

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK
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All Saints Day (Observed) November 4, 2007

Food for the Poor Sunday
Special Guest: The Rev. John G. Fischer

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
Ringing of the Bell
Opening Hymn: #851, "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"
Invocation
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this Your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively worship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17

Gradual, prayed responsively worship insert

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

Verse: Revelation 7:15a

P: Alleluia!

C: Alleluia!

P: They are before the throne of God

C: and serve Him day and night in His temple. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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Hymn of the Day: #844, "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

Sermon: "Lazarus Comes to Immanuel Lutheran Church...Sores and All!"

Rev. 7:15-17

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Admonition to Communicants

P: I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own words administer and receive the Testament.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Peace

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

C: And also with you!

Distribution:

#628, "Your Table I Approach"

#649, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#625, "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

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Benediction

Closing Hymn: #850, "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Announcements

Postlude

About Pastor Fischer

Rev. Fischer has been engaged in ministry that relates the love of Christ to human need in the 38 years of his ordained ministry. He received his M.Div. in 1968 from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He was ordained in 1969 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sacramento, California. Judy, his wife of 42 years, is a graduate of Concordia in Seward, Nebraska. He has three adult children and two grandchildren. Pastor Fischer has served congregations in Texas, Mississippi, Florida, overseas on Guam, and in the military chaplaincy (retired, US Naval Reserve). He served in active duty in Desert Storm with the USMC. He is a Circuit Counselor in the Florida/Georgia District. In his retirement, Pastor Fischer continues to serve the poorest of the poor in the Caribbean by begging on their behalf as a speaker for Food For The Poor. See the website at

www.foodforthe poor.org

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: Pastor on Vacation

Tuesday: Election Day

9:00AM Circuit Conference – Immanuel, Plainview

5:30PM Pre-Marriage Instruction

Wednesday: 8:30AM CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson

4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation

5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:30PM Choir – All are Welcome!

Thursday: CILS 1st Quarter Ends

7:30PM Women's Bible Study

Friday: Teacher Work Day – No CILS

Saturday: Martin Luther's Birthday (1483)

Next Sunday: 9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time

10:30AM Worship

7:30PM Nybo's Family Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - M/M Dan Schmitz

Monday - Emily Holst, Carissa Meyer, Amanda Schafer

Tuesday - Steve Alms, Doug Boles, Leah Dicke,
Andrew Germann-Hutter

Wednesday - Tyson Smith

Friday - Marjorie Augustin, Tom Kolberg, M/M Greg Germann

Advent Midweek Suppers

Would you be interested in providing a light soup and sandwich supper before one of the Advent Midweek services? The dates are the 5th, 12th and 19th of December. The meal would be at 6:30PM. Plan on roughly 40 people. Coffee and punch would be available from the church's resources. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those interested in volunteering. Questions? Speak with Pastor Sorenson.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Tom Kolberg (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (healing); Dorothy Bremer (for strength and peace as she faces terminal cancer); Dolores Rossbach (Sara Sorenson's grandmother, experiencing kidney problems); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Marian Burkard (recovering from a broken arm); John Schafer (recovering from a heart attack); the family of DeWayne Dressen (mourning his loss).

Life Quote – November 4

“There is no such thing as an unwanted child, only unfound parents.” *Dr. Jean Garton, former president of Lutherans For Life.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life** / www.lutheransforlife.org

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans – Fundraiser Update

Our congregation has received a check for \$1,300 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans through the Care in Congregations Program. This money will be added to the amount raised at the Chili Lunch and Auction on October 14th. Thanks again to everyone who participated!

2007 Elections – Sunday, November 11

North Goodhue County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

The Immanuel congregation is a part of the North Goodhue County Chapter of Thrivent and each year elects 10 people to serve on the Chapter Board. Without this election process, Thrivent Financial would not qualify as a tax-exempt fraternal benefit society, and would not be able to provide benefits to needy individuals, congregations and communities that it does today.

If you are a Thrivent member, please take a moment next Sunday to vote – a table will be set up in the entryway.

Christmas Choir

Not everyone wants to commit to singing in the choir for the whole year, but how about joining just for the Christmas season? The choir will begin rehearsing Christmas music on November 14th at 7:30 p.m. If you are able to make a temporary commitment to the choir for the Christmas season, please join us. If you have questions, please speak to Sara Sorenson at church, or call her at home (388-4577). Thank you!

Children's Christmas Program

At this point, we have three volunteers to help with the Children's Christmas program. If you would like to help out with the program, music, or costumes, please talk to Pastor as soon as possible. Rehearsals will need to begin early in November in order to make a Sunday School Christmas program a possibility.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, November 11

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

“Shaken to the Core”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Is the world coming to an end? One thing is obvious: times are getting frightening. (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2)