

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2008

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: #527, "O Savior, Precious Savior"
Invocation
P: 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

Hymn of Praise: #950, "Splendor and Honor"

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

First Reading Acts 1:12-26

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gradual of the Season, chanted by Pastor

Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse: John 17:3

P: Alleluia!

C: Alleluia!

P: This is eternal life, that they know You the only true God,

C: and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel John 17:1-11

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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Hymn of the Day: #526, "You Are the Way; through You Alone"

Sermon: "This Is Eternal Life"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

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

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

(Silence for self-examination)

C: O Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Exhortation to the Communicants

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Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution

#732, "All Depends on Our Possessing"

#537, "Beautiful Savior"

#729, "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #829, "Christ the Eternal Lord"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	11:45AM	Congregational Lunch hosted by Ladies Aid
Monday:	8:30PM	Softball vs. St. Paul's II
Tuesday:	9:00AM	Circuit Conference – Potsdam
	7:00PM	Board of Elders
Wednesday:	8:30AM	CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson
	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
		No Choir Practice
Thursday:	7:30PM	Women's Bible Study
Next Sun:	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday	- Lois Klair, M/M Keith Holst
Wednesday	- Patti Dargus
Saturday	- Ronnie Stumpf, Todd Stumpf

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen in remission from Lymphoma); Garland Bradley (husband of prospective member, in need of healing); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (receiving treatments for skin cancer); Cheri Greenwaldt (healing for her and her baby Callie born prematurely); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Elaine Diercks (recovering from open heart surgery); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Janice Kassen (recovering from surgery); the Carlson family (as they mourn the loss of Walter, Vera's brother).

Congregational Lunch – Today After Church

The Ladies Aid of Immanuel will be having a lunch for the congregation after worship today. All members of Immanuel are invited to attend. A free-will offering will be taken. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be providing supplemental funds and proceeds will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the church.

Fellowship Time Treat Sign-Up

A new sign-up sheet for those who would like to bring treats for fellowship time has been posted on the bulletin board. It covers dates through the end of May. All donations collected this month will go towards the building project.

Orphan Grain Train Collection at Immanuel

All congregations in the Minnesota North and South Districts are invited to collect new socks and underwear (men's, women's and children's) for Orphan Grain Train. Please place your donated items in the basket marked: "Orphan Grain Train." Pastor Sorenson will be bringing the collection to the ingathering at the Minnesota State Pastoral Conference on May 12th - 14th. The orphan Grain Train is an organization that provides relief for human need worldwide. Thank you.

Confirmation Dinner

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to help with the confirmation dinner at 6:00PM, May 16th. This year we have two young men being confirmed: Kelvin Hoffman and Tyson Smith. Plan on enough food for those who serve at the event plus twenty people. If you have specific questions, please speak with Pastor Sorenson. Thanks.

Immanuel Church Golfing Group

The Church Golfing Group will begin its 3rd season of golfing on Friday, May 23rd at 6:00PM. The group will meet again this year at Gopher Hills in Miesville. The cost will be \$15 for 9 holes, including a cart. We will be playing best ball, so no need to be a good golfer! A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board, or you may contact Jerry Kohn at 388-7590. Other tentative dates are June 13 & 27; July 12 & 25; and August 15 & 29.

Life Quote – May 4

"You might recall that it is at the Ascension that Jesus enters the Holy of Holies—heaven itself and the presence of God—being taken up in the midst of the clouds ... there ... your Great High Priest continually makes intercession for you—a beloved child of the heavenly Father." *Rev. Daniel Feusse, Concordia Lutheran Church, Clearwater, Nebraska.* **Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org**

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, May 11

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

"Not About Mothers"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

A Mother's Day sermon that's really not about mothers? A mother's sacrificial love and work is another way of understanding all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:21)

A Little History as We Celebrate our 150th Anniversary

In 1862, the congregation of Immanuel consisted of nine families. These Flower Valley Lutherans built a three-room building, two rooms serving as the parsonage, one room for school and worship!