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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost **August 4, 2013**

Special Guest: Rev. Lyle Kath

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.

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell
Opening Hymn: #903, "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

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

Exhortation and Opening Verses
P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

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.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively (see worship insert)

Collect of the Day, prayed by all in unison (see worship insert)

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:1-11 (Alternate Reading)
Response

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual of the Day, prayed responsively (see worship insert)

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-11

Response

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Responses

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #461 Vss. 1-4

Sermon: Why Do Bad Things Happen to "Good" People?

Hymn of the Day: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #461 Vss. 5-8

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Almighty God, because You have committed Your people to the ministry of intercession, hear us as we pray for one another.

C: Fill our hearts with peace and love.

P: We pray for the Church: Heavenly Father, be with Your Church; give all ministers of the Word Your grace and truth that Your people might grow in faith, and that Christ may be honored by all. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for those who are ill or recovering, especially _____ and those we name now from our hearts.
(Silence).

Source of all healing, we ask You to strengthen the tired, to ease the pain of those who suffer, and to let those who are dying know that You hold them in Your loving arms. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for family and friends: O God our Father, bless those we love, and help us to love them enough to speak the truth of Christ to those lost in error's mazes. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week in this congregation: _____. Lord of Life, may these people, in the midst of their thanksgiving, acknowledge You as the Source from whom all blessings flow. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: Almighty God, You have given us the grace to make our prayers known to You and have promised always to listen. Fulfill our requests as may be best and grant us Your saving truth in this world that we may come to life everlasting. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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Blessing

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 Hymn: #924, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

Emergency Contact

If you are in need of emergency assistance or crisis intervention while Pastor Sorenson is away, our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Scott Fiege, would be very happy to help you. You may reach Pastor Fiege at 712-880-1226 (his cell phone) or 651-345-2424 (church office at Bethany, Lake City).

PEARLS Devotion

Pastor Kath writes daily devotions which he sends out via e-mail. These "Pearls" are based on Isaiah 55:11: "My Word will not return to Me void but will accomplish the purposes for which I send it." Pastor Kath would be very pleased to put you on his daily mailing list. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Thank You from Pastor Sorenson

Dear Friends,

I want to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all who generously helped with food and/or serving for our week of VBS at St. Peter's – Belvidere. We had another exciting program this year and the assistance of people from our Hay Creek congregation made it even more special! Thank you so much and Jesus bless you!

Thank You from First Choice Clinic

Immanuel Lutheran Congregation:

Thank you very much for the generous donations of Target gift cards, diapers, formula, bottles, bibs, and wash cloths! We and our clients appreciate your kindness! God bless each and every one of you!

Cathy Goggin

First Choice Clinic, Executive Director

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Pastor Sorenson on Vacation until August 10th

Monday: Carpet Installation and Softball Playoffs
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Wednesday: Carpet Installation
Thursday: Softball Playoffs
Friday: 6:00PM Church Golfing Group at Gopher Hills
Next Sunday: The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM Worship
Acolyte: Alicia Hoffman

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Brad & Laurel Rortvedt
Monday - Pam Holst, Dianne Lee
Tuesday - Kelly Langhans, Kathy Silverthorn,
Tim & Patricia Schmitz
Wednesday - Pam Germann, Craig & Connie Duden
Friday - Sheila Boyer
Saturday - Dustin Stumpf

IN OUR PRAYERS

Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Cindy Redman, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Meghan Diercks, and Tammy Johnson (diagnosed with ovarian cancer).

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, August 11

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

"God Cares for You"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God cares. Trust God to always work for your good, even when others do not. (Luke 12:22-34)

Emery Party to Benefit United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation

Bill and Andrea (Stemmann) Emery invite you to a party on the Emery Farm on Friday, August 16th, between 5:00 PM and Midnight. The party will include a hog roast, petting zoo, train rides, wagon rides, games, a silent auction, and a live band from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Please join the party for an evening of fun while benefiting a charity organization that is near and dear to the hearts of the Emery family. The free-will donation will go the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation. The Emery Farm is located at W7698 210th Avenue, Hager City. For more information, please call 651-764-4724. Thank you.

Life Quote

August 4 “If you feel that something is missing in your life or you want to have just plain fun, connect with kids. Be a volunteer, teach Sunday school, help out in a club, join a buddy organization. They will keep you young and smiling!!! Praise God for kids!” *Bonnie Berrey, Clemons (Iowa) Lutheran School* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Missionary to Visit Hay Creek

Mark your calendars! Pastor Jonathan Muhly will visit Hay Creek on Thursday, August 29th at 7:00 PM. His family is currently being helped by the mission donations of our congregation. Pastor Muhly would love to share an update with you on his work on the Russian mission field. A very brief program will be shared in the fellowship hall. Refreshments will be provided by the Ladies Aid.

Catechism Review

What does the word “our” impress upon us when we pray, “Our Father”?

In Jesus all believers are children of the one Father and should pray for one another.

What do the words “who art in heaven” say about God?

These words assure us that our heavenly Father, as Lord over all, has the power to grant our prayers.

Merri Mysteries Event at Immanuel

Sign up now to be a part of “Prom Pandemonium,” a new mystery dinner created by Merri Mysteries as the result of a recent suggestion by Bonnie Kassen. The “Prom” will be held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, October 19th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Those who want to take part MUST be signed up by September 1st so parts can be assigned. You will be notified of your assigned character the week of September 2nd, which will allow you plenty of time to develop a costume that will complement your character. It is not necessary to purchase a costume; just use what you have at home; however, keep in mind that this is a prom-themed event!

Who may attend? Anyone over the age of 16—married, single, or married but attending alone. Parts can be assigned to anyone interested, so if your spouse doesn’t enjoy this type of thing, feel free to sign up without him or her!

Dinner and other festivities will be a part of the evening. Since the event is scripted, it is necessary that everyone who is assigned a character must attend (or find their own replacement) or it will ruin the fun!

The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. There is no charge for participating. Talk to Bonnie Kassen if you have any questions.
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