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The 14th Sunday After Pentecost September 14, 2014

**Immanuel Building Project
Retirement of Debt Celebration**

**Special Guest: The Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy
President of the Minnesota South District,
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

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: Allegro appassionato (from Opus 75)
Antonín Dvořák

Cross Procession/Opening Hymn:
“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” #816

Invocation
P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Psalm 100, prayed responsively front section of the hymnal

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Hymn of Thanksgiving: #785, “We Praise You, O God”

Old Testament ReadingGenesis 50:15-21
Response
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual, prayed responsivelyworship insert

Epistle Romans 14:1-12
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35
Responses
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th 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: #809, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Sermon: “Managing Debt”
The Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy,
President of the Minnesota South District

Offering

Hymn: #781, “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Retirement of Debt Liturgy
P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, it is with joy and gratitude that we announce the retirement of the debt on the Immanuel Building Project.
P: In thanksgiving to God, we now burn this mortgage in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

The Mortgage is Burned

All Rise to Sing: #805, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayers

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have guided us in wisdom and given us the courage and resources to pay for our building project. With gratitude we remember our years of planning and work. Continue to grant us unity of counsel, purity of intention, and the holy purpose to nurture Your people by Word and Sacrament and to extend Your Church for the salvation of the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Eternal God, giver of all good gifts, You have brought us to this milestone in the life of our congregation. With gratitude to You we remember the planning, the years of working together, the gifts, and the sense of common purpose that we have shared in this task. Bless us now as we rejoice in its completion; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The General Prayer

Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #813, "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

Silent Prayer/Chimes

Announcements

Meal Prayer

Postlude

SPECIAL MEAL FOLLOWING THE SERVICE TODAY

Everyone is welcome to stay for a meal in the fellowship hall following our service of celebration today! In thanksgiving to God who allowed us to pay for our building project, we gather to share food with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Don Kliever and New Horizons have prepared a delicious lunch; please stay and enjoy!!

LIFETOUCH CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORIES

At long last, the new church picture directories are available for you to pick-up across from the mail-boxes in the front entry of the church. Please take ONE per family. We would like to have plenty of extras to give to new and/or potential members over the next few years. Many thanks to Pastor and Sara Sorenson who designed and formatted the directory.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

The book of Revelation is arguably the most misunderstood book in all of Holy Scripture. The Sunday Morning Bible Class (9:00 AM to 9:45 AM) is currently considering this book in its historical context and grammatical meaning. Have you heard of the Left Behind series? Have you heard of the coming millennial reign of Christ? Premillennialism, postmillennialism, dispensationalism, tribulation, rapture, and so on and so forth?

What does it all mean? What's true and what's not? Pastor Sorenson will help you debunk the myths and cling to the truth: "I believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting!" Please join us!!

THRIVENT FALL PICNIC

The North Goodhue County Chapter of Thrivent is holding a fall picnic for Thrivent members today at Colvill Park Shelter House.

The picnic will go from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Dave Carpenter Band will provide entertainment. In addition to the food, there will also be games and prizes. No reservations are required.