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The Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2010

Service of Recognition for High School Graduates

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
Ring of the Bell

Call to Worship

P: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?
C: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: Amen.

Song of Praise: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings flow" AGPS #198
Text: Thomas Ken Tune: Louis Bourgeois
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, O heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen!

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively see worship insert

Entrance Song: "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" AGPS #120
Text: Andrew Reed and Samuel Longfellow
Tune: Orlando Gibbons

1)
Holy Spirit, light divine, Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Let Your Word dispel the night, Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2)
Holy Spirit, grace divine, Cleanse this sinful heart of mine;
In Your mercy look on me, From sin's bondage set me free.
3)
Holy Spirit, truth divine, Shine upon these eyes of mine;
Send Your radiance from above, Let me know my Savior's love.
4)
Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Fortify this will of mine;
Bend it to Your own pure will, All my life with graces fill.
5)
Holy Spirit, peace divine, Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm the tossing sea, Stayed in Your tranquility.
6)
Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this self of mine;
I Your temple pure would be Now and for eternity.

Responsive Acclamations

P: We praise You, O Lord! We give thanks to You!
**C: Great are Your works, full of honor and majesty, and studied by
all who delight in them.**
P: The works of Your hands are faithful and just.
C: Your precepts are trustworthy.
P: Our fear of You is the beginning of wisdom.
C: You are to be praised forever.
P: All glory to the Almighty Father,
C: the Maker of heaven and earth!
P: All glory to Christ our teacher,
C: Who is the eternal truth!
P: All glory to the Holy Spirit,
C: Who leads us on the path of true wisdom!

Collect of the Day

Scripture Song: "Thy Word" AGPS #247
Text: Amy Grant Tune: Michael W. Smith

Refrain

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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1)
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

2)
Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.
Refrain

First Reading Genesis 11:1-9
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.
Gradual, prayed responsively see worship insert

Second Reading Acts 2:1-21
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

"Alleluia" AGPS #59
Text and Tune: Jerry Sinclair
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel John 14:23-31
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th 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!

Creedal Song: "In God We Believe" AGPS #136
Text: Gregory J. Wismar Tune: Welsh Folk Tune

1)
In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.
2)
In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.
3)
God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

A Litany of Learning

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the
Holy One is understanding.

C: We will trust in the Lord.

P: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

C: And do not rely on your own understanding.

P: In all your ways acknowledge Him,

C: And He will make your paths straight.

P: God says: Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget My Words, or
swerve from them.

C: We will seek wisdom.

P: Now then, listen to instruction and be wise: do not ignore it.

C: We will hear the Words of the Lord.

Song of the Day: "How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts" LW #474

Text: Isaac Watts

Tune: Alexander R. Reinagle

1)
How shall the young secure their hearts And guard their lives from sin?
Your Word the choicest rules imparts To keep the conscience clean.

2)
It's like the sun, a heav'nly light That guides us all the day,
And through the dangers of the night Its lamp shall lead our way.

3)
The starry heav'ns Your rule obey, The earth maintains its place;
And these Your servants night and day Your skill and pow'r express.

4)
But still Your Law and Gospel, Lord, Have lessons more divine;
Earth is not firm as is Your Word, No stars so nobly shine.

5)
Your Word is everlasting truth. How pure its every page!
That Holy Book shall guide our youth And well support our age.

Sermon: Guard the Word of Truth!

Offering and Solo: "Life is A Journey" AGPS #160

Text/Tune: Terry K. Dittmer

Sung by Mary Jo Arndt

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer see back cover of the hymnal

Blessing upon the Graduates

- P: Dear Graduates, you have grown among us through the years, worshiped with us, and joined us as members of the communities where we live. We congratulate you on your accomplishments and, more importantly, recognize you as young adults taking your place among us in the world.
- C: We have seen you grow and develop as individuals with skills and abilities that we have proudly watched you acquire. We rejoice that you are a part of us and are with us as we recognize you this day.**
- P: Some of you, as parents and teachers, have been instrumental in their growing - teaching and sharing with them your beliefs and knowledge, providing moments of encouragement and growth, and offering experiences regarding the responsibilities of life.
- C: We have shared with them what God has shared with us, the hope for life, the blessings and knowledge we have in this world where we live. We have tried to share with them the love and concern for life that the Almighty gives.**
- P: You, our graduates, have learned and grown. Soon you will celebrate your accomplishments in your graduation ceremony. We pray that you will remember our witness and sharing, that you will develop your skills for the betterment of this world, and that you will continue to share with us what you have received from the Lord.

Graduates: *We have learned, yet we know there is more of life to be discovered. We have grown, and we will continue to grow until our earthly life comes to its end. We can never forget the witness you have given. We thank you for all you have shared. We have struggled these last years for new identities. Now we join you in the struggle for new relationships. We will grow; we will develop; and with God's wisdom and Spirit, we pray that we can use our abilities to serve in the care of our communities and for all humankind.*

- P: There is a promise God has given, that He will be with us "to the close of the age," that He will be our God and we His people, that nothing, except our rejection of Him, can keep us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your mother's womb, God knew your name. God breathed life into you. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray:
- C: God of our beginnings, we thank You for the gifts of these graduates - their excitement, their wonder and curiosity, their faith and confession. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer community because**

of them. As they step forward into new ventures, remove their fears with the full knowledge of Your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as disciples in a world that needs the faith given by the Holy Spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of Your light. We ask this blessing upon each of them in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 Song: "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" AGPS #191

Text: Isaac Watts Tune: William H. Havergal

1)

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!

2)

Order my footsteps by Your Word And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

3)

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;
If ever I forget Your way, Restore Your wand'ring sheep.

4)

Make me to walk in Your commands, A most delightful road;
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Distribution of Quilts

The Graduates and Their Plans:

Alan Dicke, Dakota County Tech (Electrical Lineman)

Emma Diercks, South Dakota State—Brookings (Mass Communications, Photojournalism)

Carissa Meyer, St. Cloud State (Undecided)

Amanda Schafer, Salon Professional Academy (Cosmetology)

Announcements

Postlude

(Worship resources for today's service were taken from "All God's People Sing" and "Lutheran Worship," CPH publications of which the church has sufficient quantity. The rights of the publisher, authors, and composers of all materials have been assiduously guarded.)

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:30AM Reception for Graduates
(Thanks to Ladies Aid)

Monday: Pentecost Monday: Isa. 57:15-21;
Acts 10:34a, 42-48; Jn. 3:16-21

Tuesday: Pentecost Tuesday: Isa. 32:14-20;
Acts 8:14-17; Jn. 10:1-10

8:30AM CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson

2:45PM Red Wing Health Center Chapel

8:30PM Adult Softball vs. Apostolic, Field 2

Wednesday: 7:30PM Committee Meeting/CILS Closing Celebration

Thursday: 8:30AM CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson

Friday: CILS K-7 End of Year Field Trip

1:30PM Lake City Chapel with Pastor Sorenson

Saturday: No Stampin' with the Spirit this month

Next Sunday: The Festival of the Holy Trinity

9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday - Laurel Dicke, Lana Horn

Saturday - Keith Dicke, Micah Dicke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson, Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Sara (Voth) Kroll, and Brady McNamara (born three months prematurely).

Summer Worship Schedule

Effective May 30th, Immanuel will begin its summer schedule of worship. Sunday services will be held at 9:30AM. Please mark your calendars and remind your friends and family members!

Life Quote – May 23

"We fight abortion knowing that the eternal fight for human life is won. We fight assisted suicide knowing that the eternal fight for human life is won. We fight against everything that tempts us to pride or despair, everything that tempts us to sin and idolatry, everything that tempts us to be disobedient, murderous, unchaste, stealing, lying, covetous rebels. We fight not with the weapons of this world, but with the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God." *Rev. Christopher S. Esget, Pastor, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia.* **"Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life.** www.lutheransforlife.org

Confirmation Pictures

2010 Confirmation photos have been delivered and are in Pastor's Office. Students and families are welcome to take their pictures home today.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, May 30
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)
"The Hall of Heroes"

Guest Speaker: Chaplain Mark Steiner

All the heroes of faith had something in common: they were sinners and they knew it. By the power of the Holy Spirit, they repented and trusted in God's promise of forgiveness through Christ. (2 Samuel 23:8)

Catechism Review – The Ten Commandments

The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Thank You from Kelsey Reding

*Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the pretty silver cross (for confirmation). I will hang it somewhere nice! Thanks again. Kelsey Reding*

VBS – Planet Zoom!

Immanuel will again offer Vacation Bible School this summer. The program this year is entitled, "Planet Zoom." We will incorporate the idea of bees and beehives in order to learn about our Savior, Jesus Christ. Planet Zoom is where bold bee-lievers zip, zap, and zoom for Jesus! As always, Pastor will feature his rhythm instruments during the musical segment of the program. Mark your calendars for the week of July 26th through the 30th. The program will run Monday-Friday of that week, 6PM-8PM in the evenings. Sign-up sheets have been posted for students and volunteers. We need teachers, someone to work at the craft table, and also people willing to bring snacks. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Sorenson.

Who Stands in Need of Your Witness?

Just a reminder: The Minnesota South District in convention last June adopted a mission resolution to help congregations focus their actions on outreach and develop relationships to bring people to Christ. The resolution encourages each member of district congregations to pray for at least three people who do not know the blessings of Christ and His Church and to find opportunities to witness to them. Let's continue to take that challenge here at Immanuel, Hay Creek! Who in our lives does not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? Who has been estranged from His Church? These people stand in need of our help. With the Holy Spirit leading us through His Word, we can witness to our Easter faith.