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15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 17, 2017

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 blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a 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 members of Immanuel who have been confirmed 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

Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #901, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(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 for forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that my heart may rest in Your grace.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His grace and rise to serve Him.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively worship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

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Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th 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!

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Hymn of the Day: #843, "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"
Tune: #857 (St. Flavian)

Sermon: "Our Forgiving God and His Forgiving People"

Offering

Prayer of the Church
P: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

Admonition to the Communicants

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

The Words of Institution

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

Distribution (by continuous line)
#623, "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"
#641, "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
#617, "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Blessing
Post-Communion Prayer
Closing Hymn: #632, "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" with
"Amen"

Chimes/Silent Prayer
Announcements
Postlude

CATECHISM REVIEW – CREATION

What does God do to take care of me?

A) He gives me food and clothing, home and family, work and play, and all that I need from day to day.

B) "He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil."

Why does God do this for us?

"All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me."

YOUTH PIZZA/MOVIE NIGHT - RESCHEDULED

The Youth Night, scheduled for this coming Saturday evening, is being rescheduled due to youth conflicts with the date. Pastor wants to know if September 30th at the same time would work out better. Let him know this morning, if possible. The sign-up sheet is still posted on the bulletin board for those who are able to attend on the 30th. Please bring \$5 for pizza.

FELLOWSHIP TIME TREATS

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to bring treats for Fellowship time on Sunday mornings (9:45 AM to 10:00 AM).

Please avoid items with nuts as we have people with serious allergies.

Sara Sorenson makes the coffee and lemonade. You bring the cookies or bars or fruit.

PASTOR SORENSON IN "THE RED WING SINGERS"

Congratulations to Pastor Sorenson who was asked to audition for "The Red Wing Singers." He passed the audition with a German solo piece by Robert Schumann, "Ich Grolle Nicht," as well as sight-singing and range testing. He began rehearsing last Monday night. Pastor will let you know when the holiday concert will be held.

LIFE QUOTE

September 17 "Every time you meet another human being you have the opportunity. It's a chance at holiness. For you will do one of two things. Either you will build him up or you will tear him down. There are no useless, minor meetings. There are no dead-end jobs. There are no pointless lives. Swallow your sorrows; forget your grievances and all the hurt your poor life has sustained. Turn your face truly to the human before you and let her, for one pure moment, shine. Think her important, and then she will suspect that she is fashioned of God." *Walt Wangerin, pastor and author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*

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