

Scripture Readings:

Micah 6:1-8 The Lord accuses His people of repaying His mercy and kindness with apostasy. In their spiritual ignorance, the people were pleading on the basis of their works, as if to say, "Why is God unhappy with us. What more can He want of us?" After warning His people, the Lord again invites them to humbly live in His righteousness, mercy and love

6 Hear now what the Lord says: "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice. 2 Hear, O you mountains, the Lord's complaint, And you strong foundations of the earth; For the Lord has a complaint against His people, And He will contend with Israel. 3 "O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me. 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled, And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That you may know the righteousness of the Lord." 6 With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

Matthew 5:1-12 The introduction to the Sermon on the Mount was spoken to those who already knew Jesus as their Savior. Jesus is inviting His people to follow Him in humble, child-like faith which makes itself evident in both attitude and actions.

5 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called

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sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Sermon: read/listen to sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **I Corinthians 1:26-31**

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE MAKE UP A CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION?

I: Not the worldly wise, influential, and mighty

II: But the foolish, weak, and lowly

III: Who boast in Christ alone and

**IV: Who believe that in Christ they have
righteousness, holiness, and redemption.**

26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— 31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We are thankful you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior today. Please sign our guest register before you leave and come worship your Lord and Savior with us again.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Paul & Jailer of Philippi

Bible Class: Hebrews 12
11:15 a.m. Annual Voters' Meeting

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan
7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands

Wednesday 7:00 Bible Class

Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Next Sunday:

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church Peterson

School: Abbas/Schaefer

Counters today: John Birkholz & Nathan Peterson

LAST WEEK:

Worship 66 B.C. 28 S.S. 5

OFFERINGS 1/12 for Unified
Budget: \$1,760

IN YOUR MAILBOX: CLC Mission Newsletter

VOTERS: Please stay for our Annual Voters' Meeting after church. Elections will be held and the 2014 budget discussed and accepted. Come, serve your Lord and Savior.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE

CLASS: "Important Chapters of the Bible." This Wednesday we will be studying Genesis 28—Jacob's Ladder. Come, study with us. 7:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor & Ruth will be gone from Saturday, Jan. 25th till Friday evening, Jan. 31st. Seminary student Rob Sauers will be preaching and conducting Bible class. If pastoral assistance is needed, please contact congregation President Dan Schaefer at 274-5052.

CLC GRADE SCHOOL T-SHIRT CONTEST:

Each year 5th-8th Grade students of the CLC are asked to come up with designs for a t-shirt to be given out to CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament participants. There has been some outstanding original artwork in the past, and once again we are asking for entries. All 5th-8th grade CLC students are welcome to participate. The deadline date is February 1. Please see your pastor for an entry form and more information. Or you may e-mail tournament director Mike Schierenbeckmike.schierenbeck@gmail.com

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SPOKESMAN is available in the entry-way on the registration table.

CLC NEWS:

Pastor George Dumann, First Lutheran, Faulkton SD has accepted the call by Salem Lutheran, Eagle Lake MN.

ILC REGENTS CALL FOR

NOMINATIONS: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steve Sippert expires June 30, 2014. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2014. Nominations must be written or E-mailed no later than midnight February 12, 2014 to Mr. Craig Ryan 499 Country Lane Fulda, MN 56131 E-Mail: cryan@page1printers.com

SALT & LIGHT III: 21 members attended our third Evangelism workshop. We explored the right time and places for religious discussions. We had a spirited presentation of examples of ways to start religious

discussions from secular conversations. An example was given from John 3:16 of how to give your "elevator speech." An elevator speech is a 2-3 minute talk to someone whom you may never meet again but want to get that person to know about Jesus in the short time you have. And 7 points were given to help in our social media to witness about Jesus. Much discussion followed by the youth that were there.

ANNUAL CASCADE MOUNTAIN SKI TRIP: (Portage, WI) has been scheduled for the area CLC schools and congregations on Friday, January 31st. Area CLC schools will travel from school that morning to meet for their ski or snowboard lesson and an afternoon of fun in the snow! Then in the late afternoon, any parents or anyone else who wants to can join in on the fun for the evening! Don't ski or snowboard? Cascade as a great tubing hill! Don't want to get cold? Come chaperone and curl up by the fire with a book in the warming house! For more information email pastor@FDLlutheran.com or go to <http://cascademountain.com> Hope to see you there!