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2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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: #659, "Lord of Our Life"

Invocation and Scripture Mosaic on the Sanctity of Human Life
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into His nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. (Gen. 2:7)

C: You shall not murder. (Ex. 20:13)

P: Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall His blood be shed, for God made man in His own image. (Gen. 9:6)

C: For You formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

P: I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.

C: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. (Ps. 139:13-15)

P: Do you thus repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people? Is not He your Father, who created you, who made you and established you? (Deut. 32:6) Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own;

C: for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us make confession of our sin in humble repentance.

(Silence for meditation and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not honored You with our bodies and our lives. So often we have done those things You do not desire us to do. Our thoughts have been impure. Our words have been unkind. We have not stood up for the helpless; we have not honored the life You have created in all humankind. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

P: You are bought with the price of the blood of Jesus, our Lord, shed on the cross for your sins. For His sake, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise: #842, "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: God of life and light, You have created us in Your image, redeemed us from sin, and desire all to be filled with Your Spirit. Grant that we may honor the sanctity of all human life, protecting the weak and helpless, caring for the child and respecting the elder, honoring each person as Your special creation. In honoring and loving them, grant that we may also honor and love You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel John 1:43-51
Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st 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: #844, "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

Sermon: "You Are Not Your Own" (1 Cor. 6:19)

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution Hymns:

#618, "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

#851, "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

#850, "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #660, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	No CILS
	1:00PM Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday:	7:00PM Church Council
Wednesday:	5:30PM 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM Choir
Thursday:	Roe v. Wade Anniversary – Remembrance of Unborn Victims
	12:00PM March for Life – State Capitol
	7:30PM Women's Bible Study
Friday:	10:00AM Chapel at Hi-Park with Pastor Sorenson
	CILS Second Quarter Ends
Saturday:	St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor:
	Acts 16:1-5; 1 Tim. 6:11-16; Matt. 24:42-47
	9AM-5PM Reaching Rural America for Christ Seminar at Trinity, Madelia
Next Sunday:	3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany
	The Conversion of St. Paul
	9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM Fellowship Time
	10:30AM Friendship Sunday Worship

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); Helen Tschida (recovering from a heart attack).

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Saturday - Vicky Hoffman, Barb Kelm

March for Life at the State Capitol

Do you want to do something tangible to show your support for unborn children and their mothers in need of protection? Come to the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life March at the State Capitol this Thursday, January 22nd, at 12:00PM. The 2009 March for Life commemorates the 36th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade and Die v. Bolton U.S. Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Your presence at the Capitol will send a clear message to state lawmakers that the majority of Minnesotans believe in the humanity of the unborn child. March for life! March for women! March for justice!

Friendship Sunday – January 25th

Don't forget that next Sunday is Friendship Sunday and will feature a more informal worship format. You are encouraged to invite relatives, friends, co-workers, and other guests to worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church and hear the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Remember, mission starts in your back yard.

Annual Meeting of the Voters' Assembly

The Annual Voters' Meeting of Immanuel is scheduled for 7:30PM on Monday, January 26th. All voters are encouraged to come and help make decisions pertaining to the business affairs of the congregation. If you are interested in joining the Voters' Assembly, please speak with Pastor Sorenson or one of the elders at your earliest convenience. A preliminary agenda for the meeting will be provided in next week's bulletin.

Pro-Life Petition

Do you believe taxpayers should have to help fund abortions? Do you believe in forcing hospitals and health care professionals to provide abortion services? Do you agree with forcing employer health insurance plans to cover abortions? What do you think of The Freedom of Choice Act that would invalidate all state and federal laws limiting abortion, nullify parental notification laws, and make partial-birth abortion legal again? If you recognize the moral urgency in defeating The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), please sign the National Right to Life petition in the narthex.

Life Quote – January 18

"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in *Roe v. Wade* has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts—a child—as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters." *Mother Teresa. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org*

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 25

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

"A Change in Plans"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Paul Devantier (Concordia Seminary)

Once you receive God's wonderful gift of faith in Christ, you can be sure God has plans for you, and they may involve a change in your plans. (Mark 1: 14-20)

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.