# THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK 24686 OLD CHURCH ROAD, RED WING, MN 55066

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# A Service of Dedication and Blessing For Our Newly Constructed Church Facilities

**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: Violin and Viola Duets ......Sara Sorenson and Heather Hoff

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship: "Better Is One Day" by Chris Tomlin

"Flock" Ensemble from Concordia College, Moorhead

#### Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 65:1-4

- P: Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,
- C: and to You shall vows be performed.
- P: O You who hears prayer,
- C: to You shall all flesh come.
- P: When iniquities prevail against me,
- **C**: You atone for our transgressions.
- P: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts,
- C: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Choral Offering: "From All That Dwell Below The Skies"

Arr. Gordon Young

Second Reading/Holy Gospel ...... Matthew 7:24-27 Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the Reading)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to Your, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed ......back cover of the hymnal Hymn of the Day: #909, "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Sermon: "United in Work, Worship, and Joy"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Musical Offering: "Forever" by Chris Tomlin ......"Flock" Ensemble

Blessing of Our New Parish Hall and Other Facilities

- P: Beloved in the Lord, the psalmist declares, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain" (Psalm 127:1). Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that all things are holy when sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify our new facilities to be places where the Lord's will is done and His name is glorified.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: who made heaven and earth.
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

Prayer of Blessing

(Prayed by Mr. Dan Banitt, Chair of the Building Committee)

L: Almighty God, heavenly Father, without whom no word of ours avails, grant Your blessing to all who use our new fellowship hall, offices, educational rooms, and kitchen. Help Your people to grow day by day in the knowledge of Your will and in the grace to perform it, to the

honor and praise of Your name and the good of all people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these new facilities to the glory and honor of His name.

C: Amen.

Presentation of Plaque by Mr. Kurt Fuhr, Vice-President of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund

Lord's Prayer ...... back cover of the hymnal Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #822, "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

Postlude

#### Thank You to "FLOCK"

We praise God that Kristin Reding brought her college praise ensemble to share their gifts of music with us this morning. Other members of the group include Steph Anderson (Roseville, MN), Leah Kay (Dassel, MN), Issac Ydstie (Mankato, MN), Megan Erickson (Austin, MN), Ashley Van Voast (Turner, MT), Andy Clemenson (Benidji, MN), and Anna Overson (Chaska, MN). Their presence in our worship service today brought us joy and filled us with thanksgiving.

#### **Chili Lunch and Auction**

Following the service today, all are invited to the chili lunch and auction in the new fellowship hall. The lunch and auction are being sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Monies raised today, along with the support of Thrivent's Care in Congregations Program, will go towards the purchase of a stove for the kitchen, a vacuum cleaner, and landscaping.

Some of today's auction items include: Canadian fish fillets, Alaskan halibut, chickens, bag of alfalfa, ½ beef, assortment of pork, Pampered Chef item, baked goodies, garden produce (potatoes, apples, squash, pumpkins), carbon monoxide alarm, white ceramic dinnerware, hand-stamped cards, a sunset dinner cruise on Lake Pepin, 4-gallon Red Wing crock with cover, 2-gallon Red Wing crock, hand-made decorative pillow, assortment of Tastefully Simple products, mirror, bird house, bird feeder and a corn shock.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	11:30AM	Chili Lunch and Auction
	7:30PM	Nybo's Family Night

Monday: CILS ½ day – 12:00PM dismissal

Tuesday: 7:00PM Council Meeting

Wednesday: Teachers' Convention in Mankato Oct. 17-19

5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

7:30PM Choir – Fellowship Hall – All are welcome!

Thursday: St. Luke, Evangelist: Isa. 35:5-8;

2 Tim. 4:5-18; Lk. 10:1-9

12:00PM Ladies Aid Progressive Dinner 5:30PM 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

7:00PM CILS Board of Education - Immanuel

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

10:00AM Fellowship Time

10:30AM Worship and Dedication

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - M/M Stan Koester Monday - Rebecca Kelm

Tuesday - Rebecca Kirtz, Connie Duden

Thursday - Sheila Stehr

Friday - Kay Schmitz, Matthew Stumpf

## 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 (undergoing treatment); Kevin Augustin (healing from heart surgery); Irene Pasche (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); George Hoff (grandfather of Sara Sorenson, praying for healing); the family of Marge Holst (mourning her loss).

#### Life Quote - October 14

"Euthanasia treats people as disposable objects. All ... should be concerned ... even frightened by the possibilities." *Jean Echlin, RN, MScN 26-year palliative care specialist.* A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, October 21 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) "Around the Corner" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

When mulling over a decision, people sometimes ask, "What's the worst that can happen?" (2 Timothy 4:3-4)