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Terror in Our Land: The 10th Anniversary of September 11th

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 Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "There Is a Time for Everything" LSB #762 Text: Stephen P. Starke Tune: O Grosser Gott LSB #810

1) There

There is a time for ev'rything, A time for all that life may bring: A time to plant, a time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep, A time to heal, a time to slay, A time to build where rubble lay, A time to die, a time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born.

2)

A time to hold, then be alone, A time to gather scattered stone, A time to break, a time to mend, A time to search and then to end, A time to keep, then throw away, A time to speak, then nothing say, A time for war till hatreds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.

3)

Eternal Lord, Your wisdom sees And fathoms all life's tragedies; You know our grief, You hear our sighs – In mercy, dry our tear stained eyes.

From evil times, You bring great good; Beneath the cross, we've safely stood.

Though dimly now life's path we trace, One day we shall see face to face. 4) (Rise)

Before all time had yet begun, You, Father, planned to give Your Son;

Lord Jesus Christ, with timeless grace, You have redeemed our timebound race;

O Holy Spirit, Paraclete, Your timely work in us complete; Blest Trinity, Your praise we sing – There is a time for ev'rything!

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading (Selected Verses from Psalms 94, 62, 73, 18, and 33)

- P: Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands for me against evildoers?
- C: If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.
- P: When I thought, "My foot slips," Your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.
- C: When the cares of my heart are many, Your consolations cheer my soul.
- P: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.
- C: On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
- P: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
- C: It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.
- P: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.
- C: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.
- P: Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
- C: even as we hope in You.

The Litanypp. 288-289

Collect of the Day (spoken by Pastor)

Hymn: #752, "Be Still, My Soul"

Old Testament ReadingGenesis 50:15-21

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 143:1-2, 9 (prayed responsively – see worship insert)

Epistle Romans 14:1-12

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verses: Psalm 34:9, 19 (chanted by Pastor)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th 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!

Apostles' Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

Text: Paul Gerhardt LSB #754 Tune: Angel's Song, LSB #527

1)

Entrust your days and burdens To God's most loving hand; He cares for you while ruling The sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the tempests Along their thund'rous ways Will find for you a pathway And guide you all your days. 2)

Rely on God your Savior And find your life secure.

Make His work your foundation That your work may endure.

No anxious thought, no worry, No self-tormenting care

Can win your Father's favor; His heart is moved by prayer.

3)

Take heart, have hope, my spirit, And do not be dismayed; God helps in ev'ry trial And makes you unafraid. Await His time with patience Through darkest hours of night Until the sun you hoped for Delights your eager sight.

Leave all to His direction; His wisdom rules for you In ways to rouse your wonder At all His love can do. Soon He, His promise keeping, With wonder-working pow'rs Will banish from your spirit What gave you troubled hours. 5)

O blessed heir of heaven, You'll hear the song resound Of endless jubilation When you with life are crowned. In your right hand your Maker Will place the victor's palm, And you will thank Him gladly With heaven's joyful psalm.

Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen, With joy our spirits bless Until we see the ending Of all our life's distress. And so throughout our lifetime Keep us within Your care And at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.

Sermon: "God at Ground Zero"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

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: #718, "Jesus, Lead Thou On" Chimes and Silent Prayer Announcements Postlude

Sunday School Teacher(s) Needed for 3rd and 4th Grade Class

Sunday School has begun and we are still in need of some help. Thank you to Jim Dicke who taught the 3rd and 4th Grade Class this week! Pastor is looking for someone to teach the 3rd and 4th grade class for the 2011-2012 Sunday School year. Team teaching is encouraged (that way you can trade off between weeks or months). Please speak with Pastor at your earliest convenience if you are able to help.

Confirmation and Choir to Begin

Confirmation instruction and choir practice will resume on Wednesday, September 14th. 5th and 6th grade confirmation is held at 4:30 PM (every other Wednesday), 7th and 8th grade confirmation is held at 5:30 PM (every week), and choir will rehearse at 7:30 PM (every week). Anyone who would like to join the choir is welcome and encouraged to do so. If you want more information about the church choir, please speak with Sara Sorenson.

Fellowship Time Treats

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to bring treats for church fellowship time. This twenty five minute period is a time of conversation and snacks between the education hour and the worship hour on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to attend!

Youth Event - This Friday

Pastor will meet with the youth of the congregation this coming Friday night at 7:00 PM for a pizza party and game night. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are able to attend. Youth are asked to bring \$5 for the food and beverages.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 3:00/4:00PM 4H Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: 9:30AM Circuit Pastoral Conference at Hay Creek

2:45PM Red Wing Health Center Chapel with Pastor

Sorenson (rescheduled)

Wednesday: Holy Cross Day: Num. 21:4-9; 1 Cor. 1:18-25;

Jn. 12:20-33

9:00AM LWML Fall Board Meeting - Belvidere

4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation 5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:30PM Choir

Thursday: 2:00PM Ladies Aid Topic/Mites

Friday: 7:00PM Youth Pizza and Games Night

Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit (rescheduled)

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time

10:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Allison Abell, Jerry & Denise Holm, Adam & Melissa Dicke

Tuesday - Joshua Ahlgrim, Rosanne StumpfWednesday - Adam Dicke, Fred & Cindy Stumpf

Thursday - Ben Domagala, Lisa Dicke, Brian & Tara Goranson

Friday - Tricia Callstrom, Russell Carlson

Saturday - Ruth Alms, Stan Koester

IN OUR PRAYERS

Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (for successful transplant surgery), Mark Yahn, Jean Bateman, Melissa Barbey, Thor Starch Fred Voth, and Marion Kolberg.

This Week's Mission Challenge

For the week of September 11th, every member of Immanuel is encouraged to write out one or two sentences to explain the question: "What does Jesus mean to me?" Refer to John 3:16 for help. How might you use your sentence(s) to tell others about Jesus? Pray that the Lord provides your opportunities to speak of the love of Jesus Christ.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 18 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

"Hide and Seek? No! Seek and Find"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The seeking God is also the findable Lord. God's invitation to seek and find is one that's full of His grace and mercy. (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Life Quotes

September 11 "Are you a grandparent? Then consider how you can share the Good News with your children and grandchildren. Are you thankful for your grandmother and grandfather? Why not take time now to call or send a note to thank them for bringing the Good News of Christ into your life?" *Kay L. Meyer, director of development for Lutherans For Life* — **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life** — **www.lutheransforlife.org**

Explanation of the Small Catechism – Review

What basic distinction must we keep in mind in order to understand the Bible?

We must sharply distinguish between the Law and the Gospel in the Bible.

What does God teach and do in the Law?

In the Law God commands good works of thought, word, and deed and condemns and punishes sin.

What does God teach and do in the Gospel?

In the Gospel, the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God gives forgiveness, faith, life, and the power to please Him with good works.

Attention Descendants of A. H. Dicke

There will be a brush clean up day at the Old Stone House (home of A.H. Dicke) on Saturday, September 24 at 8 a.m. All generations are encouraged to come and help. The event will be followed by a pot-luck dinner at Immanuel. Those unable to climb the hill are invited to spend the morning visiting at the church fellowship hall. Please contact Becky Kirtz (385-7811) or Vic Voth (380-8760) for more information.

September Stamping Day - Rescheduled

Stampin' with the Spirit will not meet in September on the last Saturday of the month (as is usually the custom). The group will instead assemble this coming Saturday, September 17th, beginning at 9 AM. Anyone who likes to stamp or work on other crafts in a group environment are encouraged to participate. If you can't make it until later in the day, that's fine. Just come when it works for you. Stampin' with the Spirit provides an informal setting to work on projects and share resources in a conversational atmosphere. Meetings are held in the Immanuel fellowship hall. If you have questions, please speak with Bonnie Kassen.