

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**Second Sunday in Advent      December 14, 2008**

**The Service of Holy Baptism for Carter Paul Dicke**

**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

Opening Hymn: #349, "Hark the Glad Sound"

Invocation and Address  
Exorcism and Sign of the Cross  
Prayers  
Holy Gospel ..... Mark 10:13-16  
Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal  
Blessing  
Exhortation to the Sponsors, Alan Dicke and Mitchell Burfeind  
Pledge of the Sponsors and Blessing  
Apostles' Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal  
Baptism of Carter Paul Dicke  
Blessing  
Placing of the White Garment  
Lighting of the Candle  
Prayer and Peace

Baptismal Hymn: #591, "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

Collect of the Day  
Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Epistle ..... 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
Choral Anthem: "Lift Up Your Heads"    Arr. C. Wesley Andersen  
Holy Gospel ..... John 1:6-8, 19-28

Hymn of the Day: #598, "Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters"  
Sermon: "Heavenly Clothes"    Isaiah 61:10  
Offering  
Prayer of the Church  
P: Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**  
Benediction  
Closing Hymn: #648, "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"  
Silent Prayer  
Announcements  
Postlude

**DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Today:	7:00PM	Christmas in Lessons and Carols at Immanuel, Plainview
Monday:	12:30PM	CILS Christmas Rehearsal
Tuesday:	10:00AM	CILS Children with Pastor Sorenson at Potter's Ridge
	7:00PM	Church Properties Committee Meeting
Wednesday:	8:30AM	CILS Dress Rehearsal
	4:30PM	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	6:30PM	Advent Midweek Supper
	7:30PM	Advent Midweek Worship (in fellowship hall)
	8:15PM	Choir
Thursday:	10:00AM	CILS Christmas Program #1
	12:00PM	Ladies Aid Christmas Potluck
	7:00PM	CILS Christmas Program #2
Saturday:	9AM-11AM	Sunday School Christmas Practice
Next Sunday:	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	6:30PM	Sunday School Christmas Program

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK**

December 9	- M/M Bob Langhans
Today	- Lilian Germann-Hutter
Monday	- Johnathon Burns
Tuesday	- Kim Frazier, Bill Langhans
Thursday	- Mary Augustin, Patricia Schmitz
Saturday	- Linda Rehder

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); 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 (surgery this week); Phillip Sorenson (diagnosed with Adult Onset Cystic Fibrosis); Hilbert Gerdes (recovering from the insertion of a pacemaker); Marge Augustin (recovering from eye surgery); Harold Augustin (for peace and comfort); Larry Horn (diagnosed with Lymphoma); Sara (Voth) Kroll (niece to Becky Kirtz and Rosie Kohn, undergoing cancer treatments); the Augustin family (as they mourn the loss of Hilbert).

### **Food Shelf**

The church collection for the local food shelf, sponsored by New Horizons, ends today. Monetary donations may be placed in the box by the entry way.

### **CILS Christmas Program**

Support the students of Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School by attending one of the scheduled Christmas programs this coming Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The morning program is at 10:00 a.m. and the evening program is at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Sorenson will provide piano accompaniment.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictures and Souvenirs for Sale**

Christmas is coming! We still have salt and pepper shaker sets, Christmas ornaments, and numerous event pictures of all sizes available for purchase. All pictures are \$5. The salt and pepper shaker sets are \$14 and the Christmas ornaments are \$10. Members of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be available after the service to help those who would like to make a purchase.

### **Sunday School Christmas Program**

Many thanks to Nikki Scheele and Leslie Germann-Hutter for volunteering to lead the Sunday School Christmas program this year. The event will be held on Sunday night, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. Parents, please note the additional rehearsal dates on the December calendar. Don't forget to invite your friends and family. Refreshments will be served following the program.

### **Life Quote – December 14**

"He was 'made Man' as a baby; to be precise, he was manifest as a baby having been miraculously conceived in His virgin mother's womb ... Human nature, in its indivisible and ineffable dignity and from its first beginnings, bore the weight of the Second Person of the Trinity. Any lingering doubts that humankind may have had as to human worth were vanquished with one stroke of the divine pen as 'the Word became flesh.'" *Nigel M. de S. Cameron, "Cloning at Christmas: a reflective commentary," The Center for Bioethics and Culture.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life /** [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### **Advent Midweek Supper/Service**

This coming Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, marks the last opportunity of the year to participate in the Advent midweek activities offered at church. The supper is at 6:30 p.m. and the worship service is at 7:30 p.m. The theme for the Advent midweek worship this year is: "Prophetic Names of the Coming Messiah." The focus on Wednesday will be "The Branch of Jesse" from the eleventh chapter of the prophet Isaiah.

### **A Little History as We Celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Did you know that African American Lutherans in this country, who had gathered an African Mission Fund to inspire the sending of missionaries to the land of their forbears, requested the Synodical Conference to take action in 1926? Work was begun in Nigeria in 1936, and Jonathan U. Ekong, whom his people had sent to America for theological education, went back to Africa to serve in the Nigerian mission. As of 1997, The Lutheran Church of Nigeria, which became a partner church in 1963, numbered 380 congregations and preaching stations and a membership of 72,000. Seventy-five percent (!!!) of the communicant members in Nigeria attend Bible class!

### **"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 21**

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

**"Bah, Humbug"**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

Many popular Christmas stories don't really tell the Christmas story. (Luke 1:11)