

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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Second Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2010

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
Ringing of the Bell
Opening Hymn: #345, "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

Invocation and Opening Verses

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

C: Amen.

P: John the Baptist came crying in the wilderness:

C: Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight; bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

P: He called people to be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins.

C: We were baptized into Christ and have put on Christ.

P: The Lord delivers the needy when they call.

C: From oppression and violence He redeems their life.

(Mt. 3:3, 8; Gal. 3:27; Ps. 72:12, 14)

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 and personal confession)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively (see worship insert)

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be To God.

Epistle Romans 15:4-13

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd 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!

Hymn of the Day: #344, "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Sermon: "The Prescription for a Blessed Christmas"

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 Hymns:

#346, "When All the World Was Cursed"

#628, "Your Table I Approach"

#343, "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Post-Communion Prayer

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 Hymn: #331, "The Advent of Our King"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	TBA	Ladies Quilting Project
Tuesday:	2:45PM	Red Wing Health Center Chapel with Pastor Sorenson
Wednesday:	4:30Pm	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	6:30PM	Advent Midweek Supper
	7:30PM	Advent Midweek Service
	8:15PM	Choir
Thursday:		No Women's Bible Class This Month
Saturday:	9:00AM	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice
Next Sunday:		Third Sunday in Advent
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Christmas Carols/Lessons at Immanuel, Plainview
	7:30PM	Nybo's Family Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- Kelsey Reding, Jerry Stehr
Monday	- Steve & Maureen Alms
Thursday	- Bob & Mary Augustin
Friday	- Jerry Holm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Sue Dicke, Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Lori Ramig (recovering from a heart transplant), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack) and Irene Gerdes (healing for her wrist).

Advent Midweek Services and Supper

The congregation is again celebrating the season of Advent with midweek fellowship and worship activities. This year's topic is: "The Candles of Advent." Pastor will speak each week on the candles in the Advent wreath and what these mean for our life of faith in Christ. Supper will be served at 6:30 PM and the worship will take place in the fellowship hall at 7:30 PM. A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to bring a supper. Please plan for around thirty people.

Life Quote – December 5

"A baby is God's opinion that life should go on." *Carl Sandburg, American poet and biographer.* **This Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life.**
www.lutheransforlife.org

Goodhue County Christmas Project

This year Immanuel is participating in the Goodhue County Christmas Project and was designated to help three needy families. A poster in the narthex displays what items we need. You are asked to take a yellow star from the Christmas tree bearing the name of an item and write your name on the orange star underneath. Please bring your unwrapped items to church and place them under the Christmas tree. All donations need to be received by December 19th. Thank you for your consideration and care for others.

Sunday School Christmas Program

At 6:30 p.m., December 19th, the Sunday School children will share the story of Christmas with us. Anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument for the program is asked to contact Leslie Germann-Hutter at 388-1654 or Nikki Scheele at 388-2775. Leslie may also be reached through e-mail: corynles@dishmail.net. God's blessing to all the families of our congregation as we prepare for Christmas!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 12
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)
"God's Thoughts"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

God's ways are not ours, but they ought to be. His thoughts are not ours, but they should be. That was the message of John the Baptizer. (Matthew 11:2-6)

Fellowship Time Treats

A new sign-up sheet has been posted for those interested in bringing treats to share for fellowship time. Fellowship time is held in the fellowship hall between 10:00 and 10:25 on Sunday mornings. It's a great opportunity to connect with your Christian friends before worship. If you haven't participated in fellowship time before, please know that you are always welcome.

Snow Shoveling

Winter has arrived and the church is in need of volunteers to shovel sidewalks before services or events. If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Food Shelf Collection

New Horizons will be collecting for the Red Wing Area Food Shelf during the month of December. A box has been placed in the entryway for food and monetary donations. Please bring your donations to church by December 19th. Thank you.

2011 Offering Envelopes

Envelope packets for 2010 are on the bench in the narthex. Please pick them up as you leave today.

Catechism Review: The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."