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3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

January 25, 2009

Friendship Sunday

VISITORS - WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Pre-Service Music Welcome Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song: "This Is the Day" AGPS #241

Text: Psalm 118:24; Tune Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

I will rejoice, I will rejoice

And be glad in it, and be glad in it,

This is the day that the Lord hath made,

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day

That the Lord hath made!

(Sing Twice)

Invocation

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- C: Who made heaven and earth.
- P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- P: O Almighty God,
- C: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from You and our neighbors in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the

good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. We deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You in greater faithfulness. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: God is faithful and just. He promises forgiveness of sins to those who repent and believe in the Gospel. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Psalmody: "I Will Sing of the Mercies" AGPS #133

Text: Adapt. from Psalm 89:1; Tune: unknown

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing. I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known

Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.

With my mouth will I make known

Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing. I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

(Sing twice)

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Song of the Day: "Amazing Grace" AGPS #63 Text: John Newton; Tune: New Britain

1)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,

Was blind but now I see!

2)

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

3)

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will see me home.

4)

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease, Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

Sermon: "The Movements in Conversion" Offering

Prayer of God's People

P: Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Song: "Let All Things Now Living" AGPS #155 Text: Katherine K. Davis; Tune: Ashgrove (Welsh)

1)

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving

To God the Creator triumphantly raise,

Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,

As forward we travel from light into light.

2)

His law He enforces, The stars in their courses,

The sun in His orbit, obediently shine.

The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,

The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.

We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;

With glad adoration a song let us raise

Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving

To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

Silent Prayer

(Worship resources for today's service were taken from "All God's People Sing," a CPH publication of which the church has sufficient quantity. The rights of the publisher, authors, and composers of all materials gave been assiduously guarded.)

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor:

Acts 20:28-35; Tit. 1:1-9; Lk. 10:1-9

No CILS

7:30PM Annual Voters' Meeting

Tuesday: CILS Third Quarter Begins

Wednesday: 8:30AM CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson

4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:30PM Choir

Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time

10:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Justin Kassen
Monday - David Banitt
Tuesday - Vanessa Frazier
Wednesday - Chuck Bremer
Thursday - Kristin Budensiek

Friday - Bonnie Kassen, Jason Glebe

Saturday - Cody Callstrom

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (strength and peace amidst cancer); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (healing); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (finished chemotherapy; in need of healing); Dale Safe (Pat Banitt's brother, recovering from a bull attack); Linda Soifakis (resurgence of cancer); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Phillip Sorenson (diagnosed with Adult Onset Cystic Fibrosis); Marge Augustin (recovering from eye surgery); Harold Augustin (for peace and comfort); Larry Horn (diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma); Sara (Voth) Kroll (niece to Becky Kirtz and Rosie Kohn, undergoing cancer treatments); Marion Kolberg (healing from knee replacement surgery); Marilyn Kromminga (strength and healing for mother of Kim Burns); Helen Tschida (recovering from a heart attack).

Life Quote – January 25

"For every woman who participates in an abortion, there is a man. Although men are less likely to seek recovery, they suffer many of the same emotional feelings as women." *Grace Kern, director of Word-of-Hope, LFL's post-abortion ministry (888-217-8679)* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life /** www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, February 1 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) "Devils Believe"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Demons know who Jesus is. Their job is to make sure you don't. (Mark 1:23-24)

Pro-Life Petition

Do you believe taxpayers should have to help fund abortions? Do you believe in forcing hospitals and health care professionals to provide abortion services? Do you agree with forcing employer health insurance plans to cover abortions? What do you think of The Freedom of Choice Act that would invalidate all state and federal laws limiting abortion, nullify parental notification laws, and make partial-birth abortion legal again? If you recognize the moral urgency in defeating The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), please sign the National Right to Life petition in the narthex.

Thank You from Ruth Dankers

Just a note of gratitude for all the support following my latest surgery. Your prayers, thoughts, and cards have truly been appreciated. I am doing well. Thank you.

Thank You from Larry Horn

I would like to thank everyone for their concern following my recent diagnosis of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Your phone calls, cards, and prayers have really encouraged me. Special thanks to Pastor Sorenson for his ministry to Lana and me and for his devotion/communion visits to our home.

Annual Meeting of the Voters' Assembly

The Annual Voters' Meeting of Immanuel is scheduled for 7:30PM this Monday, January 26th. All voters are encouraged to come and help make decisions pertaining to the business affairs of the congregation. If you are interested in joining the Voters' Assembly, please speak with Pastor Sorenson or one of the elders at your earliest convenience.

Voters' Meeting Agenda

- 1. Opening Devotions and Prayer
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
- 4. Reception of New Voting Members
- 5. Reports:
 - Pastor/Elders
 - Treasurer
 - Trustees
 - School Board
 - Scrip Report
 - Cemetery Board
 - Properties
 - Stewardship
- 6. Old Business:
 - Constitution
- 7. New Business
 - Approve District Convention Delegates
 - Election of Officers
 - District Pledge
 - Lenten Offering Disbursement
 - Kitchen Fund/Defibrillator Fund
 - Korean Fund Overage
 - Mission Fund Shortfall
 - Congregational Fund Interest Disbursement
 - Election Results
 - Salaries
 - Note of Appointments