

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK
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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2009

The Service of Confirmation

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: #686, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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
Collect of the Day

Confirmation Hymn: #687, "Thine Forever, God of Love"

First Reading/Epistle 1 John 5:1-8
Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Offering: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"
Setting Kevin Hildebrand

Second Reading/Holy Gospel John 15:9-17
Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th 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!

Hymn of the Day: #919, "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

Sermon: "Abide in the Love of Christ"
Offering

The Rite of Confirmation pp. 272-274
Andrew J. Juergens - John 3:14-15
Elyse L. Kliever - 2 Timothy 2:22

Confirmation Hymn: "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.

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

P: As we prepare to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Holy and Gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know - the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed - but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for pardon. Deliver and restore me that I may be at peace.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

C: Amen.

Admonition to the Communicants

Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution Hymns:

#628, "Your Table I Approach"

#865, "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

#633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Post-Communion Prayer

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: #813, "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

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| Tuesday: | 5:30PM | Church Picture/Decorating Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday: | 8:30AM | CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson |
| | 4:30PM | 5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation |
| Thursday: | | Ascension of Our Lord |
| | 12:00PM | Ladies Aid at Chickadee Cottage, Lake City |
| | 7:30PM | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:00PM | Adult Softball vs. St. Paul's I, Field 2 |
| Friday: | 6:00PM | Church Golfing Group – Gopher Hills |
| Next Sunday: | | 7 th Sunday of Easter |
| | 9:30AM | Worship with Recognition of 2009 High School Graduates |
| | 10:30AM | Fellowship Time with Treats served by the Ladies Aid |

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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| Today | - Allison Diercks |
| Tuesday | - Leigha Burns, Christopher Holst, Korey Holst |
| Wednesday | - Randy Meyer, Genevieve Schultz |
| Thursday | - Harold Augustin, Burnetta Dicke |
| Saturday | - Jim Arndt |

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Pastor Lyle Kath, Paul Nystuen, Marian Burkard, Linda Hardy, Mike Heim, Linda Soifakis, Philip Sorenson, Larry Horn, Rodger Kivi, Kelsey Holst, Dave Dicke, Carol Koester, and Margie Stumpf.

Strength and Peace: Syvilla Madsen and Harold Augustin.

Beginning the Summer Schedule

On Sunday, May 24th, our church community will resume its summer schedule. Worship will be held every Sunday at 9:30AM. Fellowship time, adult Bible class, and Sunday School will resume at the end of the summer.

Youth Bowling Event – Sign Up Today

On May 29th at 6:30 p.m., the youth of the church will meet in the fellowship hall for food and fun. Just before 8:00 p.m., we will go to Nybo's Lanes for an evening of galaxy bowling (lights dimmed, music playing). All the youth from 5th grade through high school are encouraged to attend. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board so that pastor can make adequate preparations. Please bring \$5 for the food and bowling. If you have further questions, please talk with Pastor.

Bethesda Bus Tour

It's a great deal. Travel on the Bethesda Bus Tour this summer and get two nights lodging, 3 meals, 2 continental breakfasts, bus fair, and entrance to all attractions for only \$249! The tour will be held from July 14-16. Several exciting events will be featured along the way, including a tour of the Bethesda Lutheran Home. The bus will load at South Shore Trinity in White Bear Lake and in Eau Claire on July 14th. South Shore Trinity is located at 2480 South Shore Boulevard and the phone # is 651-429-4293. A flyer has been posted on the bulletin board with full details.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, May 24

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

Guest Speaker: Chaplain Eric Erkkinnen

(Chaplain Erkkinnen is associate director of LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces)

Life Quote – May 17

“When crushed by life’s problems—an unplanned pregnancy in our family or caring for elderly parents—we trust in God’s promises knowing that He is the God of life and life is in His hands, not ours.” *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life /** www.lutheransforlife.org

Thank You from the Koester Family

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, well-wishes, cards, visits, food, and offers of help during Carol's hospital stay. She came home Monday and will continue therapy at home to regain her strength. We are very grateful for her continued progress and also for everyone's support.

Stan and Carol, Kim, Kurt, Kari, and Families

Stampin’ with the Spirit

Do you ever wonder what that group of women is up to in the fellowship hall the last Saturday of the month? Stop down and find out! You are invited to a free Make ‘N Take at the next Stampin’ with the Spirit gathering on Saturday, May 30. You may come from 10:00-11:30 or from 1:30-3:00. All the materials will be provided to make a greeting card for the following occasions: Graduation, Father’s Day, Birthday, and Sympathy. You can make one or make all! Mom’s feel free to bring your kids down as well (suggested minimum age is Kindergarten). There is no cost and no previous stamping experience is needed. We are hoping to interest some of you in joining us for our monthly gatherings. I am planning on having materials for a dozen visitors, but if you know for certain that you will be attending please call Bonnie Kassen at 923-4884 to reserve your materials. Last minute drop-ins are welcome. Hope to see you on the 30th!