

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**Sixth Sunday of Easter** **April 27, 2008**

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**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  
Ringin of the Bell  
Opening Hymn: #554, "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"  
Invocation and Opening Verses ..... p. 184  
Confession and Absolution ..... p. 184-185  
Introit of the Day, prayed responsively ..... worship insert  
Kyrie ..... p. 186  
Gloria in Excelsis ..... pp. 187-189  
Salutation and Collect of the Day ..... p. 189  
First Reading ..... Acts 17:16-31  
Gradual, prayed responsively ..... worship insert  
Epistle ..... 1 Peter 3:13-22  
Alleluia ..... p. 190  
Holy Gospel ..... John 14:15-21  
Responses ..... pp. 190-191  
Apostles' Creed ..... p. 192  
Hymn of the Day: #548, "Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"  
Sermon: "Hell's Defeat – Our Victory"  
Offering  
Offertory ..... pp. 192-193  
Prayer of the Church  
P: Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**  
Lord's Prayer ..... p. 196  
Concluding Collect  
Benediction and Triple Amen ..... p. 202  
Closing Hymn: #821, "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"  
Silent Prayer  
Announcements  
Postlude

**DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Wednesday: 5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
No Choir Practice  
Thursday: Day of Ascension  
St. Philip and St. James, Apostles:  
Mal. 3:16-18; Eph. 2:19-22; John 14:1-14  
7:30PM Worship with Holy Communion  
Friday: Church Spring Cleaning  
7:30PM Fellowship Club at Horn's  
Saturday: Church Spring Cleaning  
7AM-4PM CILS Garage Sale at Concordia  
Next Sun: 9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
10:00AM Fellowship Time  
10:30AM Worship with Holy Communion  
11:45AM Congregational Lunch hosted by Ladies Aid

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Today - M/M Terry Frazier  
Monday - Hilbert Gerdes, Suzanne von Knobelsdorff  
Tuesday - Cally Simanski  
Wednesday - M/M Keith Dicke  
Saturday - Ruth Ofstie

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing);  
Harold Augustin (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer);  
Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan  
Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie  
Kassen in remission from Lymphoma); Garland Bradley (husband of  
prospective member, in need of healing); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver  
transplant); Marian Burkhard (receiving treatments for skin cancer); Cheri  
Greenwaldt (healing for her and her baby Callie born prematurely); Ryan  
Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident);  
Elaine Diercks (recovering from open heart surgery); Katie O'Connor (has  
a tumor); Janice Kassen (recovering from surgery); the Carlson family (as  
they mourn the loss of Walter, Vera's brother).

**Congregational Lunch – May 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Ladies Aid of Immanuel will be having a lunch for the congregation  
after worship on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. All members of Immanuel are invited to  
attend and are also encouraged to bring friends and/or relatives from  
outside the congregation. A free-will offering will be taken. Thrivent  
Financial for Lutherans will be providing supplemental funds and proceeds  
will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the church.

### **Fellowship Time Treat Sign-Up**

A new sign-up sheet for those who would like to bring treats for fellowship time has been posted on the bulletin board. It covers dates through the end of May. All donations collected during this time will go towards the building project.

### **Church Clean-Up Days**

Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> have been designated church clean-up days. Our school building also needs some work. A sign-up sheet with a wide range of jobs has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are willing to help out. If everyone takes just one job, the work will get done quickly and efficiently. Thanks in advance for your participation.

### **Orphan Grain Train Collection at Immanuel**

All congregations in the Minnesota North and South Districts are invited to collect new socks and underwear (men's, women's and children's) for Orphan Grain Train. Please place your donated items in the basket marked: "Orphan Grain Train." Pastor Sorenson will be bringing the collection to the ingathering at the Minnesota State Pastoral Conference on May 12th - 14th. The orphan Grain Train is an organization that provides relief for human need worldwide. Thank you.

### **Confirmation Dinner**

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to help with the confirmation dinner at 6:00PM, May 16<sup>th</sup>. This year we have two young men being confirmed: Kelvin Hoffman and Tyson Smith. Plan on enough food for those who serve at the event plus twenty people. If you have specific questions, please speak with Pastor Sorenson. Thanks.

### ***Thank You from the Miller Family***

*Dear Members of Immanuel Church:*

*We would like to thank all of you for your help. Your donations helped us a lot when we needed it. We will always be grateful to you and will remember your generosity. Again, thank you.*

*God bless you all,*

*Nadjat, Stella, and Rayan*

### **Life Quote – April 2**

"Christians must realize that abortion—and the pandemic of devaluing life abortion spawns—is a spiritual issue. There will be 'nothing new under the sun' regarding the sanctity of human life until Christians realize this, act upon it, and bring their influence to bear to transform a society obsessed with death into a society that upholds the preciousness of life." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life. Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

### **"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, May 4**

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

**"This is Eternal Life"**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

Life ends. That's a fact of life. But for those who know Jesus, there is eternal life. (John 17:3)

### **A Little History as We Celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

In many of Immanuel's historical documents, the writers are careful to note three letters after Immanuel's name: U.A.C. These three letters are fundamental to who we were, who we are today, and where we are going in the future. In 1855, Samuel Simon Schmucker of the General Synod proposed, along with Benjamin Kurtz and Samuel Sprecher the "Definite Synodical Platform." This document contained the "American Recension of the Augsburg Confession." Here was a case where "Lutherans" came out against private confession and absolution, the doctrine of baptismal regeneration, and also the Real Presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion! To make a long story short, solid, faithful Lutherans were appalled that some would try to change our Biblical, God-given doctrine, even though such changes would make so-called "Lutherans" more at home in the realm of American Christianity. Biblical Lutheran Churches often put U.A.C. after their names to indicate that they would not modify their beliefs from that of the original Augsburg Confession. U.A.C. stands for "Unaltered Augsburg Confession." Still today, Immanuel is a church of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession. The doctrine of this document is drawn entirely from the Word of God, and need not be changed at all. Charles Porterfield Krauth of the Philadelphia Seminary spoke for the faithful Lutherans when he proclaimed: "The Unaltered Augsburg Confession is by preeminence the confession of that faith. The acceptance of its doctrines and the avowal of them without equivocation or mental reservation make, mark and identify that Church which alone in the true, original, historical, and honest sense is the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The only churches, therefore, in any land which are properly in Unity of the Communion, and by conscience entitled to its name, Evangelical Lutheran, are those which sincerely hold and truthfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession."