

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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18th Sunday After Pentecost

October 4, 2009

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 we celebrate the mission and work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The LWML supports LCMS missions through the collection of funds in "Mite Boxes" and by encouraging women to witness and live the Christian faith. The service we use today incorporates elements of the liturgy used at the LWML Convention in Portland, Oregon. Held in June, the theme for the Convention was drawn from Psalm 121 and Isaiah 52: "Look to the Hills...God Reigns." Employing the first of these readings, Pastor Sorenson will speak today on the theme: "Look to the Hills...God Saves."

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #790 Verses 1-3

Invocation and Litany

P: In the name of the Father,

C: our God reigns!

P: And of the Son,

C: our God reigns!

P: And of the Holy Spirit,

C: our God reigns!

P: I lift my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from?

C: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

P: How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,

C: who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #790 Verses 4-5

Collect of the Day

Old TestamentGenesis 2:18-25

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Solo/Psalmody: "I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains" Christopher Willcock

EpistleHebrews 2:1-13

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, #952

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed see back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #733

Sermon: "Look to the Hills...God Saves"

Offering

General Prayer

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession)

P: Merciful Father in heaven,

C: I confess that I am sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and I do not deserve to be called Your child. But because of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from sin and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lord's Prayer see back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Distribution

#637, "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

#435, "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

#855, verses 1, 3, 4, "For All the Faithful Women"

Post-Communion Prayer: LWML Pledge (prayed in unison)

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bring the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Benediction

P: Confident that our God reigns and saves, let us go and share His love.

C: We serve the Lord with gladness.

P: Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and strengthen you for faithful service in this world.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Text: Ernest Lewerenz Tune: St. Gertrude, #662

1)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

2)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gives us command
To proclaim the Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like we, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

3)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master Work in His employ
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

Silent Prayer/Chimes

Announcements

Postlude

Life Quote – October 4

"Look at your hands. They are now Christ's hands of blessing in this world. Use them to be a blessing because there are so many who are treated as insignificant, of no value, and are in danger of being trampled upon. Yes, Christ's big hands of blessing are right here in His Church and in this world." *Rev. Dr. Glenn A. Nielsen, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life.**

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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:		No CILS – Teacher Work Day Fall Pastoral Conference – Mankato
	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday:		CILS Picture Day Fall Pastoral Conference - Mankato
Wednesday:	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:	8:30AM	CILS Religion CILS Early Dismissal
	7PM-9PM	Pro-Life Event at All Saints – Lakeville
	7:30PM	Women's Bible Study
Next Sunday:	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class (CILS Students sing at Concordia at 9:15AM)
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Placing of CILS Teachers

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- Donna Edquist, Jonathan Schmitz, M/M Mark Henderson
Monday	- Darla Stumpf
Tuesday	- Jacob Duden
Thursday	- Bonnie McRae
Saturday	- Greg Germann, Brian Goranson, Kim Laffey, Gretel Meyer

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Paul Nystuen, Marian Burkard, Philip Sorenson, Larry Horn, Dave Dicke, Carol Koester, Ruth Ofstie, Orville Augustin, Jenny Bauer, Leslie Germann-Hutter and Sara (Voth) Kroll.

Strength and Peace: Syvilla Madsen and Harold Augustin.

Comfort for the Bereaved: Jerry and Rosie Kohn and Becky Kirtz as they reflect on the passing of Kim Voth.

Catechism Review

The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

**“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, October 11
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)**

“Jesus Loved Him, But ...”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Is the love of God conditional? Does wealth get in the way of God?
(Mark 10:21-22)

Pro-Life Event – All Are Welcome!

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) is sponsoring a Pro-Life Evening on Thursday, October 8th, from 7-9 PM at All Saints Church in Lakeville. You will learn about how to help pregnant women in need, and be presented with the facts of abortion, stem cell research, and more. Learn how you can make a difference in protecting human life. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments at this free gathering. More information has been posted on the bulletin board.

Thank You from Sara Sorenson

A special thanks to all members of Immanuel who came to hear my organ recital last Sunday at Concordia University, St. Paul. Your presence means so much to me. I treasure your friendship, encouragement, and support. God bless you! And may our gracious Savior continue to bless Immanuel – Hay Creek!

Thank You from Irene Pasche

I would like to thank you for the many cards, letters and gifts I received for my birthday. It was a wonderful celebration shared with many relatives and friends. Again, my sincere thanks. God Bless!

Faith in Action – Plant a Tree

With Faith in Action's Living Tree Program, you can have a tree planted in someone's name or honor a special event in someone's life. There is one more day of planting this fall. Different kinds of trees are available, but all range between two and four feet at delivery. The cost range is between \$140-150. The project helps raise funds for Faith in Action in Red Wing. You can designate a tree for your own property or give to support the Beautification Project for the pathway between the Middle School and the Covenant Church. If interested, please call the Faith in Action office at 385-3290. Don't delay, this opportunity ends soon.

Youth Event – October 24th

Weather permitting, Pastor will take any interested youth of Immanuel (plus friends from outside the congregation) to Afton Apple Orchard on Saturday, October 24th. Please be at church at 4:00PM. Afton features a huge 15-acre corn maze with 6 miles of twists and turns, a “no left turn” straw bale maze, and a rubber hose maze. The cost to participate is \$8.00. If you desire to spend additional money at the orchard or on other treats, you will need to bring extra cash. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who plan to attend. Adults who would like to chaperon are encouraged to speak to Pastor at their earliest convenience.

Chili Lunch and Silent Auction – November 1

Mark your calendars and plan now to attend the annual chili lunch and auction to be held after the church service on Sunday, November 1st. All members of the congregation are invited to participate. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to provide food or can work at the lunch. Contact Jim Dicke or Karen Stemmann with items you would like to donate to the auction. Additional details will be available in the coming weeks.

The 22nd Annual Minnesota Lutheran Free Conference

The theme for this year's conference is "Yes We Can." Under this general theme, the following will be explored: "Yes We Can Preserve our Scriptural and Theological Confessions," "Yes We Can Preserve our Synodical Structure While Fixing What Needs Fixing," and "Yes We Can Preserve our Confessional Identity in a Changing Country and World." Speaking on the first topic will be the Southern Illinois District President, Rev. Herbert C. Mueller, Jr. The former director of the Concordia Historical Institute and the new pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Evansville, Indiana, Rev. Dr. Martin Noland, will speak on the second topic. The speaker for the third topic will be Rev. Dr. Albert B. Collver, III, Executive Staff with LCMS Board for Human Care. The conference will be held on Saturday, October 17th, from 9:30AM to 3:30PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church (located at 2719 3rd St. N in St. Cloud, MN). Registration is \$25 per person, and includes coffee and rolls and lunch. Pre-registration is not required. However, if you plan to attend, you are asked to call 320-252-8171 so that those preparing lunch are able to plan ahead. Thank you.