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Holy Innocents' Day (observed) December 30, 2007

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.

Divine Service: Setting Three pp. 184-202
Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell
Opening Hymn: #367, "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
Invocation, Confession, Announcement of Grace pp. 184-185
Introit of the Day, prayed responsively worship insert
Kyrie p. 186
Gloria in Excelsis pp. 187-189
Salutation p. 189

Collect of the Day

P: O God, whose martyred innocents showed forth Your praise not by
speaking but by dying, mortify all vices within us that our lives may in
deed confess Your faith which our tongue utters; through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 63:7-14

Gradual (Ps. 8:1a, 2)

P: From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise
because of Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Epistle Galatians 4:4-7
Alleluia p. 190
Holy Gospel Matthew 2:13-23

Responses pp. 190-191
Apostles' Creed p. 192
Hymn of the Day: "Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band
Text: Prudentius; Tr. H. W. Baker (TLH #273)
Tune: Erhalt Uns, Herr (LSB #655)

1)
Sweet flow'rets of the martyr band, Plucked by the tyrant's ruthless hand
Upon the threshold of the morn, Like rosebuds by a tempest torn.
2)
First victims of th'incarnate Lord, A tender flock to feel the sword;
Beside the very altar, gay, With palm and crown, ye seemed to play.
3)
Ah, what availed King Herod's wrath? He could not stop the Savior's path.
Alone, while others murdered lay, In safety Christ is borne away.
4)
O Lord, the Virgin-born, to Thee Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Ghost Forevermore.

Sermon: "A Promised Child for Weeping Voices"

Offering

Offertory: "Create in Me," pp. 192-193

Prayer of the Church p. 193

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer p. 196

Concluding Collect

P: O almighty God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings has
ordained strength and allowed infants to glorify You by their deaths,
mortify and kill all vices in us and so strengthen us by Your grace that
by the innocency of our lives and the constancy of our faith, even unto
death, we may glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction and Triple Amen p. 202

Closing Hymn: #842, "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 7:00PM New Year's Eve Worship
Tuesday: New Year's Day
Circumcision and Name of Jesus:
Num. 6:22-27; Gal. 3:23-29; Lk. 2:21
Wednesday: Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, Pastor:
Ezek. 34:11-16; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; Matt. 24:42-47
CILS Classes Resume
8:30AM CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson
4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
No Choir tonight
Friday: 6:00PM Circuit Pastors' Epiphany Gathering
Next Sun: The Epiphany of Our Lord
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00AM Fellowship Time
10:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today - Orville Augustin
Tuesday - Sherri Smith, M/M Dan Lee, M/M Jacob Dahl

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); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Marian Burkard (recovering from a broken arm); Jacob Diercks (recovering from rodeo injuries); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen undergoing chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma).

Life Quote – December 30

"It is a powerful lesson for disciples of all ages to understand that we are not the Holy Spirit. We cannot open blind eyes, deaf ears, resisting hearts, or indifferent minds. This is God's work. We are only to sow the seed faithfully. Remember how Paul put it, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow" (1 Corinthians 3:6)." *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio broadcast.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org**

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 6

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

"Falling Down"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The wise men teach a lesson they followed where God took them. Next Sunday's Lutheran Hour message encourages the same from us. (Matthew 2:11b)

A Word of Thanks from Pastor and Sara Sorenson

Dear Friends,

Sara and I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have sent us Christmas cards and gifts during this holy season. We have been truly touched by your kindness, your warm thoughts, and your meaningful prayers on our behalf. It is truly a joy to serve in your midst.

In His Love,
Pastor and Sara Sorenson

Ladies Quilting Project

Mark your calendars! On January 7th at 9:00AM the ladies of the Quilting Project will meet again for a day of work. Please bring a sack lunch. Thanks!

2008 Offering Envelopes

Next year's offering envelopes are in the back pew of the church. Please take time to pick up yours as you leave today if you have not already done so. Thank you!

Christmas Decorations Come Down

Next Sunday, January 6th, New Horizons will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Everyone is invited to help and join us for a potluck lunch following the worship service.