

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2015

Youth Service

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's Songbook: "All God's People Sing"

Pre-Service Music

Bulletin Distribution: Cody and Meya Callstrom

Welcome

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Song: #241, "This Is the Day" (*sing twice*)

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: Simon Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and forgive him? As many as seven times?"

C: Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."

P: Every time we try to deal with our sins by ignoring them or making excuses or running away, we end up worse than before.

C: But when we face our failures honestly and confess them to God, He promises to grant us forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

(A time of silence for personal reflection and confession)

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C: We confess that we have sinned against God our Father. We have sinned against the people around us by unkind words and by unloving actions. We have failed to live as God's people in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, kind Father, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Jesus came into the world and obeyed God's law perfectly for you. He died on the cross for the guilt of your sins. Because of His great sacrifice, you are forgiven. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

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Song of Praise: #145, "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12Read by Brandon Schmitz

Vocal Solo: "Beautiful Savior" Sung by Tyler Ballman

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24 Read by Will Langhans

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18 Read by Andy Germann-Hutter

Children's Sermon: "The Shepherd's Crook"

Apostles' Creed p. 29 in AGPS

Song of the Day: #125, "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Sermon: "Blessed Dependence!"

Offering (Collected by Cody and Meya Callstrom, Brandon Schmitz and Marshall Kitzmann)

Violin Solo: "Amazing Grace" Caitlyn Von Bargaen

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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Blessing

Closing Song: #238, "This Is a Joyous, Happy Day"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Sending Music

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A special men's Bible study has been scheduled for Thursday, April 30th, at 7:30 PM. Pastor spoke on the imprecatory (cursing) Psalms with the Ladies Aid last month. He would like to share his presentation of that material with the men. Discussion of Lutheran Witness articles at our session is also encouraged.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

A brief meeting of the properties committee will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday night before the Voters' Meeting at 7:30 PM. We will be discussing the bids for painting the church and the suggestions received from The National Registry of Historic Places.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

The Immanuel Voters' Assembly will convene this Tuesday night, April 28th, at 7:30 PM. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1) Opening Devotion 2) Attendance 3) Acceptance of Minutes 4) Reception of New Voting Members 5) Reports: Pastor/Elders, Treasurer, Trustees, Scrip Report, Cemetery Board, Board of Education, Other 6) Old Business: Church Painting and Repairs 7) New Business: Honoraria for Guest Speakers, Confirmation Mentorship, Other 8) Adjournment and Prayer

THANK YOU

Just a note to thank you for all your prayers, cards, concerns, and thoughts during my recovery from hip surgery. I am doing well; just have a few aches. Much love and appreciation to all! - Kathy Voth

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY EVENT

On May 2nd, Pastor will gather with other volunteers from First Choice Clinic to help clean up a short stretch of Highway 61. It's a section near the junction of Highway 61 and Highway 63. Adults and youth (middle school age and beyond) are welcome to help out. We will meet at First Choice Clinic on Saturday, May 2nd at 8:00 AM. We will then carpool to the clean-up site. Youth are welcome to meet Pastor at church and drive with him to the Clinic. If you would like to go with Pastor, please speak with him at your earliest convenience.

WALK FOR LIFE PLEDGES

On Saturday, May 30th, Sara Sorenson will be running the 5K Run in First Choice Clinic's 2015 Walk For life. The event will be held at Bay Point Park. Sara is collecting pledges for First Choice Clinic that will be matched **dollar for dollar** by a donor to the organization. If you would like to sponsor Sara's efforts, please sign up on the 5K Sponsor Pledge form on the table in the narthex. You may donate by cash, check, or credit card. First Choice Clinic exists to educate and empower our community to make healthy, life-affirming choices. If you would like to participate in the walk or collect pledges for the clinic, please talk to Pastor Sorenson. An announcement about the event has also been posted on the bulletin board.

