

Moses was faithful as God's servant; Christ is faithful as God's Son

ALL SING: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, 2 who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house. 3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God. 5 And Moses indeed *was faithful* in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. *P: Here ends the reading.*

ALL SING: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

ALL: 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke 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.

Hymn 135

Sermon Text – Luke 9: 28-36

28 Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became* white and glistening. 30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. 33 Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, *that* Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” 36 When the voice had ceased, Jesus was

found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

Theme: It is good for us to be here, gathered around the Word!

- 1. It is here we see our Savior revealed as the God Man*
- 2. It is here we learn of His work of redemption*

ALL SING: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free spirit. Amen.

Choir Selection (during the offering) – *How beautiful are the feet*

The Offering is collected/brought forward – sing Hymn 127: 3

- 3. As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!*

P: Prayer

Hymn 307

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you!

ALL SING: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts!

ALL SING: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

ALL SING: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed His glory as Your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

ALL SING: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!

ALL SING: Amen.

ALL SING: O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION – Hymn 315

Communicant members of Zion or Trinity Lutheran Church or of a sister CLC congregation are invited to come forward. For more information regarding the Lord's Supper, please see page 1 of this bulletin, or speak with the pastor after the service. Thank you!

ALL SING: Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:

C: You show forth the Lord's death until He comes!

P: We give You thanks, Almighty God, for refreshing us with this gift of salvation! We also pray that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through it, building us up in faith toward You and in heartfelt love toward one another! It is in Jesus' name we pray.

ALL SING: Amen.

The Benediction

P: 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 His peace.

ALL SING: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn – 762

CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY >> ZION – 9 a.m. communion service; then Sunday School
TRINITY – 9:45 a.m. Sun School; 11 a.m. communion service
ALSO at 9:45 – 0-3 Sunday School at Trinity! (See below for more!)
ALSO! Potluck meal and Mission Presentation (see below for more!)
TUE >> 7 p.m. – School Board meets at church
WED >> 6 p.m. Choir rehearsal at Trinity
>> 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday communion service
THU >> Golden Living Center – devotional service – 10:30 a.m.
FRI >> 9:45 a.m. devotional service at Jenkins Living Center
>> Confirmation Class – at Tvedt’s – 4 p.m.
>> 7-8 p.m. basketball practice (for more see below)
NEXT SUNDAY >> ZION – 9 a.m. worship; then SS
TRINITY – 9:45 a.m. SS; 11 a.m. worship w/ communion

UPCOMING EVENTS

>> MAR 17-19 CLC Grade School BB Tourney – ILC – Eau Claire, WI
>> MAR 19-20 ILC Tour Choir (Concert on March 19) (*tentative yet*)
>> MAR 20-27 Holy Week (Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday)

IN OUR PRAYERS

>> *NOTE: If you have something or someone you would like to include in the prayers on a Sunday morning, talk to Pastor Krause!*

MISSION HELPER TRIP – JESSICA SCHALLER PRESENTATION

Jessica Schaller will be giving a presentation TODAY at Trinity on her Mission Helper Trip to Africa last summer. Plans are to have a potluck meal (noonish) after the service, followed by Jessica’s presentation.

CLC MISSION VISITATION TO NEPAL – To follow along with the trip that Pastor Todd Ohlmann is currently on to Nepal (visiting congregations, being on hand for graduation, school opening, wedding, etc. – please follow his blog at: <http://2016clcnepalvisitation.blogspot.com/>)

BASKETBALL PRACTICE! Every Friday, we will be having basketball practice from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the new Watertown Middle School. These practices will continue up to March 11th. Please use the south door

on the east side of the school. Any questions, please call/text Chris Mertz at 605-520-4128.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES! Pastor Joel Fleischer will be “trading pulpits” with Pastor Krause for the next six Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. for our special commemoration of Jesus’ Passion. The theme for the services is “Ironies of the Passion.” The services will focus on the unique and lasting significance of Jesus’ ministry, death, and resurrection.

NEWBORN TO AGE THREE SUNDAY SCHOOL! Starting on Sunday, February 7, we are happy to add a new “class!” Kindra Knox will be heading up a Sunday School session for mothers and their youngsters from newborn to three years old! We are planning to offer this “class” 2 times a month (first and third Sundays) through May – but do watch this bulletin for any last minute changes! This will be on Sundays during the Sunday School class for the older kids – starting at 9:45.

USHERS AND GREETERS! In these early weeks of 2016 we are looking to update our list of members who are interested in serving the congregation as ushers in the service and/or greeters before church. If you are interested, or would like more info, please see Pastor Krause or Mike Fuerstenau. Thanks!

CLC CALL NEWS

Undecided calls:

>> Teacher Nathan Wales, West Columbia, SC, to Spokane Valley, WA
>> Pastor Neal Radichel, Fond du Lac, WI, to West Columbia, SC

MIDWEST WOMEN’S RETREAT - Immanuel Mankato is again hosting it’s annual Women’s Retreat on April 8-10, 2016 in Winona, MN. The deadline to register and reserve a room is March 8, 2016. This year’s theme is: “Hush, My dearest child, do not worry!” A poster is up on the bulletin board. You can also find out more information and register for the retreat online: www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. If you have any questions please speak to your pastor.

ANOTHER CLC CRUISE / TRAVEL EVENT? *Glenn Oster sends out the following...* Hi Everyone, I'm checking to see how much interest there

is in putting together a cruise / travel event for CLC members in 2017. To do so, I've created a short 30-second survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W25CP3L>.

Note: Just like our 2 previous cruises - although this is being planned as a way for CLC members to spend a week together, it is not limited to only CLC members - anyone is welcome and encouraged to join the group.

A few suggestions for the 2017 trip have been:

Another Caribbean Cruise

An all-inclusive Caribbean/Mexican resort

Trip to Germany (celebrating 500th anniversary of Luther nailing the 95 thesis to the Castle Church door)

Trip to Israel

Panama Canal Cruise

Of these, the Caribbean Cruise is the least expensive, followed by the all-inclusive resort. I would prefer one of these two in order to keep these "get-togethers" affordable to the majority of people.

Paula Stelter (Poinsettia Travel) could, however, put together a group rate for any people who may be interested in going on any of these other trips. At your convenience, please fill out this survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W25CP3L> - I'll let everyone know of the results. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or to discuss this further.

Thanks! Glenn goster@clclutheran.com 803-361-2739

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PROFESSOR *Regents member Pastor John Hein reports the following...* The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor John Pfeiffer at the end of the 2015-16 academic year: Dwight (Frank) Gantt, Paul Naumann, David Reim, Peter Reim, Michael Roehl, David Schaller, Stephen Sydow, Paul Tiefel, Matthew Ude, and Mark Weis. The individual would teach at the high school (potentially), college, and seminary levels with an emphasis on courses in Hebrew (college) and Old Testament theology (seminary), and also in other theological disciplines. Other assignments will be determined upon mutual agreement in accordance with need and corresponding ability. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be submitted no later than February 12, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: cryan@page1printers.com.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT *Pastor John Hein also reports...* The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Jeffrey Schierenbeck, Steven Sippert, Paul Sullivan, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2018. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be submitted no later than February 12, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: cryan@page1printers.com.

THANK YOU!

>> Do you have something you are thankful for at Zion/Trinity? Let Pastor Krause know, and he will be happy to include it here in the bulletin!

TRINITY ATTENDANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31:

Sunday morning service: 55 Sunday School: 6 SDSU BC: –
Golden: – Jenkins: 14 Wed Eve Bible Class: 21
Lords' Supper: –

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS AT TRINITY (01/31/16):

Envelopes \$1,151.00 Loose: \$186.00 Total: \$1,337.00
Included in totals above: \$110.00 for the Building Fund
Other reimbursement to Trinity: \$500.00 (teacherage rent)

NEW ILC TOUR CHOIR CDs AVAILABLE! A newly produced recording of choral music, sung by Tour Choirs of Immanuel Lutheran College, is available. It is a 2-CD set, featuring pieces sung by various choirs from 1991 to 2015. The first CD primarily reflects the themes of Advent and Christmas, the second the themes of Lent and Easter. The cost per 2-CD set is \$16 (or two sets for \$30). 25 percent of the songs (10 of 40) have not appeared on previously produced CDs. 75 percent (the remaining 30 of the 40) have been distributed previously.

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT *from Paul Reinschmidt...*

Balance on 01/01/16	\$7,658.90
Balance on 01/31/16	\$9,776.13
Building Fund as of 01/31/16	
in general account	\$2,605.00
In savings account	\$1,055.61

A Taste of India – January 2016 – From the Field – Dave Koenig

I have the pleasure this month of working with the new CLC Missionary, Peter Evensen. In order to give you a taste of the work and joy I am reporting on several Sunday services at which both of us preached.

Jan. 10 – We worshiped at Voddalakuppam where Annadurai is pastor. He has had the additional work of raising his three children alone. I had the pleasure of baptizing Francis, a Hindu convert, who is going to marry Annadurai's daughter. As we drove up to the church another of our pastors, Jeychind, was just finishing up painting a new church sign along the road. Jeychind earns money through his painting in addition to serving as a pastor. After church I met his wife and two children and she is expecting a third. As to the church sign, I prayed over it after the service that it would beckon people to our services and serve as an instrument of the Lord. In the service another of our pastors was present, Daniel, who is from this village. Daniel asked the Lord for a son and said he would dedicate his son to the Lord's work. Some time back I had the joy of baptizing his new son. Annadurai's son, Milton, has graduated from the BELC's Martin Luther Bible School and is assisting in preaching in another district. In addition to Milton another graduate from that MLBS batch and from this area was present for the service. There were 46 in attendance. This church building is one of the earlier ones that we helped build.

Jan. 17 – Pastor Bhasker, who is one of our district chairmen in the BELC, has been working on a new building for Nindra New Colony. He preaches on Sunday at (old) Nindra and at Kaippakkam. While the new building is not complete and not dedicated yet we held a service there with 65 members in attendance. It is a very spacious building with an upstairs to be built also. The work has been going on for two years. In Nindra there are maybe 1500 families. There is one other Christian church in the vicinity. So far Bhasker has gathered around \$11,000 in offerings and loans, of which we have given one tenth of that. Bhasker's wife, who has a job, has taken out a loan to help in the building also. This is the kind of joint effort we carry on with our brothers and sisters. The building still needs such as windows, flooring, plastering and so on. We pray it can be done as it has so far with God's blessing. One thing to note as to Bhasker's dedication. We did have another pastor at Nindra, who even dated back to the beginning, but he sadly became weary with this work at Nindra. He did not attend our monthly meetings for a long time and then left to go elsewhere. Bhasker stepped in to be the pastor in addition to his congregation and chairman's duties. Take the task He gives you gladly, let His work your pleasure be. ...

For more, see lutheranmissions.org and click on "Journals"

Daily Bible readings for home devotions, Feb. 8-13, '16

Mon Exodus 34:29-35 Moses was a bright light among God's stars, and he showed it when God transferred some heavenly glory onto Moses' face—to reflect the magnificence of what it means to be close to God. Although God's glory is scary (30), we know that His Son-shine lights our way to heaven.

Tues Luke 9:28-36 Every event in Jesus's life is glorious, but only a few are more potent than His TRANSFIGURATION – potent for Jesus through Moses and Elijah coming down from heaven to discuss *His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem*. But the disciples were puzzled (33) even when the Father clarified what it meant for them (33). We learn to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest this Word of truth—and do so slowly.

Wed 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Being in the dark about Jesus is natural, for Satan has done his dirty work on human minds and hearts (3-4). By the way, gospel preachers promote Jesus, not themselves (5). We are humbly awed by God's potent mercy and love, powerful enough to illuminate sin-darkened hearts, giving enlightenment to sinners when they recognize the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, the Sunshine of God's glory (6). Praise the Lord!

Thurs Psalm 148 Praise the LORD everywhere! The hosts of angels, celestial stars, and atmosphere all praise God, for such is their nature (1-6); this terrestrial globe with its flora, fauna, and humanity—from top to bottom praise God (7-12). Let us praise the Creator because He has exalted us, His saints, the genuinely authentic, spiritual progeny of Israel! Amen!

Fri Matthew 17:1-9 God's Spirit uses Matthew to clarify a few details about the Transfiguration: A) Jesus' face shone like the sun—and we daren't look at the sun directly, even during eclipse. B) It's proper protocol to condition our prayers with "Thy will be done" or "If You wish"—as Peter did; and C) Jesus is the one who restricted publicizing His Transfiguration (9). God knows best.

Sat 2 Corinthians 3:7-16 Moses' mini-transfiguration was/is eclipsed in a number of ways. God's face outshines Moses' face simply because God's Sonshine of mercy in Christ Jesus outshines the Law's spotlight on our sins. In other words, the gospel radiates light and heat for eternal life, but the Law casts a harsh spotlight on our earthly ways; the Law reveals our sin, but the gospel illuminates God's route to heaven. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and nobody comes to the Father except through Jesus, for His Savior-hood is absolute. Further, focusing on Moses blinds a person to Jesus (14-16); from this preserve us, dear heavenly Father—and please continue illuminating our hearts and minds with Jesus. Let us praise the Lord!