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Fourth Sunday of Easter	April 25, 2010
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The Public Questioning of the 2010 Confirmands

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 and Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #711, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsivelyworship insert Prayer of the Day, spoken in unison (see worship insert)

Scripture Song: "Thy Word Is a Lamp" AGPS #247 Text: Amy Grant Tune: Michael W. Smith

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

1)

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,

Still You're there right beside me,

And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

2)

I will not forget Your love for me and yet

My heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,

And I will love You to the end.

Refrain

Choral Offering: "Let Praise Resound" Text and Music: Earlene Rentz

Second ReadingRevelation 7:9-17

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia #952

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th 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' Creedback cover of the hymnal

The Public Questioning of Kelsey Reding, Haley Rupe, and Jordan Taylor

Litany of Wisdom and Knowledge (AGPS, p. 22)

P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

P: Those who practice the fear of the Lord have good understanding.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

P: So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

P: For in Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

P: Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

C: To Him belongs eternal praise.

Hymn of the Day: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" AGPS #125
Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn Tune: Weil ich Jesu Shaeflein bin

1)

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;

For my Shepherd gently guides me,

Knows my need and well provides me,

Loves me ev'ry day the same,

Even calls me by my name.

2)

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.

3)

Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

Sermon: "Only Sheep"

Offering

Song: "Christ Be My Leader" AGPS #81

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith Tune: Slane (Irish Folk)

1)

Christ be my leader by night as by day;

Safe through the darkness, for He is the way. Gladly I follow, my future His care;

Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2)

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,

Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.

Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,

Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3)

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;

Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.

Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain

Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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.

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C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" AGPS #159 Text: Sigismund von Birken Tune: Lasset uns mit Jesu zeihen 1)

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do our Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since You are our head, We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

Chimes/Silent Prayer Announcements Postlude

(Some worship resources for today's service were taken from "All God's People Sing," a CPH publication of which the church has sufficient quantity. The rights of the publisher, authors, and composers of all materials have been assiduously guarded. All elements of this service are taken from synodically approved resources. This is in accordance with Article VI of Synod's Constitution which, among others matters, includes as a condition for congregational membership: "Exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymnbooks, and catechisms in church and school.")

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 8:30AM CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson 7:30PM Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Wednesday: 8:30AM CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson

5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:30PM Choir

Thursday: 8:30AM CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson

Saturday: 6:00PM Confirmation Pictures in Church Sanctuary

6:30PM Confirmation Dinner

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time

10:30AM Worship with Rite of Confirmation/Holy

Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday - M/M Terry Frazier

Wednesday - Hilbert Gerdes, Suzanne von Knobelsdorff

Thursday - Cally Simanski Friday - M/M Keith Dicke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson, Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Sara (Voth) Kroll, Bettie Burns (recovering from heart surgery), and Brady McNamara (born three months prematurely).

Life Quote – April 25

"Sometimes our lives can get pretty dark ... crisis pregnancies come into our families and to our lives and illness comes into our lives and death comes into our lives ... and sometimes we wonder where the shepherd is ... but the Good Shepherd comforts us with His rod and His staff ... Our Good Shepherd gives us promise after promise after promise ...'I will never leave you or forsake you.' I am with you always.' I go ahead of you.' ... and someday He will lead us into His eternal dwelling where we will dwell with Him forever." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life. "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life.

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Quarterly Voters' Meeting

The Voters' Assembly will convene this Tuesday, April 27th, at 7:30 PM. All voters of the congregation are encouraged to participate. If you are interested in becoming a voter, please speak with one of the elders or pastor at your earliest convenience. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1) Opening Devotion/Prayer
- 2) Attendance
- 3) Acceptance of Minutes
- 4) Reception of New Voting Members
- 5) Reports:
 - Pastor/Elders, Treasurer and Financial Secretaries, Trustees, School Board, Scrip Report, Cemetery Board, Other
- 6) Unfinished Business: Church Basement Work, Immanuel School Building
- 7) New Business: CILS Issues
- 8) Adjournment with Prayer

Catechism Review

The Sacrament of the Altar

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Confirmation Events/Dates

Today	10:30AM	Public Examination of the 2010 Confirmands
May 1	6:00PM	Confirmation Pictures
	6:30PM	Confirmation Dinner
May 2	10:30AM	Rite of Confirmation

Ladies Aid Guest Day at Belvidere

St. Peter's Ladies Aid invites you to our Guest Day on Wednesday, May 12th at 2:00 p.m. Our speaker will be addressing mission work in Africa. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Task Force Needed For CILS Closing Celebration

Has the Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School family been close to your heart over the years? Perhaps you would like to help prepare and plan the closing celebration and worship service? These final activities of a parochial school are meant to provide joyful opportunities for reflection on the blessings God has bestowed upon the school throughout its history. Both Concordia and Immanuel will need people to volunteer in order for our final events to be meaningful and successful. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those interested. Pastor will contact you shortly with more details.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, May 2 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) "And Who Else?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Mark Twain's cynicism and doubt undermined his wife's Christian faith. The world may laugh at the Savior, but He is still the only One who can wipe away every tear and make all things new. (Revelation 21:4-7)

Lutheran College Fairs

Attention 7th-12th Grade Students: Discover a group of colleges with faith in your future. You and your parents are invited to attend a Lutheran College Fair coming to a location near you. Get your questions answered about college attendance, career planning and financial aid. You will have opportunities to meet with caring and thoughtful representatives from individual colleges, also Missouri Synod universities. Fairs will be held April 25th through April 29th from Minneapolis to Rochester. For specific information, visit www.lutherancolleges.org/events. Snacks and beverages will be served at all events. All families attending will receive four application fee waivers to our colleges. Students interested in Concordia University - St. Paul or other private colleges in the Missouri Synod system are encouraged to speak with Pastor Sorenson. Lutheran college fairs are sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.