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All Saints' Day (Observed)

November 6, 2011

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.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude

Ring of the Bell

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Commemoration of the Departed in Christ

P: "I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13). On this day we remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company

of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

C: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember before You, O Lord, those departed family and friends who have gone before us in the Christian faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of trust in You and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises. In the glad confidence that we will be with You forever because of Your grace and mercy, we pray with all the saints still on earth: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

(Silence as we hear the chimes and reflect on the victory of sainted family and friends)

P: Let us pray. Gracious Father in Jesus Christ, we remember with thanksgiving before You all those who now rejoice upon another shore and in greater light, those whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints, we may laud and magnify Your glorious name forever, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Cross Procession/Hymn: #670, "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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Hymn of the Day: #673, "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Sermon: "A Glimpse from Beyond the Grave"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution Hymns:

#742, "For Me to Live Is Jesus"

#744, "Amazing Grace"

#748, "I'm But a Stranger Here"

Collect of the Day

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #677, "For All the Saints"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

Life Quotes

November 6 "There are many perspectives from which to view adoption. Perhaps we Christians will find needed strength and encouragement and hope when we view it through our adoption by God in Christ. Apart from Christ, all His children are adopted. He must know something about it!"
Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

A Service of Rededication and Thanksgiving for St. John's, Hammond Today at 4:00 PM

Many churches (including our own) helped the men and women of St. John's, Hammond following the Zumbro Valley Flood of September, 2010. A special service of thanksgiving will be held today at 4 PM at St. John's. Light refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome to join with the Hammond brothers and sisters in this time of joy.

Men and Women of the Armed Forces

Pastor Sorenson needs to get updates on those in our congregation who are currently serving in the military of our country. This will help ensure accuracy in the Sunday morning prayers and will also help the Fellowship Club as they make plans to send Christmas gifts. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	4:00PM	St. John's Hammond Rededication Service
	4:30PM	LLL Rally in Rochester
Monday:	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Wednesday:	3:30PM	New Member Class
	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:		Martin Luther's Birthday (1483)
	7:30PM	Women's Bible Study
Friday:		Veteran's Day
	10:30AM	KWNG Recording Session
	7:00PM	Board of Elders
		CSP Careers Retreat
Saturday:		CSP Careers Retreat for 9 th -12 th Graders
Next Sunday:		22 nd Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship
	3:00/4:00PM	4H Meeting at Church
	6:00PM	Nybo's Family Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- Steve Alms, Leah Dicke, Andrew Germann-Hutter
Monday	- Tyson Smith
Wednesday	- Marge Augustin, Greg & Pam Germann
Thursday	- Tony VonBargen
Friday	- Tanner Smith, Carter Dicke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson, Melissa Barbey, Fred Voth, Wendy Suiter, Barb Vieths, Janis Thomford, Margie Stumpf (recovering from a heart attack), Willard Holst (recovering from several heart attacks), and the Ballman family (as they rejoice in the birth of Micah).

Thank You to New Member, Bobbi Langhans

Many thanks to Bobbi Langhans for her willingness to serve as the Immanuel Coordinator for the Goodhue County Christmas Project. Our church will again support three families from our area who are in need of assistance at Christmas time. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Exploring Careers Weekend Retreat

Concordia University-St. Paul will host an exploring careers weekend retreat for students in the 9th through 12th grades. The weekend is Friday, November 11th, to Saturday, November 12th, 2011. The purpose of this event is to help high school students discover their calling in God's world. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the programs and majors offered at CSP, stay overnight in the residence halls with current CSP students, explore the CSP campus, worship with and meet high school students from around the country, meet CSP faculty, and participate in Bible studies exploring vocation. To register online, please visit www.csp.edu/exploringcareers. This event is free, but you need to register by November 1st. You may contact Emily Owen in the Office of Admission at 651-603-6288 for registration or more information. Note: If you are a student who wants to attend but you do not have transportation, please talk to Pastor Sorenson and he will provide you with help. Concordia University - St. Paul is Pastor's alma mater and is one of the universities owned and operated by The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Youth Lock-In

It's that time again. Time for a youth lock-in at church! All ages are welcome. The event will begin on Friday, November 25th at 8:00 PM and will conclude on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM. Students are encouraged to bring snacks to share. You may also bring movies to watch, provided they have a G or PG rating. Please also bring \$5 for pizza and soda. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Any adults who would like to help chaperone the event are encouraged to sign-up as well!

Explanation of the Small Catechism - Review

What does God require of us in the First Commandment?

God requires that we fear, love, and trust in Him above all things. A) We fear God above all things when we revere Him alone as the highest being, honor Him with our lives, and avoid what displeases Him. B) We love God above all things when we cling to Him alone as our God and gladly devote our lives to His service. C) We trust in God above all things when we commit our lives completely to His keeping and rely on Him for help in every need.

Second Annual Winter Coat Drive

The AutoFinance Center is collecting winter coats for local needy families. Please bring in your lightly used or new winter coats and we will get the items to THE HOPE COALITION, and they will see that the items get to the right families. Last year's coat drive was very successful in helping local families; we are hoping to make this year even better! The AutoFinance Center is located at 224 W 7th St. (kiddy corner from Kwik Trip). Drop off items any time between the hours of 9 and 6 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, or on Saturday from 9 to 3. Thanks for your generosity.

Bottles for Babies

During the month of November, our congregation will participate in the Bottles for Babies program which goes to support the needs of mothers working with the New Beginnings Pregnancy Center in Red Wing. It's an easy project. Just take a baby bottle from the box in the narthex, fill it with spare change during the next month, and then bring it back to church by the beginning of December. It's a simple fundraiser. But with many churches and individuals participating, it really adds up to many blessings for the mothers being served. If you would prefer to write a check to New Beginnings, just place it in one of the bottles before you leave today!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, November 13

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

"Be Encouraged by His Coming"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Those who trust in Christ await His return with joy, for He comes with life, light, forgiveness and hope. He comes to put darkness and sin in their place, once and for all. (1 Thessalonians 5:4-9)