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20th Sunday After Pentecost **September 28, 2008**

Parish Education Sunday
The Placing of Sunday School Teachers for 2008-2009
The Presentation of Bibles to 5th Grade Confirmation Students

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

Invocation and Litany of Wisdom and Knowledge

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

C: Amen.

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

P: Those who practice the fear of the Lord have good understanding.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

P: So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

P: For in Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

P: Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

Opening Song: "Thy Word Is a Lamp" All God's People Sing #247

Text: Amy Grant

Tune: Michael W. Smith

Refrain:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1)

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

2)

Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

Refrain

Responsive Reading of Psalm 78:1-7

P: O my people, hear my teaching;

C: listen to the words of my mouth.

P: I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old –

C: what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.

P: We will not hide them from our children;

C: we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done.

P: He has decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which He commanded our forefathers to teach their children,

C: so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

P: Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds

C: but would keep His commands.

The Placing of Sunday School Teachers for 2008-2009:

Preschool/Kindergarten: Connie Duden, Sheila Stehr

1st and 2nd Grade: Donna Edquist, Jonathan Schmitz

3rd and 4th Grade: Dale and Gail Dicke

5th through 8th Grade: Sara Sorenson

High School: Jim Dicke

Song: "I Will Sing of the Mercies" All God's People Sing #133

Text: Psalm 89:1 (Adapted)

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.

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18
Matthew 21:23-27

Song of the Day: "Let Me Learn of Jesus" All God's People Sing #156

Text: Fanny J. Crosby

Tune: James Swift

1)
Let me learn of Jesus; He is kind to me;
Once He died to save me, nailed upon the tree.

2)
When I go to Jesus, He will hear me pray,
Make me pure and holy, Take my sins away.

3)
Let me think of Jesus; He is full of love,
Looking down upon me From His throne above.

4)
Oh, how good is Jesus! May He hold my hand
And at last receive me To a better land.

Message: "Education for Eternity" 2 Peter 3:18
Offering

The Presentation of Bibles to 5th Graders:

Ellee Goranson, Emme Goranson, Molly Goranson
Katelyn Stehr

Creedal Song: "In God We Believe" All God's People Sing #136

Text: Gregory J. Wismar

Tune: Welsh Folk Tune

1)
In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

2)
In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured

To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

3)

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

Prayer of God's People

(Responses)

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer (see 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" All God's People Sing #155

Text: Katherine K. Davis

Tune: Ash Grove (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

Announcements

Piano Postlude

(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 have been assiduously guarded.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:		St. Michael and All Angels: Dan. 10:10-14; 12:1-3; Rev. 12:7-12; Lk. 10:17-20
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Friday:	5:30PM	Bremer/Henderson Rehearsal
	7:30PM	Fellowship Club at Schafer's
Saturday:	3:30PM	Bremer/Henderson Wedding with Pastor Stehr
Next Sunday:	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday	- Kayla Stumpf, M/M John Schafer
Tuesday	- Helen Tschida, M/M Leonard Dicke
Wednesday	- Irene Pasche
Thursday	- Benjamin Kohn, Elizabeth Schmitz
Friday	- Jodi Dressen
Saturday	- Donna Edquist, Jonathan Schmitz

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); 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 (recovering from surgery); Jan Langhans (healing from a broken wrist); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Larry Horn (recovering from surgery); Burnetta and Leonard Dicke and family (as they mourn the loss of Burnetta's sister, Merna Newell); the Langhans family (as they mourn the loss of Lydia Koth Langhans).

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, October 5

8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

"Mirror, Mirror"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Watch out! A mirror may be TOO revealing! (Matthew 21:43)

Life Quote – September 28

"Lutherans who love life can tell others that life is precious because God created and redeemed it, that evil exists because of sin, and that heroes are men and women who remember God's Word and use it in the daily battle for life." *Linda D. Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life.*

Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org

A Little History as We Celebrate our 150th Anniversary

In 1919, Immanuel held a special service of thanksgiving in gratitude for the safe return of military men from World War I.

Defibrillator News

This last Tuesday evening, some members of Immanuel were trained in the proper use of the church's new Automatic Emergency Defibrillator device. This device would serve us very well in a case of cardiac emergency happening here at church. Upon the advice of the AED Specialist, the defibrillator has been installed roughly halfway between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. It can be found next to the phone in the narthex. The defibrillator is to be used only in emergency situations. An alarm will sound if you open the box containing the device.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Pastor is currently looking for volunteers who would be willing to coordinate this year's Sunday School Christmas Program. If you would like to help, please speak with Pastor at your earliest convenience. Feel free to give him a call at 388-4577. Thanks!

150th Anniversary Pictures

We thank God for the fine photographic work of Pastor's friend, Lyle Nelson, who did the pictures for the 150th Anniversary. Several pictures are on display in the Narthex. Mr. Nelson did these pictures as a favor to Pastor and basically only charged us for his supplies and his travel expenses. Lyle Nelson and his wife, Lynn, were Pastor's Sunday School teachers. Lyle and his son Steve also sang in the church choir that Pastor directed for six years at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Vadnais Heights, Minnesota. The 150th Anniversary Committee will soon provide information about how you can obtain commemorative copies of selected photos.

Chili Lunch and Silent Auction Fundraiser – October 26th

New Horizons and Thrivent Financial For Lutherans will be sponsoring a chili lunch and silent auction after the church service on October 26th.

Anyone having items they would like to donate to the auction is asked to contact Jim Dicke or Karen Stemmann. Help is needed in many areas – please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Anniversary Party Invitation

Bruce and Pam Holst will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on October 11th. The congregation of Immanuel is warmly invited to attend. The party will begin at 5:00PM at the Holst residence in Goodhue. No gifts please! Your presence is gift enough. For more detailed information, please see the invitation posted to the bulletin board. Hope to see you there!

Minnesota South District “Thank You” to Sunday School Students

Dear Children,

Grace, mercy, and peace be yours through Jesus Christ, our victorious Lord!

Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$79.18 to help those who have suffered through the destruction brought by the floods in southeastern Minnesota. Your kindness and generosity will enable some of the victims of that destruction, some of whom are children like yourselves, continue the process of rebuilding their community and their lives. As Jesus teaches, “...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). Thank you for your willingness to reach out and help those in need. God bless you!

Cordially, in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Lane R. Seitz

President of MN South District (LCMS)

The Church’s Prayer List

Prayer lists are compiled and maintained by the pastor that include the names and medical conditions of members of the congregation and other persons who are known to be hospitalized or ill. Members and others who do not want their names and medical conditions published on the church’s prayer lists (either in the bulletin or on the web page) should inform the pastor immediately. If necessary, a separate, unpublished list will be maintained of those who object to being included on such public prayer lists. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is not violated when a church publishes a prayer list that contains the names and medical conditions of people who are ill or hospitalized. HIPAA only addresses the unauthorized disclosure of patient information by hospitals. But since the church honors a person’s right to privacy, and respects the laws regarding invasion of privacy, the church will follow the policy of implied consent as it pertains to all published prayer lists. *(Information obtained from Synod’s legal counsel and the “Church Law and Tax Report” edited by Richard R. Hammer, J.D., LL.M, CPA.)*