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14th Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 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 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.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (AGPS #147)

Text: Henry van Dyke; Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven

1)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

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2)

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3)

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

Invocation and Opening Dialog

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

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: Our help comes from the Lord,

C: Who redeems us from sin, death, and hell.

P: Our help comes from the Lord,

C: Who opens our eyes to see Jesus.

P: Our help comes from the Lord,

C: Who opens our ears to hear God's Word.

P: Our help comes from the Lord,

C: Who loosens our tongues to confess Jesus as Lord.

P: Our help comes from the Lord,

C: Who leads us to walk in the way of truth.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Confession

P: Hear the Word of the Lord from the Epistle of James, the first chapter:

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

(Silence for reflection and confession)

P: O Lord,

C: I confess unto You that I have not been quick to listen. I have been more concerned with speaking than hearing. My speech has not been Christ-centered, and I have expressed my anger inappropriately. I have failed to live the righteous life to which You have called me. Furthermore, I have not rid myself of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent in society. Lord, turn

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my heart back to Your Word and protect me from all deception and evil doings. Hear my confession and grant me Your unfailing grace for the sake of Jesus, who has done all things well.

Absolution

P: Be strong. Fear not. God touches us with His healing mercy, declaring us righteous and granting us His grace through the merits of Christ, our Lord. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Song of Praise: "I Will Sing of the Mercies" (AGPS #133)
(Adapt. from Psalm 89:1)

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing. I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing. I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.
(Repeat)

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35:4-7a

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song: "Thy Word Is a Lamp" (AGPS #247)

Text: Amy Grant Tune: Michael W. Smith

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Epistle James 2:1-10, 14-18

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Song: "Thy Word Is a Lamp" (AGPS #247)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
and I will love You to the end.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Holy Gospel Mark 7:31-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th 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

Song of the Day: "Open Our Eyes" (AGPS #195)

Text/Tune: Bob Cull

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, Help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
(Repeat)

Sermon: "An Oasis of Salvation"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer see back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution Songs

"Just As I Am" (AGPS #148)

Text: Charlotte Elliott Tune: William B. Bradbury

1)

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2)
Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3)
Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promises I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4)
Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

"We Thank You, Lord, for Eyes to See" (AGPS #260)

Text: Jeanette Perkins; Tune: Ellacombe; Edited/Revised: L. Sorenson

1)
We thank You, Lord, for eyes to see The beauty of the earth;
For ears to hear the words of love And happy sounds of mirth.

2)
For minds that find new thoughts to think, New wonders to explore;
For health and freedom to enjoy The good You have in store.

3)
Oh, may our eyes be open, Lord, To see our neighbor's need;
And may our ears be kept alert Their cries for help to heed.

4)
Make keen our minds to plan the best For one another's good,
That all the world be brought to Christ One godly neighborhood.

"Savior, Stay with Me" (AGPS #206)

Text: Martin J. Maehr Tune: J. A. Freylinghausen

1)
Savior, stay with me this morn, As You have since I was born.
Please watch over me each hour, Guide me with Your mighty pow'r.

2)
Savior, stay with me this day, While I work and while I play.
I know that You love me true. Help me show my love for You.

3)
Savior, stay with me tonight. Send Your love and peace and light.
Keep me safe within Your love, Till You take me home above.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessing

P: Be strong and do not fear. The Lord your God has come. He has come to save you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Song: "Brothers and Sisters" (AGPS #78)

Text/Tune: Terry K. Dittmer

1)
Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.
Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior and King!
Here brought together by grace, We are gathered as friends in this place.
And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, Celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

2)
Man walked alone and in need, Without faith, hope or promise or creed;
Wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;
That God in His mercy would save All His people from death and the grave.

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, Celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

3)
Lord, teach us how to proclaim All Your goodness, Your love and Your name!

Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong.
And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, Celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Dismissal

(Worship resources for today's service were taken from "All God's People Sing," a CPH publication of which the church has sufficient quantity. The rights of the publisher, authors, and composers of all materials have been assiduously guarded.)

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	Labor Day
Tuesday:	CILS Begins
	9:00AM Circuit Conference at Immanuel
	7:00PM Board of Elders with Pastor Tim Kinne
Wednesday:	9:00AM LWML Delegate Board Meeting – Plainview
	4:30PM 5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM Choir
Thursday:	8:30AM CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson
	7:30PM Women's Bible Study
Friday:	6:00PM Fellowship Club at Bridgett's Café, Zumbrota
Saturday:	3:30PM Wedding of Adam Dicke and Melissa Huneke At St. Columbkille's
Next Sunday:	Fall Schedule Resumes
	9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM Fellowship Time
	10:30AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- Leslie Hutter, M/M Donald Kliewer
Monday	- Dan Banitt, Lucas Stumpf, M/M Kevin Hoffman
Tuesday	- Jordan Taylor
Wednesday	- Katherine Lieder
Thursday	- Todd Burns
Saturday	- Allison Abell, M/M Jerry Holm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Paul Nystuen, Marian Burkard, Linda Soifakis, Philip Sorenson, Larry Horn, Dave Dicke, Carol Koester, Ruth Ofstie, Orville Augustin and Jenny Bauer.

Strength and Peace: Syvilla Madsen and Harold Augustin.

Fall Schedule to Resume

The fall schedule for Sunday morning activities will resume next Sunday, Sept. 13th. Sunday School and Bible Class will be held at 9:00 a.m. with the Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Communion will remain the first and third Sundays of the month.

Fellowship Time Treats

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to bring treats for fellowship time. We will again have fellowship time every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. starting September 13th. Coffee and punch will be provided each week, but we need people who are willing to bring items like cookies, bars, etc. Thank you! If you have questions, please speak with Sara Sorenson.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Teachers are needed for the following Sunday School classes: 1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade, 5th-8th grade, and high school. If interested, please sign up on the bulletin board or speak with Pastor Sorenson. Willingness to team teach cuts down on the need to be at Sunday School every week. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the children of the church and grow in your own faith. Please prayerfully consider your involvement in this vital work.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

On Sunday, September 13th, the Adult Bible Class will begin a new study: "Church Denominations and Their Distinctive Differences." The theology and practices of many churches will be discussed and analyzed according to Holy Scripture. All members of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to attend this study. No previous Bible Study experience is necessary; furthermore, you will not be put on the spot to answer questions! Sunday morning Adult Bible Class is held September through May at 9:00AM.

Bethany Lutheran Guest Day - Rescheduled

Carol Jeffers will not be able to speak this week on her mission trip to Mexico. Therefore, the Guest Day at Bethany Lutheran Church is being postponed to October 8th at 2:00PM. Everyone at Hay Creek is invited to come and hear Carol's presentation, view pictures of her trip, and enjoy refreshments.

Life Quote – September 6

"Opportunities are challenging, because opportunities require that you make decisions. As a Christian, you seek to use your opportunities to do good (Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 5:16; Colossians 4:5). The Bible gives Christians two commands: 'love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself' (Luke 10:27). These principles shape your values, and your values guide your actions when faced with opportunities." *Paul Snamiska, of Christian Life Resources.* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life.** www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 13

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

"A Big Mouth"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Cruel words can wound and kill. The Word of Christ brings healing, forgiveness, and life. (James 3:8-10)

Church Billboard Opportunity

Pastor Sorenson is very excited about the opportunity to use a billboard on Highway 58 to get the word out about Immanuel Lutheran Church and our teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The billboard is being offered to the church at an incredibly reasonable rate through Pastor's negotiations: \$250 for set-up, \$260 a month. This is way below half price!! Pastor is wondering if some members of the congregation would like to financially go in on this project with him as a gift to the church. Even if we had the support of five or six people this project could be accomplished quickly and efficiently. Those who may be interested in helping out are asked to visit with Pastor after the service today or call him at 388-4577. The decision to go ahead with this project needs to be made before the end of the week. Thanks for your consideration.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Immanuel's church choir will resume weekly rehearsals on September 9th at 7:30PM. One thing you should know about church choir: THEY HAVE FUN! If you like to sing and you also want to have some fun, consider joining the choir. No previous choral experience is necessary – just a desire to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! We especially need sopranos, but there is plenty of room in every section. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. If you have further questions, please talk to Sara Sorenson at your convenience (388-4577). Thank you!

Who Stands in Need of Your Witness?

The Minnesota South District in convention in June adopted a mission resolution to help congregations focus their actions on outreach and develop relationships to bring people to Christ. The resolution encourages each member of district congregations to pray for at least three people who do not know the blessings of Christ and His Church and to find opportunities to witness to them. Let's take that challenge here at Immanuel, Hay Creek! Who in our lives does not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? Who has been estranged from His Church? These people stand in need of our help. With the Holy Spirit leading us through His Word, we can witness to our Easter faith.

90th Birthday Celebration for Irene Pasche

Members of Immanuel are invited to join Irene Pasche's family as they celebrate her 90th birthday from 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19th in our Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck dinner and a story to share about Irene. The family will provide beverages, meat, beans and cake. Please RSVP to Marion Kolberg (388-2722) if you can make the celebration. Hope to see you there.