

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**October 26, 2008**

**The Festival of the Reformation (observed)**

**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

Invocation and Opening Statement

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God has promised to save His people purely by His grace. David sang of his reliance on God's protection in Psalm 46, and Martin Luther used that Psalm as the basis for his hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Let us begin our worship by using both the Psalm and the hymn to praise God for His mighty deliverance through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hymn: #656 Verses 1-2, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Responsive Reading of Psalm 46:1-7

P: God is our refuge and strength,

**C: a very present help in trouble.**

P: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

**C: though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

P: though its waters roar and foam,

**C: though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**C: the holy habitation of the Most High.**

P: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

**C: God will help her when morning dawns.**

P: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

**C: He utters His voice, the earth melts.**

P: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Hymn: #656 Verse 3, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Responsive Reading of Psalm 46:8-11

P: Come, behold the works of the Lord,

**C: how He has brought desolations on the earth.**

P: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

**C: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.**

P: "Be still, and know that I am God.

**C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in all the earth."**

P: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Hymn: #656 Verse 4, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Collect of the Day

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Choral Offering: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" Adapt. John Dressler

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession: #488, "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth 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 ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #565, "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Sermon: "The Truth That Sets Us Free"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

P: God has defended His people from the assaults of the enemy throughout history. We have professed our faith, our trust, in His rescue from evils within time and for eternity. Yet in our individual lives and even as His Church today, we are led to confess that our thoughts, words, and actions have not matched our valiant professions of faith. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper for us to examine ourselves, confess our sins, and ask His forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most gracious God,

**C: we confess that we have not relied on You as the mighty fortress that You are. When the old satanic foe seems near, when we recognize hordes of his cohorts, we tremble. When the earth gives way beneath our feet or when our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse are in jeopardy, we fear the worst. Forgive and strengthen us, heavenly Father, that we may stand with Your Son, here in time and forever with You in eternity.**

P: God knows what you can bear. He is your shelter in the storm. He has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to take the punishment for us all. In this life, skirmishes continue against sin, death, and the devil. But the battle has been won. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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: #563, "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

#633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

#617, "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #822, "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Table Prayer

Postlude

### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	11:45AM	Chili Lunch/Silent Auction Fundraiser
Tuesday:		St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles: Jer. 26:1-16; 1 Jn. 4:1-6; Jn. 14:21-27
	7:30PM	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Friday:		Reformation Day: Jer. 31:31-34; Rom. 3:19-28; Jn. 8:31-36
Saturday:	9:00AM	LWML Fall Conference Rally – Trinity, Elgin (registration starts at 8:15AM)
Next Sunday:		All Saints' Day (Observed)
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Festival Worship with Remembrance of Mildred Reitman
	11:30AM	Lunch

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Saturday - Doug Callstrom

### **Quarterly Voters' Meeting – October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars for the quarterly meeting of the voters' assembly to be held this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. If you are not a voting member and desire to become one, please speak with Pastor or one of the elders at your earliest convenience. Consider assisting Christ's people here in this place as we, under the Lord's guidance, plan for our church's future.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); 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 (recovering from surgery); Jan Langhans (healing from a broken wrist); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); those mourning the loss of Mildred Reitman.

### **No Communion Next Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Since we celebrated Holy Communion for the Festival of Reformation today and since the service on November 2<sup>nd</sup> will in part be a memorial service in remembrance of Mildred Reitman, Holy Communion will not be served that day. If you desire a private communion visit because of this schedule change, please speak with Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience. Thanks.

### **Remembering God's Blessings to Mildred Reitman**

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, during the All Saints' Day worship service at 10:30 a.m., the Immanuel congregation will corporately remember the Lord's work in the life of Mildred Reitman. Mildred had been Immanuel's oldest member at 97 years of age. Mildred requested that no separate church funeral be held, but that a brief memorial rite be offered in connection with a Sunday service. Since next week is All Saints' Day, we will remember her as we rejoice with all those who have departed to be with Christ in heaven.

### **Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!**

The choir is in need of additional voices—especially male voices. They meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. for practice and would welcome your participation. If you enjoy singing, please consider this opportunity – the choir adds so much to the worship service.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictures for Sale**

Wouldn't you like to buy a photograph commemorating Immanuel's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? Pictures are available for sale after church this morning. Three options are open to you: a 6 x 15 color photo of the panoramic shot, a 6 x 15 of the panoramic shot in black and white, and a 8 x 10 color print of the group shot that includes the church steeple. The cost is \$5 for any one of these pictures. Reorders of our picture stock will be processed as needed. These pictures would make great gifts!

### **Fall Conference LWML Rally**

On Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, LWML members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin will host the Fall Conference Rally. The theme for the event is "Faith Comes by Hearing." Pastoral Counselor Lowell Sorenson will lead the Bible study on Romans 10:17, and the speakers for the day will be Jerry and Carol Loewe of Mission Central Minnesota. Registration begins at 8:15AM with the Opening at 9:00AM. The cost is \$8 and includes lunch. The Ingathering of paper and cleaning products is for the Ronald McDonald House. Trinity, Elgin is located at 305 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, Elgin. An announcement has been posted on the bulletin board.

### **"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, November 2**

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

#### **"No Hope"**

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

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." A young man's funeral shows what it means to mourn without hope. (Matthew 5:4)

### **Life Quote – October 26**

"The value of human life from the moment of conception flows from God. He gives, redeems, and sustains life. He works in lives giving meaning and purpose according to His will. He alone decides when life should end ... Take God at His Word ... and the value and dignity of human life is an irrefutable and wonderful truth! Passage after passage proclaims God's love for life and His willingness to demonstrate that love through the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ. Be Lutherans who are willing to change, but never change God's Word of Life. Instead, share it, proclaim it, and rejoice daily in it." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life. Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

### **A Little History as We Celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The first orphanage of Synod was established at Des Peres, Missouri, in 1868. By 1900 there were 8 Synod orphanages in various sections of the country, and for 30 years institutional care was the predominant form of service offered by Lutheran agencies to dependent children. The first synodical agency to concern itself with the placement of children in foster families (for eventual legal adoption or for reunion with parents) was founded in 1896 in Wisconsin, when the Children's Friend Society of Wisconsin came into existence.

## **Chili Lunch and Silent Auction – Today**

*Sponsored by New Horizons  
Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial For Lutherans  
Proceeds will go towards landscaping around the church*

### **Menu**

**chili – cinnamon rolls – bars – coffee, milk, lemonade**

### **Auction Items**

*(that were known at the time the bulletin was printed)*

Artistic Photos of the Church (framed)  
Quarter of Beef  
Two 30 lb. Boxes of Assorted Beef  
(steaks, roasts, hamburger)  
Two 7 lb. Boxes of Hamburger, Chickens  
Fresh Potatoes, Home-Canned Tomato Juice  
Apple Pies  
Basket of Tastefully Simple Products  
Crocheted Afghan  
Greeting Cards

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### **Annual Coffee Break**

Fairview Red Wing Auxiliary will be holding its Annual Coffee Break on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at the door. All proceeds are given as scholarships to area students going into medical fields. Hope to see you on November 6<sup>th</sup>!