

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD**  
**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK**  
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**The 16th Sunday after Pentecost      September 8, 2013**

**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.

The Order of Morning Prayer ..... pp. 235-242

Prelude  
 Welcome  
 Ringing of the Bell

Opening Verse, Gloria Patri, and Alleluia .....p. 235

Invitatory, Venite, and Invitatory ..... pp. 235-237

Psalms 119, selected verses, prayed responsively ..... worship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading ..... Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
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 Epistle ..... Philemon 1-21  
 Response .....p. 238  
 Holy Gospel ..... Luke 14:25-35  
 Responses .....p. 238

Children's Sermon "Following Jesus"

Office Hymn: #688, "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

Sermon: "The High Cost of True Christianity"

Offering

Canticle: "Song of Zechariah," ..... pp. 238-240  
 (Pastor sings section marked "L")

Prayer of the Church  
 P: Let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer .....p. 241

Benedicamus .....p. 241

Benediction .....p. 242

Closing Hymn: #715, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Silent Prayer/Chimes  
 Announcements  
 Postlude

**DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Tuesday:      9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference – Hay Creek  
                   6:30PM First Choice Board of Directors Meeting  
 Wednesday: 9AM-1PM First Choice Clinic Banquet Set-Up  
                   4:30PM 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
                   5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
                   7:30PM Choir  
 Thursday:   9AM-1PM First Choice Clinic Banquet Set-Up  
                   6:30-8:30PM First Choice Clinic Banquet  
 Friday:       10:30AM KWNG Recording Session  
                   2:00PM Plaza Service with Pastor Sorenson  
                   6:00PM Anderson/Hattermer Rehearsal  
 Saturday:      Holy Cross Day: Num. 21:4-9; 1 Cor. 1:18-25  
                          Jn. 12:20-33  
                   3:30PM Anderson/Hattermer Wedding  
 Next Sunday:      The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
                   9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
                   9:45AM Fellowship Time  
                   10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion  
                   Acolyte: Emily Duden

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Today - Jordan Taylor  
Tuesday - Todd Burns  
Thursday - Allison Abell, Jerry & Denise Holm  
Friday - Joshua Ahlgrim, Katherine Voth, Rosanne Stumpf  
Saturday - Adam Dicke, Fred & Cindy Stumpf

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Meghan Diercks, Tammy Johnson and Skip Baker (struggling with cancer).

**“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, September 15**  
**8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)**  
**“Finders Keepers”**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
Losers and weepers rejoice when Jesus is the Seeker who finds the lost. (Luke 15:1-10)

### **Bible Class Topics: Potpourri**

For Bible Class this fall, Pastor wants to lead discussions on topics that will interest and delight you! He is calling for Bible Class topics that can be addressed in one to three Sunday morning sessions. Please share your suggestions with him! He has some already in the works. Can faith be measured? Do the Gospel and science relate? Should the Church really use images? Will I be left behind at some point? What kinds of teenage parties should parents allow? These and other topics will be discussed this fall. All are welcome to join our forum on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

### **Life Quote**

**September 8** “In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government ought to be instructed ... No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.” *Noah Webster, the “Father of American Scholarship and Education”* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### **In Memory of Immanuel Lutheran School**

On September 29th, following the Sunday morning service, a potluck will be held in the Immanuel fellowship hall. The whole congregation is invited to participate. The potluck will provide an occasion for the opening of the time capsule from the cornerstone of the Immanuel Lutheran School building (1952-2013). All are welcome to bring pictures to share of important church or school events that were held in that building.

### **Fellowship Time Treats**

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to bring treats for fellowship time. Fellowship time is a short coffee and snack break between Sunday School/Bible Class and Worship. It's a great time to connect with our Immanuel friends and family!

### **Catechism Review**

#### **What is the kingdom of God?**

The kingdom of God is His ruling as king over the whole universe (kingdom of power), the church on earth (kingdom of grace), and the church and angels in heaven (kingdom of glory).

### **Wednesday Evening Activities**

Confirmation and choir activities will resume this Wednesday night, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Fifth and sixth grade confirmation will meet at 4:30 PM; 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation will meet at 5:30 PM; choir will begin at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to join choir! We have some really exciting music opportunities for this year's group!