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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2012

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
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song: #125, "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"
Invocation

P: In the name of the Father,

C: who loves us, and sent the Good Shepherd for us.

P: In the name of the Son,

C: Jesus, the Good Shepherd of the sheep, who is also the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: who enables us to hear the voice of our Good Shepherd. Amen!

Confession and Absolution

P: Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, You have promised us that we shall not be in want;

C: but we confess as Your sheep that we have been stubborn. We have failed to want for ourselves what You want to give us - Your mercy and blessing. Forgive us, Lord.

P: As the Good Shepherd, You have promised us refreshment in green pastures by quiet waters;

C: but too often, we as sheep wander and stray, missing out on Your blessings. Forgive us, Lord.

P: As our Good Shepherd, You promise to restore our souls;

C: we confess our sins against You. We deserve nothing more than Your eternal wrath and judgment. Forgive us, Lord.

P: You promise to be with us, even when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death;

C: yet we confess., O Lord, that we have done things that make us easy prey for predators. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Lord.

P: You have promised to lead us and protect us with Your rod and staff;

C: but we confess that we have rebelled against Your ways and Your will.

P: God has Good News to share with those who repent of their sin: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, is also the Lamb of God, who shed His blood on Calvary's altar for your forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of the Good Shepherd, I therefore forgive you all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

Peace/Salutation

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day, prayed in unison by all (*see bulletin insert*)

Choral Offering: "Behold the Lamb" Words and Music by D. Rambo

First Reading Acts 4:1-12

Psalms 23; John 10:14, 15b, prayed responsively (*worship insert*)

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

Apostles' Creedp. 29 in AGPS

Song of the Day: #233, "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Sermon: "Psalm 23 Revisited"

Offering

Song: #115, "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Prayer of God's People

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayerp. 30 in AGPS

Benediction (Hebrews 13:20-21)

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal testament, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Closing Song: #261, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Dismissal

Life Quotes

April 29 "A mother need never fear children that seem inconvenient or strip her of her 'freedom.' Like Jesus, she can welcome a little child (Mark 10:14). And, when a mother grieves because she aborted her child in a moment of fear, she can look to Jesus the Savior who hears her cry of repentance and welcomes her into His waiting and forgiving arms. In Jesus, she is free to love and defend the blessing of life." *Linda D. Bartlett, www.titu2-4life.org* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday:	St. Philip and St. James, Apostles: Isa. 30:18-21; Eph. 2:19-22; Jn. 14:1-14
9:00AM	Circuit Pastoral Conference Bethany, Lake City
Wednesday: 2:00PM	Fairview Seminary Home Chapel with Pastor Sorenson
5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM	Choir
Next Sunday:	The Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00AM	Fellowship Time
10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion Acolyte: Alicia Hoffman

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today	- Cally Simanski
Monday	- Keith & Carol Dicke
Saturday	- Lois Klair, Keith & Diane Holst

IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson, Melissa Barbey, Barbara Vieths, Janis Thomford, Willard Holst, Cathy Hamilton, Henry Stellrecht (struggling with kidney failure), Burnetta Dicke (recovering from surgery) and Annah Johnson (recovering from a broken back).

Portals of Prayer Box

Bonnie Kassen is looking into sending Portals of Prayer to area incarceration facilities. If you are not using your Portals of Prayer, have extras, or are finished with your copy, please consider placing it in the box in the narthex. Thank you.

Quilts

Today is the last day the Ladies Quilting Group will be displaying the quilts they completed this past season. If you are interested in purchasing a quilt, please contact Marion Kolberg or Ruth Alms. The measurements are approximately 60" x 80" (twin bed size); cost is \$35 each. Those not purchased will be shared with the Women's Shelter and the Goodhue County Christmas Project.

Confirmation Dinner - May 18th

On Friday, May 18th, at 6:00 PM in the evening, our church will provide a dinner for our 2012 confirmands and their families. We are looking for helpers who are willing to provide food and/or service for the meal. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are able to assist. This year we have 5 confirmation students: Megan Bartel, Emme Goranson, Ellee Goranson, Molly Goranson and Katelyn Stehr. Plan on food for approximately thirty people. Thank you in advance. The public examination of our students will be held on Sunday, May 13th and the service of confirmation will be Sunday, May 20th.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, May 6

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

”It’s Time to Show Whose We Are!”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Connected to Jesus, the True Vine, in all seasons of life, we bear fruit that blesses the lives of others.
(John 15:1-8)

Catechism Review

The Ninth Commandment: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.”

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

What is coveting? Coveting is having a sinful desire for anyone or anything that belongs to our neighbor.

What coveting does God forbid in the Ninth Commandment?

God forbids every sinful desire to get our neighbor’s possessions openly or by trickery.

What does God require of us in the Ninth Commandment? We should be content with what God has given us and assist our neighbor in keeping what God has given that person.

Vacation Bible School

Immanuel-Hay Creek will again team up with St. Peter’s-Belvidere to provide Vacation Bible School for our children and community. VBS will be held in the evenings from Sunday, June 24th through Thursday, June 28th. More details will be provided in next week’s bulletin. Pastor Sorenson will again provide music and his percussion instruments to delight the children. We would like to get a rough estimate of our attendance, so you are asked to please try to sign up your children by Sunday, May 13th. A sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Thanks.

Walk for Life at Bay Point Park

New Beginnings Family Services invites you to participate in a walk for life on May 12th at Bay Point Park. The event will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM. The goal is to raise money for New Beginnings and their work of teaching about human life and protecting human life. Pastor Sorenson will walk this year as a representative of our church. If you would like to sponsor him, please see the form in the narthex. You will need to write a check made out to “New Beginnings” or give cash as Pastor has not set up an online registration. If anyone would like to be a walker and collect pledges for New Beginnings, Pastor can provide you with a form of your own.

Invitation from Immanuel Lutheran Church Women-Plainview

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The ladies of Immanuel Lutheran Church-Plainview invite you to our Women’s Expo on May 12th as part of the Carley Bluebell Festival. There will be approximately 30 vendors with items for sale, plus our Bake Sale and Salad Lunch. We will have door prizes throughout the day, free goody bags and you can play Bluebell Basket Shop-hop and enter to win a Women’s Wellness Basket!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans of Wabasha County is supplementing funds from our Bake Sale and Salad Lunch in order to help two local families in need.

Please attend our mission fundraiser and bring your friends.

Further details are on the bulletin board.