

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**Palm Sunday**

**March 16, 2008**

**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 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

Ringling of the Bell

Processional Liturgy for Palm Sunday

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David.** (Wave Palms)

Palm Sunday Prayer

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel: John 12:12-19

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

P: Let us go forth in peace

**C: in the name of the Lord.** (Wave Palms)

Processional Hymn: #442, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C: Hosanna in the highest!** (Wave Palms)

Responsive Reading of Pss. 24:7-10; 118:26 (see worship insert)

Collect of the Day

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 (KJV)

Choral Offering: "Thee We Adore" Theodore Dubois Arr. R. R. Peery

Holy Gospel: Matthew 27:11-66

Nicene Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #341, "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Sermon: "Welcome Your King!"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

Confession and Absolution

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

*(Silence for self-examination)*

P: Holy and Gracious God,

**C: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy" ..... p. 161

Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Peace

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

**C: Amen.**

Distribution Hymns:

#617, "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

#441, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

#425, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #443, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Announcements

Postlude

## 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 (wife of Bonnie Kassen's nephew – she has preeclampsia and is an unbeliever); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident).

## **Easter Egg Hunt - March 22**

Nikki Scheele and Leslie Germann-Hutter have graciously agreed to organize this year's Easter Egg Hunt. The event will be at 10:00 AM on Holy Saturday (March 22) in Immanuel's schoolyard. All families with children are encouraged to attend. If you would like to help with this event, please speak either to Nikki or Leslie at your earliest convenience.

## DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	12:00PM	Palm Sunday Brunch
Monday:		St. Patrick, Missionary to Ireland
Wednesday:		St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus
		No CILS – Teacher Work Day
	5:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
Thursday:	2:00PM	Worship with Holy Communion
	7:30PM	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30PM	Choir
Friday:	7:30PM	Service of Darkness
Holy Saturday:		Dan. 3:1, 3-9, 12-29; 1 Pet. 3:17-22;
		Matt. 27:57-66
	10:00AM	Easter Egg Hunt
Next Sun:		The Festival of Easter
	9:30AM	Fellowship Time
	10:00AM	Worship with Holy Communion

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday	- Traci Turner, M/M Stan Klair
Tuesday	- Sue Domagala
Wednesday	- Matt Diercks
Thursday	- Brian Augustin, Jennifer Carlson, Dan Langhans
Saturday	- Kevin Holm

## **Life Quote – March 16**

"We welcome children because we know that children are not just haphazard 'products of conception.' No, they are people known by God before the world began, people for whom Christ died, people whom God wants as part of His family ... they are precious to God." *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## **"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 23**

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

**"Come See"**

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

Over the centuries many sinful souls have responded to the angel's invitation to, "Come, see." Looking into the empty tomb they see the completion of God's plan to save them. (Matthew 28:5)

**Chuck Lieder's mother** passed away last week. If you are interested in sending a card to the Lieder's, their mailing address is: Chuck & Elaine Lieder, 500 South Grant Street, Fairmont, MN 56031

### **Responses for the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee/Payment for July 19<sup>th</sup> Meal**

A box has been placed in the Fellowship Hall for you to submit your responses concerning the 150th Anniversary activities. Please remember to put your name on the card you submit! If you prefer, you may also mail your information to the church's address. If you wish to pay for your meals before July 19th, please include a check made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church with your RSVP. It's \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Your payment in advance will enable us to more quickly provide food service. Please provide this information to extended family members who may be interested in coming. If you have questions, please speak to Gail Dicke. Thank you.

### **How About a Garage Sale?**

Would the congregation be interested in donating items to the church for a spring garage sale? Pastor thinks this might be a fun project to set up in advance of the 100 mile community garage sale this spring. We could have the items displayed in the fellowship hall. This would give us the opportunity to have some new people see our facilities. Pastor is willing to make the arrangements and oversee the project. Please consider donating items such as clothes, housewares, crafts, books, etc. If you would like to volunteer in any other ways, please see Pastor. The money raised from this project could go to support Immanuel's building fund.

### **Exploring Church Careers**

On Friday, April 18th and Saturday, April 19th, Concordia University, St. Paul will host the "Exploring Church Careers Weekend Retreat." This event is designed to help high school students discover their calling in God's world. During the retreat, students will have the opportunity to learn about different types of professional church careers, stay overnight with current Concordia students, explore the CSP campus, worship with and meet other high school students from around the country, meet CSP faculty, and participate in Bible studies aimed at exploring vocation. For all 9th through 12th graders this event is FREE! Register online at [www.csp.edu/exploringchurchcareers](http://www.csp.edu/exploringchurchcareers) or call Emily Heine at 1-800-333-4705 (email: [heine@csp.edu](mailto:heine@csp.edu)). Registration deadline is April 8, 2008.

### **Hiawatha Zone Spring Rally**

"God is Our Refuge" is the theme for the Hiawatha LWML Zone Spring Rally at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Potsdam. It will be held on Saturday, April 5th with registration starting at 8:30 AM and the program beginning at 9:00 AM. The registration fee is \$8. The speaker will be Pastor Merlin Stephan of St. Mark's in Rushford. He will speak about the experience of the August 2007 flood. The Bible Study will be led by Pastor Lowell Sorenson of Immanuel, Hay Creek. The Gifts of the Heart will be gathered for the Plainview-Elgin Food Shelf. Non-perishable may be brought to the Rally. A flier has been posted on the bulletin board.

### **Grief Support Group**

The Mayo Hospice Program is offering a seven-week Grief Support Group in Wabasha, beginning March 24th, 2008. The group is offered free of charge as part of the Mayo Hospice Program's community outreach to bereaved individuals. However, registration is required. The group will meet on seven consecutive Mondays beginning on March 24th at 4:30. This group is intended to be a safe place for those who have lost a significant person in their lives and are willing to share their experiences and struggles with others in similar situations. The group provides an opportunity to connect with other grieving individuals who understand your needs, concerns and feelings. You do not need to be having a difficult time coping to benefit from the group experience. Meetings will be at the St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in the Education Room at 1200 Grant Boulevard West in Wabasha. For information and registration, please contact Mindy Wise at 651-565-5550 or 1-800-506-5519.

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## **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH MARCH 16 Noon – following the worship service**

**MENU**  
scrambled eggs and ham  
Perkins pancakes  
fresh fruit  
muffins/donuts/sweet rolls  
milk, orange juice, coffee

**Money raised this year will go towards the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator to be kept in the church for medical emergencies. The cost of the AED is about \$2,000. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be providing supplemental funds up to \$600.**

**A basket has been placed in the back of church as you leave today for anyone who is not able to stay for the brunch but would still like to contribute to the purchase of the AED.**

**Thank you!**