

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK
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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 12, 2007

Special Guest, Pastor Eugene Larrabee

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.

Prelude

Welcome and Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "God of Our Fathers"

Text: Daniel C. Roberts Tune: George W. Warren

- 1) God of our fathers, whose Almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.
- 2) Your love divine has led us in the past;
In this free land by You our lot is cast;
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Your Word our Law, Your paths our chosen way.
- 3) From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
- 4) Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with heav'n born love and grace
Until at last we meet before Your face.

Invocation and Opening Versicles

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

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

**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.**

Prayer of the Day, prayed together in unison

Lord, as we look at our existence, we ask: "Why was I born? What am I
doing here? Is there a purpose for my being?" Your Word in Ecclesiastes
tells us: "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under
heaven - a time to be born, a time to die, a time to harvest what is planted,
a time to weep and laugh, a time to mourn and dance, a time to embrace
and refrain from embracing, a time to keep silent and a time to speak, a
time to love and a time for peace." Help us to live for God's glory, fulfilling
His purposes as Queen Esther did. And all of God's people said: "Amen!
Amen! Amen!"

Old Testament ReadingGenesis 15:1-6

EpistleHebrews 11:1-16

Holy Gospel Luke 12:22-34

Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #966, "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

Sermon: "For Such a Time as This" Esther 4:1-16

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Morning Prayer, prayed in unison

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings
and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body
and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on
you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you
and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #715, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

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| Today: | 10:30AM | Fellowship Club serving refreshments |
| | 12:30PM | Dedication at Messiah, La Crescent |
| Tuesday: | 7:00PM | Board of Elders |
| Wednesday: | | St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord |
| | | Isa. 61:7-11; Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 1:39-55 |
| | 7:30PM | Summer Midweek Bible Class |
| Thursday: | 2:00PM | Ladies Aid |
| | 7:00PM | School Board Meeting at Immanuel |
| Saturday: | 1PM-6PM | Youth Room Open |
| Next Sunday: | 9:30AM | Worship with Holy Communion |

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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| Monday | - Joel Ofstie, Jeff Rehder |
| Tuesday | - Trevor Dicke |
| Wednesday | - Glenn Alms, Stan Klair |
| Thursday | - Dave Arndt, Jeremy Schafer |
| Friday | - Marian Burkard |
| Saturday | - Jim Kelm |

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Orville Augustin (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Tom Kolberg (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Kim Burns (recovering from eye surgery); Syvilla Madsen (healing); Kevin Augustin (healing from heart surgery).

Anniversary Party Invitation

The congregation of Immanuel is invited to help Pat and Tim Schmitz celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on August 12th at Colvill Park. The event will be held from 5-10PM at the Courtyard Pavilion. Come enjoy food, beverages and music!

Lawnmower for Sale

Are you in need of a nice Craftsman riding lawn mower? The first \$300, or best offer, buys it! See Brad Diercks or Neil Stemmann for details. The profits will go to the Immanuel Building Fund.

Cleaning and Moving Day

New Horizons will be having a cleaning and moving day for the new church building on Saturday, August 25th. Everyone in the congregation is invited to come. Watch your church box for more details!

VBS – The Great Bible Reef – August 20-24 – 6:00-8:00PM

Immanuel School Building

Each student is asked to bring an all-white, cotton t-shirt for a tie-die project. Please bring your shirt the first day. The students will sing some of their songs during the worship service on August 26th. Helpers are still needed. You may contact Sheila Stehr with any questions or concerns at 923-4708 or jsstehr@sleepyeyetel.net.

Adopt-A-Chair

How would you like to adopt a chair for our new narthex? For the cost of \$25 you can help us get some new furniture for our new building. This is a neat idea!! Simply make your check out to Immanuel Lutheran Church for the cost of the number of chairs you would like to donate (for example, \$25 x 2 = \$50). Put your check in an envelope that reads Adopt-A-Chair or write Adopt-A-Chair in the memo section of your check and put it in the offering plate. At this point, we need 28 more chairs. Thanks for your consideration!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Believe it or not, the school year is upon us. Pastor Sorenson has begun the search for Sunday School teachers. We are looking for people willing to teach the following classes: Preschool/Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade, 3rd through 6th Grade, 7th and 8th Grade and High School. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Feel free to split up responsibilities. For example, if three people want to share responsibilities for one class to cut down on the weekly commitment, that is acceptable. If you have further questions, talk to Pastor.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, August 19

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

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

“Grasping the Obvious”

Some things seem to be so obvious that we’re amazed anyone could miss them. Next Sunday’s message on “The Lutheran Hour” speaks to the obvious clues God gives for recognizing the Christ. (Luke 12:54b-56)

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Attention: All members of the Stewardship Committee

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 28th, at 7:00PM. We need to meet again to continue our planning for the next phase of fundraising for our building project. If you have ideas but absolutely cannot make the meeting, please see Pastor Sorenson sometime before the 28th. Thank you!

Life Quote – August 12

“To care for the sick and old and dying through the last days of their journey through life is the very mark of civilization itself ... Our interdependence is part of our humanity, and indeed, our civilization ... We are all burdens upon each other at various cycles of our lives; but we grow in bearing one another's burdens and draw enlightenment and wisdom from the experience.” *Mary Kenny, journalist, writing in the British newspaper, “The Times.”* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life /** www.lutheransforlife.org

Ladies – Would you be able to help?

The Ladies Aid is always willing and happy to serve lunch following funeral services. Because of the decrease in membership and the increase in age, it is sometimes a challenge to find enough workers. If any ladies of the congregation would be willing to help on occasion, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. If certain days are better than others, please indicate that. Thank you for your consideration!

MCCL Oratory Contest

High school juniors and seniors: Enter the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Oratory Content and win cash! Students write and present an original 5-7 minute pro-life speech on abortion, euthanasia, infanticide or stem cell research. The winner receives \$50 and advances to the MCCL State Oratory Contest held in April in St. Paul. The state winner receives an expense-paid trip for two to compete in the National Right to Life Oratory Contest, to be held July 5, 2008, in Washington, D.C. The local contest will be held at 6 PM on September 23 in Goodhue. For details, contact Marlys McNamara at 651-923-5117; registration deadline is September 9th.

A Letter from Jacob Scott

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your support for my education and training at the Seminary this past year! It is truly appreciated and I am humbled.

Summer is here in St. Louis! I have quite a few updates since I last wrote! The big news is that I was accepted for study next year at our sister seminary in Oberursel, Germany (the Lutherische Theologische Hochschule) as part of an exchange program between the LCMS and the Selbständige Evangelisch - Lutherische Kirche (SELK) (a small, German Lutheran church body with whom we have full altar and pulpit fellowship). Oberursel is 15 kilometers north of Frankfurt, Germany. Equally as exciting as the opportunity to study in Germany for a year is the fact that my youngest brother is stationed a few hours from Oberursel with the United States Army; so I will be a lot closer to him, too! All the courses are in German, so I have been trying to brush up between all my other studies! I will be in Germany for a year, so this will delay my vicarage until I return. Then, after vicarage, I will return to St. Louis for my final year of study.

Academically, courses are progressing quite well. I am finishing my second year of studies. I enjoy my classes and find them both challenging and rewarding. There are limitless opportunities here for spiritual growth and professional growth through seminars, Bible studies and simply interacting with the faculty and other students. I am about to start a course on preaching the Old Testament as well as a course on the Gospels. I'll finish class the first week in August, and then return home to Minnesota for a few weeks before I leave for Germany.

I continue to serve in the Army reserves, though very soon I will transition into the Chaplain Candidate program. I have been approved by the faculty here; my application to the Synod for endorsement is under review and I am gathering the requisite paperwork for the rest of the packet that goes forward to the Chaplain Corps. For summer recreation, I play outfield on the Concordia Seminary "Preachers" baseball team.

I pray God's continued blessings on you! To God alone be the glory!

In Christ,

Jacob A. Scott