

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2010

Special Guest: Rev. Ron Stehr

**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.

Service of Reconciliation

Prelude  
Welcome  
Opening Hymn: #801, "How Great Thou Art"

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

P: Simon Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

**C: Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."**

P: Every time we try to deal with our sins by ignoring them or making excuses or running away, we end up worse than before.

**C: Let us face our failures honestly and confess them to God. He promises to forgive us.**

*(Silence for self-examination)*

P: O almighty God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against You and the people You have put in our lives. We have betrayed our Lord with hateful thoughts, unkind words, and unloving actions. We have been slow to admit our errors and slow to forgive those who have sinned against us. Forgive us, O Lord. Create in us clean hearts. Cast us not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.**

P: Jesus came into the world and obeyed God's Law perfectly for you. He died on the cross for the guilt of your sins. Because of His great sacrifice, you are forgiven. And having received this gift from the Lord, forgive one another.

**C: Amen.**

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Collect of the Day *(spoken by Pastor)*

Old Testament Reading ..... Proverbs 25:2-10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle ..... Hebrews 13:1-17

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel ..... Luke 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 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!**

Apostles' Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #414, "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Sermon: "Which Mountain Are You Climbing?" (Hebrews 12:18-24)

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

P: God of power and might, guide the nations of the earth in the way of justice and truth. Grant that rulers defend the life and liberty of every citizen. Give us leaders of integrity that our nation may strive toward the way of peace in all honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful Lord, You know the needs of all. We pray for Your healing and comfort for all who are suffering from illness and injury,

especially \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name now from our hearts:  
(*silence*). Grant them patience and, according to Your will, restoration  
of health. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, bless all those who celebrate birthdays and  
anniversaries at this time in our congregation: \_\_\_\_\_. May  
these Your people look to You as the Source from whom all blessings  
flow. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord of compassion, help us, Your Church, to be merciful in words and  
acts of witness that more people would know and receive the Gospel  
of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: With reverence and affection we remember before You, O everlasting  
God, all our departed friends and relatives who have gone before us  
with the sign of faith. Bless their memory among us that, following  
their example of faith, we may be blessed to join their eternal song in  
heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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 Prayer ..... back 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.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #537, "Beautiful Savior"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

**DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Today: 5PM-8PM Ice Cream Social in Fellowship Hall  
(Offered by Ladies Aid)

Monday: Pastor returns from Vacation

Next Sunday: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Monday - Kevin Augustin, Jacob Diercks, Cheyenne Meyer  
Dan & Pat Banitt, Kevin & Barb Augustin

Tuesday - Lauren Dargus

Thursday - Ava Stumpf, Lorena Stemmann, Eric & Stephanie Stumpf

Friday - Mark & Judy Diercks

Saturday - Rebecca Augustin, Randy & Donna Meyer

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Healing:** Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave  
Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Sara (Voth) Kroll, Brady McNamara  
(born three months prematurely), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer  
treatments on her leg), Ethan Stehr (recovering from surgery), Jim Dicke  
(recovering from knee surgery), and Travis Jares (Bonnie Kassen's  
nephew, healing from a neck fracture).

**Life Quote – August 29**

So great is my veneration for the Bible, and so strong my belief, that when  
duly read and meditated on, it is of all books in the world, that which  
contributes most to make men good, wise, and happy—that the earlier my  
children begin to read it ... the more lively and confident will be my hopes  
that they will prove useful citizens of their country." *John Quincy Adams,*  
*former president of the United States.* "Life Quote" is from **Lutherans**  
**For Life.** [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**Catechism Review: The Lord's Prayer**

**The Third Petition: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*What does this mean?*

Tgood and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we  
pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

*How is God's will done?*

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose  
of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow  
God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps  
us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious  
will.

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 5**

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

**"Choose Life"**

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

Many today believe we live in a world where nothing is absolutely wrong or  
right all the time. But why do they only feel that way about spiritual and  
moral values? (Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

**Fall Schedule to Resume**

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the fall schedule will resume at Immanuel. Sunday School and Bible Class will be offered every Sunday at 9:00 AM, followed by fellowship time with treats at 10:00AM. Weekly worship will be held at 10:30 AM. Confirmation classes will begin on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade class will meet every other week at 4:30 PM; the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade class will meet every week at 5:30 PM. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

**Fellowship Club Event**

The Fellowship Club will be going to Vinos in the Valley on September 12<sup>th</sup> in the late afternoon. The plan is to meet at church at 4:00 PM and travel together out to the restaurant. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you would like to attend. If you have questions, please speak to Stan Klair.

**What connection is there between M&M's and Minnesota?**

**Do you know how Goodhue County is connected to the "Captain Marvel" comic book?**

**What former first grade student of Barbara Betcher now plays Texas Hold-em with her?**

If you don't know these answers, you should come to the Ice Cream Social this evening and you will find out. Barbara Betcher will share other interesting facts about Hay Creek and Minnesota. She will be speaking at 6:30 PM. The Ladies Aid will be serving sloppy joe's, pie & ice cream, sundaes and beverages from 5 to 8 PM. We hope to see you there!

**Sunday School Teachers Needed**

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those interested in teaching Sunday School this year. Sharing responsibilities with someone else is a great way to get experience while not being required to teach every week. However, it is expected that Sunday School teachers will be good spiritual role models for the children and will therefore usually attend church services on the days that they teach. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will begin on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

**Used Copy Machine**

A family has expressed interest in purchasing the used copy machine of Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School. If you also have a desire to own this equipment, please speak to Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience. After two weeks, the copy machine will be sold and the profit given to the church. Thank you.

**Women's Bible Class to Begin**

The Women's Bible Class will resume on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The topic is "Women of the Bible." All ladies of the congregation are invited to participate. If you have questions, please speak with Sara Sorenson.