

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 5, 2007**

**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

Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "Consider How the Birds Above"

Text: Stephen P. Starke (#736)

Tune: O Jesu Christe, Wahres Licht (#839)

- 1) Consider how the birds above Feed day by day with carefree ease –  
Does God not keep them in His love?  
Are we not worth much more than these?

- 2) The lilies grow, they do not toil; How fair is their fragility –  
If God clothes these, which quickly spoil,  
Will He not clothe both you and me?
- 3) Set not your heart on food or drink,  
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;  
About such things the godless think,  
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.
- 4) Be on your guard against all greed,  
For life is more than what we own.  
Our Father knows our ev'ry need  
Before our needs to us are known.
- 5) Be not afraid to suffer loss Of all the things for which you pray,  
For He who faced for You the cross  
Will give you strength to live each day.
- 6) Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,  
His holy name in all you do:  
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;  
All else will then be given you.

Invocation and Opening Versicles

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

**C: Amen.**

P: I will go to the altar of God,

**C: to God my exceeding joy.**

P: Put to death what is earthly in you.

**C: Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator.**

P: For the Lord is good;

**C: His steadfast love endures forever.**

(Ps. 43:4; Col. 3:5; Ps. 100:5)

Confession and Absolution

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination on God's Word)*

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. Forgive my poverty of worship, my neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, my hesitating witness for Christ, and my imperfect stewardship of Your gifts. Create in me a new and right spirit that I may praise Your holy name, sing of Your righteousness in the assembly of Your holy people and speak of Your glory to the world. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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.**

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively ..... worship insert

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading ..... Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Epistle ..... Colossians 3:1-11

Verse

P: Alleluia!

**C: Alleluia!**

P: Whatever you do, work heartily as for the Lord and not for men,

**C: knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. Alleluia!** (Colossians 3:23-24)

Holy Gospel ..... Luke 12:13-21

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

Hymn of the Day: #712, "Seek Ye First"

Sermon: "Fool's Gold"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

Words of Institution

Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

Distribution Hymns:

#730, "What Is the World to Me"

#732, "All Depends on Our Possessing"

#722, "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #643, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Announcements

Postlude

### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	2PM-4PM	Ice Cream Social at St. Martin's, Winona
Monday:		Pastor Sorenson in Canada until August 13th
Tuesday:	7:30PM	Softball vs. MN Correctional Facility
	8:30PM	Softball vs. St. Columbkille
Wednesday:		No Summer Midweek Bible Class
Next Sunday:	9:30AM	Worship with Rev. Eugene Larrabee
	10:30AM	Fellowship Club serving cookies/refreshments
	12:30PM	Dedication at Messiah, LaCrescent

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today	- Pam Holst, Dianne Lee
Monday	- Kelly Langhans, M/M Tim Schmitz
Tuesday	- Pam Germann, M/M Craig Duden
Thursday	- Sheila Boyer
Friday	- Dustin Stumpf
Saturday	- M/M Hilbert Gerdes

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Orville Augustin (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Tom Kolberg (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Kim Burns (recovering from eye surgery); Syvilla Madsen (healing); Kevin Augustin (having heart surgery on Friday); the families affected by the 35W bridge collapse; the Burns family as they mourn the loss of Todd's grandmother.

### **Life Quote – August 5**

"We all have lost loved ones to horrible ailments and illnesses—and we all want and pray for good health. But, we should never deny the reality of the living unborn child in order to save our own skins. No human being has a right to do this at the expense of another's life." *Day Gardner, Director, National Black Pro-Life Union, commenting on embryonic stem cell research. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

### **Ladies – Would you be able to help?**

The Ladies Aid is always willing and happy to serve lunch following funeral services. Because of the decrease in membership and the increase in age, it is sometimes a challenge to find enough workers. If any ladies of the congregation would be willing to help on occasion, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. If certain days are better than others, please indicate that. Thank you for your consideration!

### **A Message and Invitation from Messiah Lutheran Church, LaCrescent**

Messiah Lutheran thanks all who have contributed to our mission as we seek to grow in Christ and reach out that all may know Jesus as Savior and Lord of their lives. Your help has made it possible to purchase the land to build our church. As of April 2007, the land is paid for in full. We are dedicating the church property on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM. You are invited to attend. As part of the celebration, we will be serving sweet corn and brats as a "thank-you" meal. Please RSVP by August 5<sup>th</sup> for this event so that we can make adequate preparations. You may call Doug Holmstadt at 507-643-5160 or e-mail Pastor Hovland at [pastor@messiah-lutheran.com](mailto:pastor@messiah-lutheran.com). Directions to the celebration will be provided when you RSVP. With God's help and blessing, and your continued support and prayers, Messiah hopes to build in the next two years. Thanks again for your support and we hope to see you on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, August 12  
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)**

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

#### **"Picking Your Priorities"**

Some things are important; some are not. Next Sunday's message on "The Lutheran Hour" speaks to how Scripture wants us to pick our priorities. (Luke 12:33-34)

### **Anniversary Party Invitation**

The congregation of Immanuel is invited to help Pat and Tim Schmitz celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 12<sup>th</sup> at Colvill Park. The event will be held from 5-10PM at the Courtyard Pavilion. Come enjoy food, beverages and music!

### **Lawnmower for Sale**

Are you in need of a nice Craftsman riding lawn mower? The first \$300, or best offer, buys it! See Brad Diercks or Neil Stemmann for details. The profits will go to the Immanuel Building Fund.

### **Adopt-A-Chair**

How would you like to adopt a chair for our new narthex? For the cost of \$25 you can help us get some new furniture for our new building. This is a neat idea!! Simply make your check out to Immanuel Lutheran Church for the cost of the number of chairs you would like to donate (for example, \$25 x 2 = \$50). Put your check in an envelope that reads Adopt-A-Chair or write Adopt-A-Chair in the memo section of your check and put it in the offering plate. At this point, we need 28 more chairs. Thanks for your consideration!

### **Sunday School Volunteers Needed**

Believe it or not, the school year is upon us. Pastor Sorenson has begun the search for Sunday School teachers. We are looking for people willing to teach the following classes: Preschool/Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Feel free to split up responsibilities. For example, if three people want to share responsibilities for one class to cut down on the weekly commitment, that is acceptable. If you have further questions, talk to Pastor.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Want to help build a Habitat House? We currently have a home under construction in Red Wing and we will be building in Zumbrota and Kenyon later this year. Please consider organizing or being part of a volunteer work crew. You don't have to have special skills, just the interest. For building information, call Parker at the Habitat office (388-9360, extension 32). If you would like to contribute financially, checks should be made out to Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity and sent to 480 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Red Wing, MN 55066. Thank you.

### **LCEF's Steward Account**

LCMS members invest in the church when they invest in the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. You earn from 2.375% to 4.125% (as of May 2007) along with many features common to money markets while you help build LCMS churches and schools. Find out more by visiting [www.lcef.org](http://www.lcef.org) or call 1-800-THE-LCEF.

### **Request from the Sesquicentennial Committee**

The committee responsible for planning events for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary desires your help. They are looking for photographs of any of the following:

- The earliest and latest softball teams at Immanuel
- A pre-1958 Christmas picture of the Church
- Any pictures of significant groundbreaking activities in our history
- Picture of the school building on the day of its dedication

If you have any of the above, please contact Pastor Sorenson. We are not looking to keep anyone's photographs permanently, just to use them carefully for a brief period of time. Thanks for your consideration.

### **150th Anniversary Banner**

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is looking for people who might be interested in working on a church banner for the sesquicentennial in 2008. If you would like to volunteer, please see Rosie Kohn or call her at 388-7590.