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Palm Sunday

March 28, 2010

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.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Cross Procession and Choral Anthem: "Behold The Lamb"
Words and Music: Dottie Rambo
Opening Hymn: #442, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
Palm Sunday Liturgy

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: And also with you.

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Prayer (in unison)

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Palm Sunday Reading John 12:12-19

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn: #443, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 32:36-39

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Philippians 2:5-11 (KJV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Luke 23:1-56

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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Hymn of the Day: #554, "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

Sermon: "Jesus Christ, Our King of Glory"

Offering

Palm Sunday Prayer

Confession and Absolution

P: As we prepare to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Holy and Gracious God,
C: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know - the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed - but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I call to You for forgiveness. Deliver and restore me. Grant that I may seek to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
 P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
C: Amen.

Communion Liturgy

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy" #961

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Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Communion Hymns:

#804, "O Worship the King"

#441, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

#709, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #525, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Chimes and Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	11:45AM	Palm Sunday Brunch
Monday:		Readings for Holy Week: Isa. 50:5-10; Heb. 9:11-15; Matt. 26:1-27:66
Tuesday:		Readings for Holy Week: Isa. 49:1-7; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Mark 14:1-15:47
	8:30AM	CILS Religion
Wednesday:		Readings for Holy Week: Isa. 62:11-63:7; Rom. 5:6-11; Luke 22:1-23:56
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Maundy Thursday:		CILS Begins Easter Break
	7:30PM	Worship with Holy Communion
Friday:	7:30PM	Worship
Holy Saturday:		Readings: Dan. 6:1-24; 1 Pet. 4:1-8; Matt. 27:57-66
	10:00AM	Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday:		No Sunday School and Bible Class
	9:30AM	Fellowship Time
	10:00AM	Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today	- Kevin Schafer
Monday	- Gretchen Kelm
Tuesday	- Tara Goranson
Wednesday	- Bruce Holst
Saturday	- Miranda McNamara

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson, Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Jenny Bauer, Sara (Voth) Kroll, Ellee Goranson, Jean Bateman (healing from rare respiratory illness), Bettie Burns (recovering from heart surgery), Kim Burns (recovering from gallbladder surgery), and Brady McNamara (born three months prematurely)

Life Quote – March 28

"[When] you devalue one life, you devalue all lives." *Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schindler Schiavo and advocate for the cognitively disabled.* **"Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life.**

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Palm Sunday Brunch – Today

New Horizons is sponsoring a Palm Sunday Brunch today. The meal will be served immediately following the worship service. Everyone is invited to participate!

Easter Egg Hunt

An Immanuel Egg Hunt has been scheduled for the morning of April 3rd at 10:00 a.m. This is the morning before Easter. Children up to 2nd grade are invited and encouraged to attend. The plan is to have the event outside, but the hunt will take place inside in case of challenging weather. Children should feel free to bring their own baskets. Snacks and crafts will follow the egg hunt in Immanuel's fellowship hall.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 28

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

"The Crucified Christ: Victim or Victor"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Wayne Palmer

"Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed!" In seven days this powerful proclamation will echo back and forth through Christian churches all around the world. Jesus Christ, the mighty Son of God is alive—He crushed all our enemies, rose from the dead, and has promised to return again. (Luke 22-23)

Holy Week Services

April 1	Maundy Thursday	7:30PM	Worship with Holy Communion
April 2	Good Friday	7:30PM	Worship
April 4	Easter Sunday	10:00AM	Worship with Holy Communion (No Sunday School or Bible Class) (Fellowship Time at 9:30AM)

Catechism Review

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: "The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:22-23

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Special Voters' Meeting - April 11th

On Tuesday, March 23rd, the CILS School Board met to discuss the decisions that were made by Concordia and Immanuel at their respective Voters' Meetings on Sunday, March 21st. Concordia voted to approve the Kindergarten-only program, while Immanuel voted to support a K-4 School. While many different opinions were expressed at the School Board meeting last Tuesday, a vote narrowly passed to take the Kindergarten-only option back to the voters of each congregations for consideration. Support for the K-4 School is apparently lacking. Thus, another Special Voters' Meeting for Immanuel members has been scheduled for April 11th after the worship service at 11:30 AM. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this important meeting.

Confirmation Dates

Confirmation Sunday this year has been scheduled for May 2nd. The public examination of our three confirmands will take place during the worship service on April 25th. Please pray for our confirmands: Kelsey Reding, Haley Rupe, and Jordan Taylor. A dinner in honor of these students is being tentatively planned for Saturday, May 1st at 6:30 PM. If you would like to help with food for the event, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Parents of 7th grade confirmation students are encouraged to help out, if possible. Please plan on enough food for about 25 people. Thanks for your consideration.