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The Second Sunday in Advent

December 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.

Prelude
Welcome
Ring of the Bell
Opening Hymn: #343, "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively worship insert

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:1-7b

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Philippians 1:2-11

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Luke 3:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 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!

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

Sermon: "Advent Children of God"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for self-examination and reflection on God's Word)

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 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.

Lord's Prayer see back cover of hymnal
Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Distribution Hymns:

#628, "Your Table I Approach"

#610, "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

#346, "When All the World Was Cursed"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #345, "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

Life Quote – December 6

"Christmas is an end and a beginning. Jesus' birth marks the end of His nine-month development in Mary's womb. Jesus "became flesh"—became a human being—at the moment of His holy conception (Luke 1:35). He developed as we all did, except without sin (Hebrews 2:14-17, 4:15).

Jesus' birth marks the beginning of His being seen and dwelling among us as the Son of the Father 'full of grace and truth.'" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life.* **This "Life Quote" is from**

Lutherans For Life. www.lutheransforlife.org

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 20th. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	12:30PM	CILS Program Practice
Tuesday:	8:30AM	CILS Religion
	7:00PM	Board of Elders
Wednesday:	9:30AM	CILS Program Practice
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	6:30PM	Advent Midweek Supper
	7:30PM	Advent Midweek Service
	8:15PM	Choir
Thursday:	8:30AM	CILS Religion
	12:30PM	CILS Program Practice
Friday:	9:30AM	CILS Chapel with Youth Encounter
	6:00PM	Fellowship Club Christmas Party at M. Alms
	(TBA)	CILS Staff/School Board Christmas Party
Saturday:	9AM-12PM	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
	7:30PM	Nybo's Family Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today	- M/M Steve Alms
Wednesday	- M/M Bob Langhans
Thursday	- Jerry Holm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Paul Nystuen, Philip Sorenson, Larry Horn, Dave Dicke, Ruth Ofstie, Jenny Bauer, Sara (Voth) Kroll, Lana Horn, and Barb Kelm.

Strength and Peace: Syvilla Madsen and Harold Augustin.

Preparing for Military Service: David Banitt

Advent Midweek Suppers and Services

The whole congregation is warmly invited to attend the Advent Midweek Suppers and Services being held in Immanuel's fellowship hall. The suppers begin on Wednesdays at 6:30PM and the services start at 7:30PM. We are still seeking volunteers to bring supper for the last week, December 16th. The theme for this year's services is: "Three Cries of Advent from Isaiah 40." The remaining dates and topics are as follows:

December 9 – "The Cry of Release" Isaiah 40:2

December 16 – "The Cry to Prepare" Isaiah 40:3

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, December 13
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)
“Imagine No Religion”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

What would the world be like without religion? We don't have to imagine.
The evidence from history is clear. (Luke 7:18-19)

Catechism Review

The Creed: The Third Article: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Nybo's Family Night News

Those participating in the December Family Night at Nybo's Lanes will get a bargain. The prices will be \$1 per game and \$1 for shoe rental. If you haven't attended a Family Night at Nybo's before, consider making the December event your first. The evening is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m.

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 Immanuel's 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.

2010 Offering Envelopes

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