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The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 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.

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Catechism Recitation – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
(First)

P: What is Baptism?

C: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

P: Which is that Word of God?

C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

(Second)

P: What benefits does Baptism give?

C: It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

P: Which are these words and promises of God?

C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

(Third)

P: How can water do such great things?

C: Certainly not just water, but the Word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God's Word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."

(Fourth)

P: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C: It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: Where is this written?

C: St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through Baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Office Hymn: #405, "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

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Hymn of the Day: #594, "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

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Creedal Hymn: #953, "We All Believe in One True God"

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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 1:00PM Retirement Program for Pastor Stehr, Concordia
2:00PM Thanksgiving and Praise Service, Concordia
3:00PM Refreshments and Open Microphone on the occasion of Pastor Stehr's Retirement
7:30PM Nybo's Family Night
Tuesday: 7:00PM Board of Elders
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Thursday: 2:00PM Ladies Aid Prayer Service/Mite Collection
7:30PM CILS School Board Meeting, Concordia
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00AM Fellowship Time
10:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (strength and peace amidst cancer); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (healing); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (finished chemotherapy; in need of healing); Dale Safe (Pat Banitt's brother, recovering from a bull attack); Linda Soifakis (resurgence of cancer); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Phillip Sorenson (diagnosed with Adult Onset Cystic Fibrosis); Marge Augustin (recovering from eye surgery); Harold Augustin (for peace and comfort); Larry Horn (diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma); Sara (Voth) Kroll (niece to Becky Kirtz and Rosie Kohn, undergoing cancer treatments); Marion Kolberg (healing from knee replacement surgery); Marilyn Kromminga (strength and healing for mother of Kim Burns); the family and friends of Russ Clevenger (mourning his loss).

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Thursday - Lindsay Henderson
Friday - Chris Ballman
Saturday - Travis Edquist

2008 Annual Report

Karen Stemmann and Pastor Sorenson need information from the boards and committees in order to compile the congregation's 2008 annual report. Please submit these drafts to Karen or Pastor at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Farewell and Retirement of the Reverend Ronald Stehr

Members of Concordia Lutheran Church have planned events for today in thanksgiving to God for the ministry and service of Pastor Ron Stehr, who preaches this morning the last sermon of his full-time ministry. The members of Immanuel are invited to a retirement program at 1:00 this afternoon, to be followed by a praise service at 2:00 and refreshments served at 3:00. We rejoice with our brothers and sisters of Concordia as they reflect on the years of service of Pastor Stehr. We pray for God's blessings upon his retirement and for God's leading as Concordia calls a new man of God's Word.

Automobile Help Needed – A Message from Mrs. Robert Gordish

The congregations of Concordia and Immanuel formerly helped Ms. Nadjat Miller who came to our community in need of housing and assistance. Nadjat currently works in the day-care program connected with Concordia. She is using a broken down car that is in need of major repairs; particularly bad is her broken windshield. The cost to repair it is \$300. If anyone has resources to help Nadjat, perhaps even with an old car that you are planning on disposing of, please contact Mrs. Gordish at 388-4543.

Life Quote – January 11

"We lose more babies through abortion every year than the total fatalities in all of the wars in which we have ever participated, commencing with the French and Indian War and including the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War I, and Gulf War II. What's wrong with religious people who are not making this their paramount issue?" *Dr. Richard Land, president of The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org**

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 18

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

"Come and See"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Jesus says to those who have overlooked or undervalued Him, "Come and see." (John 1:50-51)

Reaching Rural America For Christ

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would be interested in attending a conference with Pastor Sorenson on rural ministry and mission work. The event is scheduled for January 24th from 9AM – 5PM and will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madelia, MN. The seminar will be led by Dr. Ralph Geisler (an LCMS expert on evangelism and rural ministries). The cost is \$50/congregation and includes materials and lunch for up to ten people from the congregation. Please sign up before January 14th if you would like to participate.