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Second Sunday After The Epiphany

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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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
Choral Prelude: "Thanks Be To God"
Text and Arrangement by Sheldon Curry
Ringing of the Bell

Cross Procession/Tolling of the Bell
(in remembrance of the preborn victims of abortion since 1973)

Opening Versicles and Salutation
P: O Lord, open my lips,
C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C: make haste to help me, O Lord.
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

Opening Hymn: "Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment"
Text: Moir A. J. Waters (#511)
Tune: Fortunatus New (#521)

1)
Herald, sound the note of judgment, Warning us of right and wrong,
Turning us from sin and sadness Till once more we sing the song.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message: Christ, the Savior King, is come!
2)
Herald, sound the note of gladness; Tell the news that Christ is here;
Make a pathway through the desert For the one who brings God near.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message: Christ, the Savior King, is come!

3)
Herald, sound the note of pardon - Those repenting are forgiv'n;
God receives His wayward children, And to them new life is giv'n.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message: Christ, the Savior King, is come!
4)
Herald, sound the note of triumph; Christ has come to share our life,
Bringing God's own love and power, Granting vict'ry in our strife.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message: Christ, the Savior King, is come!

Litany of Remembrance

P: This morning we reflect on sons and daughters who were never born.
We remember them as gifts from God whose lives were cut short.
They were taken before they could serve God according to the
purpose for which they were created.

C: Little arms that never stretched out asking to be held.

(Chime)

P: Brothers and sisters who were never able to play with their siblings.

C: Their laughter was never heard.

(Chime)

P: Teachers who were never able to teach and pastors who were never
able to preach.

C: Wisdom that was never shared.

(Chime)

P: Physicians, nurses, technicians, researches, and other medical
professionals through whom God's healing was never able to be
extended.

C: Mercy that was never given.

(Chime)

P: Business people and courageous leaders who were never able to
extend a godly influence upon our nation.

C: Good examples that could never be followed.

(Chime)

P: Farmers who would never reap the fruits of the earth.

C: Wholesome, hardworking lives that were never lived.

(Chime)

P: Laborers whose hands could never form or craft or build.

C: Productive lives that never were.

(Chime)

P: Artists and musicians who will never be able to express the joys and
sorrows within them.

C: Works of art never seen and melodies never heard.

(Chime)

P: Little girls who will never hold and nurture a child of their own and little
boys who will never grow up to be called "daddy."

C: Generations yet unborn, never to be.

(Chime)

P: Children with special needs that will never touch our hearts in ways no one else could.

C: God's unique purpose for them never realized.

(Chime)

P: We ponder other victims of abortion, victims who have not died, but who have been wounded. Mothers of aborted children who, in weakness, desperation, and fear, listened to the voices of death.

C: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sin of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

P: Fathers of aborted children who, unable or unwilling to protect a defenseless life, are in conflict with their responsibility to their preborn child, to the mother of that child, and to God.

C: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sin of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

P: Grandparents of aborted children who, unable or unwilling to protect a defenseless life, are in conflict with both conscience and God.

C: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sin of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

P: Doctors, counselors, and all who have been deceived by Satan to see abortion as a solution to difficult problems of life.

C: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sin of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

P: For permissive church bodies like the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, whose health benefits plan even provides for abortions for their professional church workers.

C: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sin of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

P: For ourselves, members of the Body of Christ, who in ignorance or fear have been silent when we should have spoken; passive when we should have acted to defend the "least of these."

C: Lift our hearts to You, O God, that we might know the sin of abortion, lay our burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of the Day, prayed in unison

Our Father in heaven, we offer ourselves to You and ask that You use the varied gifts You have given us to serve You in Your Kingdom. Particularly today we ask that You give us opportunities and the

willingness to use our gifts to witness, in word and deed, to the sacredness of life. Help us speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Help us defend those who cannot defend themselves. Help us love and support those facing difficult life choices. Help us forgive and bring the healing of the Gospel to those who have made wrong decisions. We offer ourselves so that others may know Your truth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 49:1-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel John 1:29-42a

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first 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.

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Hymn of the Day: #666, "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

Sermon: "The Preborn Christ"

Offering

Hymn: #588, "Jesus Loves Me"

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #660, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday:		The Confession of St. Peter: Acts 4:8-13; 2 Pet. 1:1-15; Mk. 8:8-9:1
	7:00PM	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday:	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:	2:00PM	Ladies Aid Prayer Service/Mite Collection
Saturday:		Roe v. Wade Anniversary – Remembrance of Unborn Victims
	12:00PM	March For Life – State Capitol
Next Sunday:		Third Sunday after the Epiphany
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Sue Dicke, Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Lori Ramig (recovering from a heart transplant), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack), Steven Finstad (a Marine serving in Afghanistan who is a friend of Ryan Kassen), Wayne Thomforde, and Judith Whipple.

**“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, January 23
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)
”Foolishness”**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

There is no foolishness more heartbreaking than that of the lost soul who rejects the love and freedom from guilt that comes through faith in Jesus. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932) On the Holy Scriptures (Paragraph 3)

We reject the doctrine which under the name of science has gained wide popularity in the Church of our day that Holy Scripture is not in all its parts the Word of God, but in part the Word of God and in part the word of man and hence does, or at least, might contain error. We reject this erroneous doctrine as horrible and blasphemous, since it flatly contradicts Christ and His holy apostles, set up men as judges over the Word of God, and thus overthrows the foundation of the Christian Church and its faith.

Youth Ski Trip

Pastor is planning a trip to Welch Village for the youth of our congregation. The event is scheduled for Saturday, January 29th at 3:00 in the afternoon. We will meet at church and then proceed to the ski hill as a group. The cost for just a lift ticket is \$23. You may purchase the full package (which includes lift ticket, rental equipment, and a lesson) for \$39. Please bring extra money for food. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are able to attend. You may invite friends; however, please make sure that they are also signed up. Adult chaperones are also welcome to join us for the event.

Radio Devotion Program

Would you like to sponsor a week of devotions on Red Wing's KWNG radio station? Pastor speaks the Gospel to our community five days out of every week. You may sponsor a week in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for a special event in your life, or you may pay for a week without having your name mentioned on air. It is your choice. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Offerings to this program should go into the regular collection plate and should be marked "radio program" on the envelope or in the memo line on the check. Thanks for helping others to hear the Good News!!

Council and Voters' Meetings

The annual meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held on Tuesday, January 25th, at 7:30 PM. If you are not a member of the voters and would like to join, please speak with Pastor or one of the elders at your earliest convenience. All members of the church council are encouraged to attend a meeting on January 18th at 7:00 PM in order to prepare for the discussions at the annual meeting. Thank you.

Information Due for Annual Report

Reports from committees and officers of the congregation are now due. Please prepare your summaries in the next few weeks and get them to Karen Stemmann or Pastor Sorenson. The information will be compiled and included in the 2010 Annual Report of the congregation. Thank you.

Life Quotes

January 16 “A third truth of life is that God desires a relationship, both now and forever, with those He created and redeemed. He wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of His truth (1 Timothy 2:4). He wants to adopt every human being, through faith in Christ Jesus, into His family, lead them, walk with them, and accomplish His purpose for each human life.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

March for Life – Next Saturday

On Saturday, January 22, join thousands of Minnesotans at the State Capitol in St. Paul at 12:00 noon for the MCCL March for Life. The March commemorates the deaths of more than 50 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision of 1973. Your presence will help show elected officials and the public the depth of support for pro-life legislation protecting women and unborn babies. A full announcement about next Saturday's March for Life has been posted on the church bulletin board. More information is also available at www.mccl.org. If you would like to attend but do not have transportation, please speak with Pastor Sorenson and he will arrange for your travel. Abortion is the greatest human rights issue of our time.

Lutherans for Life

Would you like to help Lutherans for Life educate the Church and the world about God's precious gift of life? Your donation can help protect the most vulnerable among us. Checks should be made out to "Lutherans for Life" and mailed to 1120 South G Avenue, Nevada, IA 50201-2774. You may also call (888)-364-LIFE or visit www.lutheransforlife.org for more information. All contributions are tax-deductible in accord with IRS regulations.

Pro-Life Petitions

Two petitions are available this morning for your signatures. The first urges Minnesota state legislators to ban sex-selection abortion. The second shows your support for the "No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Act," which would establish a permanent, government-wide law against federal funding of abortion and federal subsidies for insurance coverage of abortion. Please consider signing these documents and allowing your pro-life voice to be heard.