

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 18, 2007**

**“Seek First His Kingdom”  
Stewardship Emphasis Week #4**

**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  
Welcome  
Ring of the Bell  
Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, who created and provides for us:

**C: Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory.**

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

As in the past, the First United Methodist Church will again provide a Thanksgiving meal on November 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thanksgiving Day) from 11:30AM until 1:00PM in their fellowship hall (accessible to those with physical challenges). The address is 403 East Avenue, Red Wing. The dinner is for anyone who may not have a family gathering and would like to get out among people. There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. Call the church office at 388-3262 to make a reservation.

**A Word of Thanks**

Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Pastor Fischer on his recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ  
The Food For The Poor Family

**Christmas Scrip Order**

The annual Christmas Scrip order will be placed on **November 27<sup>th</sup>** with delivery expected the following week. Because of the high volume of sales at this time, all orders must be pre-paid. A list of participating merchants can be picked up from the Scrip table.

**Flood Relief Offering**

Next Sunday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, a basket will be placed at the entrance of the sanctuary for those who would like to make a donation to help aid those in our MN South District who are struggling to rebuild after the damage of the floods. Please consider giving generously to help the brothers and sisters in Christ who have confronted major losses to their homes and church buildings. How has God blessed you to be a blessing to others?

**Thrivent Work Day in Minnesota City**

**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Thrivent is helping sponsor a work day on December 1<sup>st</sup> to help homeowners who were hit hard with flood devastation in Minnesota City (north of Winona on Hwy. 61). Volunteers are needed to help with insulating, sheet rocking, and other related activities. If you would be interested in volunteering your time and talents to help, contact Karen Stemmann, 388-6629. Thrivent will be providing lunch for the volunteers. Thanks for your consideration.

### Life Quote – November 18

"It is the duty of nations ... to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins ... with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy ... The awful calamity of civil war ... may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins ... We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven ... We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins and to pray for ... forgiveness." *President Abraham Lincoln as he set a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, March 30, 1863. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) .*

### Advent Midweek Suppers

Would you be interested in providing a light soup and sandwich supper before one of the Advent Midweek services? The dates are the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of December. The meal would be at 6:30PM. Plan on roughly 40 people. Coffee and punch would be available from the church's resources. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those interested in volunteering. Questions? Speak with Pastor Sorenson.

### Christmas Choir – Wednesdays – 7:30 p.m.

Not everyone wants to commit to singing in the choir for the whole year, but how about joining just for the Christmas season? If you are able to make a temporary commitment to the choir for the Christmas season, please join us. If you have questions, please speak to Sara Sorenson at church, or call her at home (388-4577). Thank you!

### Red Wing Area Food Shelf Collection

New Horizons will be sponsoring a collection of food and money for the Food Shelf again this year. Please bring food items to the church by December 12<sup>th</sup> or leave your donation of money in the box.

### Snow Shoveling

Now that it is getting cold out, it is time to think about snow shoveling! New Horizons schedules the shoveling of the walks at church, but anyone in the congregation is welcome to sign up and help out. Check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Thanks for any help you are able to give.

- P: In the name of the Son, Jesus our Savior, who died and rose that we may live eternally:  
**C: Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory.**  
P: In the name of the Holy Spirit, who assures us of God's presence and keeps us in the faith:  
**C: Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory.**  
P: In the name of the eternal Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
**C: Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!**

Entrance Hymn: #680, "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

### Confession and Absolution

- P: Citizens of heaven, by the authority of the King of kings and Lord of lords, I invite you to come into the presence of God to confess your sins.  
P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C: who made heaven and earth.**  
P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Silence for self-examination and reflection on God's Word)*

- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**  
P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**  
P: Stand firm as citizens of heaven!  
**C: We eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ! Crown Him with many crowns! Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory! Amen!**

Collect of the Day

Reading ..... Philippians 3:20-4:20

Responsory from Revelation 1:5b-6

P: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father

**C: to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.**

Nicene Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #712, "Seek Ye First"

Sermon: "Kingdom"

Offertory Prayer, prayed in unison

**Lord God, our heavenly Father, we Your servants now bring to You offerings of tribute, freewill offerings, and offerings of thanksgiving. Bless us that our hearts would first be consecrated to You and Your service. Help us grow in the grace of generosity and liberal giving. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: ...let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer ..... see back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

Distribution:

#623, "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

#719, "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"

#549, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #651, "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

Announcements

Postlude

### **New Horizons**

There will be a short New Horizon's meeting in the new fellowship hall immediately after the service this morning. We need to discuss Christmas decorating and when to pack the Christmas bags.

### **LLL Fall Workshop, Sunday, November 25th**

You are invited to the Fall Workshop of the Rochester and Winona Zones of the Lutheran Laymen's League at St. John Lutheran Church in Stewartville next Sunday at 5:30 p.m. The event will feature a meal, Rev. Greg Heidorn speaking on his Russian trip experience, a Lutheran Hour ministries update by Greg Rosin, and an update on the Orphan Grain Train program by John Henke. Those who would like to attend are asked to call John Henke at 507-533-8169 by Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Today:	After service	New Horizons meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday:		No CILS: Teacher Work Day
	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:	10:00AM	Thanksgiving Day Worship
Friday:	10:00AM	Pastor Sorenson – Chapel at Hi-Park
Next Sunday:		Last Sunday in the Church Year
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with the Dedication of Pledges for the Building Project

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

Today	- Bob Augustin
Monday	- Sue Dicke, Marge Henke, Denise Holm
Wednesday	- Leah Ahlgrim, Dawn Laffey, M/M David Sucher
Thursday	- Jan Langhans
Saturday	- John Schafer

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Tom Kolberg (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (healing); Dorothy Bremer (for strength and peace as she faces terminal cancer); Dolores Rossbach (Sara Sorenson's grandmother, experiencing kidney problems); Donald Rossbach (Sara Sorenson's grandfather, recovering from an intestinal blockage); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Marian Burkard (recovering from a broken arm); Mary Jo Arndt (will undergo surgery this week); Jacob Diercks (recovering from rodeo injuries).

### **Ladies Quilting Project**

The quilting group will meet for work and fellowship at 9:00AM on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your own lunch. Thanks!

The quilters are always in need of fabric if anyone has some extra they are not using and would like to donate to the project. They are currently working on quilts for flood victims in Southeastern Minnesota.

### **"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, November 25**

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

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Ralph Blomenburg**