

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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St. Michael and All Angels

September 29, 2013

Christian Education Sunday

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's Songbook: "All God's People Sing"

Pre-Service Music
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song: #80, "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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 (see worship insert)

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

Litany of Thanksgiving for Christian Education

P: Let us give thanks this day to our Lord for the blessing of Christian education throughout The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, especially in our Sunday Schools and Christian Day Schools.

C: We give thanks to You, O Lord; for You are good and Your love endures forever.

P: Let us ask the Lord to bless all who teach and learn as they apply their hearts and minds to grow in the Word of God.

C: Send Your blessings among us, O Lord, that we may do Your will and ascribe to You all honor and glory.

P: Let us courageously speak with our youth and encourage them to use their gifts in service to our church.

C: We confess, O Lord, that we have taken for granted a continuing ministry of Word and Sacrament among us. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ and bless our renewed efforts to encourage our youth.

P: Let us encourage each other to pray continually that the Lord will touch the hearts of our youth to continue in the true faith and live dedicated lives to the glory and praise of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Send Your Spirit among us, O Lord; stir up the hearts of our people to serve You faithfully.

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.

Remembrance of Immanuel Lutheran School

P: Beloved in the Lord, our Immanuel Lutheran School building was recently removed from the church property. It well served God's people and the children of this congregation and community since its construction in 1952. We now remember with gratitude to God the blessings we experienced in that building. We give thanks to God for the people who sacrificed in order that we would have that space for ministry, including men and women who have gone before us and are at rest.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

P: While saddened by the loss of our school, we are mindful of the blessings of God which have been poured out so richly upon us and all who received instruction therein. We are confident that God will continue to gather His people so that, with all His saints, they may enjoy the eternal blessings the Lord promises to those who are His.

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings which You showered upon our Immanuel Lutheran School, especially for the Gospel and for Your presence with Your people. Forgive us where we have been slow to receive Your Word and have failed to obey it. We rejoice in Your goodness and in the promise that You will never leave us or forsake us. Grant that no one among us may be left without sound instruction in God's Word. Bless Your Church throughout the world so that she may give

faithful witness to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, both in word and deed. Preserve and protect Your people at all times, and bring them at last to the heavenly home which You have prepared for all who serve You in faith and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament ReadingDaniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual of the Day, prayed responsivelyworship insert

Epistle Revelation 12:7-12

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Placing of Sunday School Teachers for 2013-2014

Preschool/Kindergarten: Connie Duden, Catherine Smith

1st and 2nd Grades: Tricia Callstrom, Sheila Stehr

3rd and 4th Grades: Leslie Germann-Hutter, Nikki Scheele

5th through 8th Grades: Wayne Voth

Presentation of Bible to Andrew Germann-Hutter, New Confirmand

Holy GospelMatthew 18:1-11

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' Creedp. 29

Song on the Occasion of St. Michael and All Angels:

"Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise" The Lutheran Hymnal, #254

Text: Philipp Melanchthon, Tr. Paul Eber

Tune: Winchester New

1)

Lord God, we all to Thee give praise, Thanksgivings meet to Thee we raise,

That angel hosts Thou didst create Around Thy glorious throne to wait.

2)

They shine with light and heav'nly grace And constantly behold Thy face;

They heed Thy voice, they know it well, In godly wisdom they excel.

3)

They never rest nor sleep as we; Their whole delight is but to be With Thee, Lord Jesus, and to keep Thy little flock, Thy lambs and sheep.

4)

The ancient Dragon is their foe; His envy and His wrath they know. It always is his aim and pride Thy Christian people to divide.

5)

As he of old deceived the world And into sin and death has hurled, So now he subtly lies in wait To ruin school and Church and State.

6)

A roaring lion, round he goes, No halt nor rest he ever knows; He seeks the Christians to devour And slay them by his dreadful power.

7)

But watchful is the angel band That follows Christ on very hand To guard His people where they go And break the counsel of the Foe.

8)

For this, now and in days to be, Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee, Whom all the angel hosts adore With grateful songs forevermore.

Sermon: "Concerning Angels and Children"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day, prayed in unison worship insert

Lord's Prayerp. 30

Blessing

Closing Song: #125, I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

The Litanies in today's service were adapted from the LCMS Church Worker Recruitment folder, "Litany of Thanksgiving and Prayers," and Lutheran Service Book: Agenda, pp. 347-349.

LWML Fall Rally

The LWML Whitewater Conference (Hiawatha, Rochester and Winona Zones) Fall Rally will be held at Grace Lutheran, 800 E Silver Lake Dr NE, Rochester, on Saturday, October 5th, with registration open at 8:30 AM, and the program starting at 9 AM. Cost is \$8, which includes lunch. The theme for this year's Fall Rally is "Building Relationships Through God's Love." Ginger Taff-Lagergren, a member of Redeemer Lutheran in Rochester will share her experiences serving in South Africa under the auspices of LCMS International Mission. Ginger will have some exciting and heart-warming stories of mission work and developing relationships with children and adults. Fill up your car with friends and join LWMLers from SE MN hear this good news. Gifts From the Heart for this rally is twofold: non-perishable food items for Channel One Food Bank in Rochester and, because education is highly valued in South Africa, a cash donation directed to providing school uniforms for the children of Ntshongweni, South Africa. Child care will be available. Call [507-281-4630](tel:507-281-4630) by September 30 and give the age of the child(ren). See you there!

Rental Anyone?

CRS Temporary Housing is looking for a rental house for a Goodhue family that lost its home. One month's rent will be paid for by the insurance company. The family has two adults and three children; they are looking for a 2 + bedroom, 1 bathroom house. The renter would need to be willing to rent on a month to month basis. If you know of anything suitable, please send an email to jkostelac@crsth.com or speak with Pastor Sorenson at your earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Life Quote

September 29 "When we get too comfortable in our Christian bubbles, we run the risk of ignoring the fact that there are many lost children out there, both young and old, who desperately need the light of God's love that we are called to share." *John E. Roper, a missionary / pastor / teacher in Africa* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	11:00AM	All Church Potluck/Opening of School Time Capsule
Tuesday:	9:00AM	Circuit Conference – Concordia, Red Wing
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Saturday:	9:00AM	LWML Whitewater Conference Fall Rally - Grace, Rochester
Next Sunday:		20 th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	9:45AM	Fellowship Time
	10:00AM	Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- Kayla Stumpf, John & LaVonne Schafer
Monday	- Leonard & Burnetta Dicke
Wednesday	- Benjamin Kohn, Elizabeth Schmitz
Thursday	- Jodi Dressen
Friday	- Jonathan Schmitz, Mark & Lindsay Bremer Henderson
Saturday	- Darla Stumpf

IN OUR PRAYERS

Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Hilbert Gerdes, Richard Diercks, Tammy Johnson, Skip Baker, and Marilyn Kromminga.

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

"Listening to God"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God isn't ignoring you. You can wait for Him in faith. (Habakkuk 2:1-4)

Catechism Review

The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

What is the good and gracious will of God?

It is God's will that His name be kept holy and that His kingdom come, that is, that His Word be taught correctly and that sinners be brought to faith in Christ and lead godly lives.

Whose will and plans are opposed to the will of God?

The devil, the world, and our own sinful nature oppose the good and gracious will of God.