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June 24, 2007 **Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

Worship with Special Guests, Rev. Eugene Larrabee and Vicar Ken Buth

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: #790, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsivelyworship insert

Kvrie

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day (prayed in unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, impress upon us the awfulness of sin and God's reaction to it. The terminal punishment is complete abandonment and the sentence of being forsaken is forever—no parole. We thank You, Jesus Christ, that You were forsaken on the cross that we might never be forsaken or end up being abandoned. May that be our motivation for mission outreach. And all God's people said: "Amen! Amen! Amen!"

Comments from Vicar Ken Buth

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65:1-9 Gradual, prayed responsivelyworship insert Holy GospelLuke 8:26-39 Children's Sermon: "Building Your Life on Sinking Sand or the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ" Apostles' Creedback cover of the hymnal Hymn of the Day: "528, "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Sermon: "The Negatives of Hell" (Luke 16:19-31) Offerina

Prayer of the Church

- P: Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For true unity in the Church, that God would open the minds and hearts of His people to the Truth. Let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For all who are sick and those recovering, especially that they may know God's healing touch in accordance with His will. Let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.

- P: For those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries at this time, particularly _____ that they may rejoice in the blessings of Your grace. Let is pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For peace in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and throughout the world. Let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For Ken Buth as he begins his vicarage that God would bless his experience and bless those whom he will serve. Let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For those who do not yet believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that God would connect us with them and work through us to proclaim His love, mercy, and grace. Let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.

Lord's Prayerback 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.

Closing Hymn: #924, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: Presentation of the Augsburg Confession:

Isa. 55:6-11; Rom. 10:5-17; Jn. 15:1-11

Tuesday: 7:30PM Softball vs. New River, Field 2
Wednesday: 7:30PM Summer Midweek Bible Study
Thursday: 7:00PM School Board Meeting - Immanuel
Friday: St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles:

Ezek. 34:11-16; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; Mk. 8:27-35

6:00PM Church Golfing at Gopher Hills

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

Next Sunday: 9:30AM Mission Worship with Holy Communion

Special Guest, Rev. Patrick O'Neal

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Nikki Scheele
Monday - M/M Jerry Stehr
Wednesday - M/M Shelly Simanski

Saturday - Mark Diercks, Erica Schmitz, M/M Willard Holst

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Elaine Roschen (undergoing chemotherapy); Margie Stumpf (healing); Orville Augustin (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Eddie Kassen (healing); Tom Kolberg (healing).

Life Quote – June 24

"When you have a child who was born with special needs, it's very confusing and disconcerting and you really don't know which end is up and you feel like you're from Mars and you did something wrong. It turns out that God blessed you with a really special package." Actor John McGinley, who plays Dr. Perry Cox on the NBC comedy "Scrubs," whose son, Max, has Down syndrome. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, July 1 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus "Free for What?"

Is Christianity just a bunch of rules and regulations or are the Savior's blood-bought people free to live their lives in freedom? (Gal. 5:1, 13-25)

Vacation Bible School

Ready to take the plunge? It is time to register for **Great Bible Reef Vacation Bible School!** Join us August 20-24th from 6:00-8:00 pm for an underwater-themed program of faith-filled fun! Great Bible Reef invites all children ages 4 years old through 6th grade to share the good news of Jesus' love for us by being his disciples. At Great Bible Reef you will hear stories about Jesus, make cool crafts, sing fun songs, eat super snacks and meet a school of new friends. Add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Sheila Stehr at 923-4708 or isstehr@sleepyeyetel.net if you like to attend. Teachers, helpers and snack providers are needed as well.

Church Golfing Group

The next outing for the church golfing group will take place at Gopher Hills this coming Friday, June 29th, at 6PM. Note that we have moved up the time by one hour. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. If you have any questions about this opportunity for Christian fellowship, please speak with Jerry Kohn (388-7590). Thanks.