

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2010

The Service of Confirmation

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
Ringing of the Bell

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Announcement of Grace

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 self-examination and reflection on God's Word)

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn: #864, "Shepherd of Tender Youth"

Collect of the Day

First Reading Acts 11:1-18

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Offering: "Be Ye Glad" Words and Music: Michael Kelly Blanchard

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel John 16:12-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th 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: #662, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Sermon: "The Conquering Christian"

Offering

The Rite of Confirmation pp. 272-274 in LSB

Kelsey Joy Reding - Psalm 18:2

Haley Marie Rupe - John 14:27

Jordan Andrew Taylor - Romans 16:17

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Admonition to the Communicants

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Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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

#865, "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

#644, "The Church's One Foundation"

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #660, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	1:00PM	Ladies Aid Quilting Project
	8:30PM	Adult Softball at A.P. Anderson Park
Tuesday:	9:00AM	Circuit Pastoral Conference – Bethany
	7:00PM	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday:		CILS Mid-Quarter
	2:00PM	Seminary Home Chapel with Pr. Sorenson
	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday:	8:30AM	CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson
	6:30PM	PTL Meeting – Concordia
Friday:	7:30PM	Fellowship Club at Stan and Lois Klair's
Next Sunday:		Sixth Sunday of Easter
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday	- Ruth Ofstie
Wednesday	- Lois Klair, M/M Keith Holst
Thursday	- M/M Dale Dicke
Friday	- Patti Dargus

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson, Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Sara (Voth) Kroll, Bettie Burns (recovering from heart surgery), Brady McNamara (born three months prematurely) and the Firkus and Erickson families as they mourn the death of Heidi.

Life Quote – May 2

"Are you pregnant? Maybe you are struggling with a decision about what to do. Remember there is hope and help! Abortion is not the easy solution. Choose life for your baby. God will walk with you. He can bring Christian friends to support you. But, you need to reach out for help. Call and let someone know you need assistance ... You can also call Word of Hope at 888-217-8679. And remember LFL is here to serve and help too." *Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life.* **"Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life.** www.lutheransforlife.org

Adult Church Softball League

Adult softball begins on Monday evening with an 8:30 game at A. P. Anderson Park. The second game of the season will be Monday, May 10th at 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in playing, please contact Jim Arndt at 388-3953, or Craig Duden at 385-0181.

Catechism Review

The Sacrament of the Altar

Who receives the Sacrament worthily?

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Women's Expo at Plainview

As part of the Carley Bluebell Festival on Saturday, May 8th, the Ladies of Immanuel - Plainview will feature a women's expo between 10 AM and 3 PM. Admission is free and men are also invited! From 11 AM to 2 PM a salad luncheon will be served offering a huge (over 20 ft) buffet. The proceeds will go towards helping families in need pay for parochial schooling at Immanuel - Plainview. Supplemental funding will be provided by the Wabasha County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. A bake sale will be held to support Katrina Meyer of Potsdam who is teaching in China and also to purchase Bibles for the 2nd-4th graders of Immanuel. In our Christian Life Center will be over 30 vendor booths for you to browse and shop. Quilts will be featured. The youth will also offer plants for sale outside. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day. For more information or to see a full list of the vendors, please see the notice on the bulletin board.

Ladies Aid Guest Day at Belvidere

St. Peter's Ladies Aid invites you to our Guest Day on Wednesday, May 12th at 2:00 p.m. Our speaker will be addressing mission work in Africa. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Task Force Needed For CILS Closing Celebration

Has the Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School family been close to your heart over the years? Perhaps you would like to help prepare and plan the closing celebration and worship service? These final activities of a parochial school are meant to provide joyful opportunities for reflection on the blessings God has bestowed upon the school throughout its history. Both Concordia and Immanuel will need people to volunteer in order for our final events to be meaningful and successful. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those interested. Pastor will contact you shortly with more details.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, May 9

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

"Judging"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Judge not? In truth, Christian parents are obligated to teach their children how to judge right from wrong, and to discern what is true from what is false. (John 5:1-9)

Hands of Hope

Hands of Hope will be holding their 2nd Annual Garage Sale from 3:30-7:00 p.m. on May 14th and 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on May 15th at Holy Trinity Church in Goodhue. Gently used items are being accepted at this time. Email hands-of-hope@live.com or contact Pam Altendorf at 651-380-2296 if you wish to make a donation. And don't forget the food stand ... donuts and coffee will be available throughout the morning. Hot dogs, chips and pop will be available over the supper and lunch hours. Proceeds will be given to children facing difficult challenges.

Women's Bible Study in May

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Women's Bible Study will meet only once in May. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 20th at 7:30 p.m. Thank you.