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15th Sunday After Pentecost

August 24, 2008

Special Guest: Rev. Giles Zimmer

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

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #909. "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Invocation and Opening Sentences

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly,
- C: but the haughty He knows from afar. (Psalm 138:6)
- P: Do not be conformed to this world.
- C: but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. (Romans 12:2)

Confession and Absolution (Silence to call to mind your sins)

- P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are unclean sinners. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P: "The Lord comforts Zion ... my salvation will be forever." Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained

servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C:	Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsivelyworship insert Hymn of Praise: #692, "Praise to You and Adoration" Old Testament ReadingIsaiah 51:1-6 P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter. C: Glory to You, O Lord. (The Gospel is proclaimed) P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creedback cover of the hymnal Hymn of the Day: #697, "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

Sermon: "The Great Awakening"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayerback cover of the hymnal Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #912, "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" Silent Prayer Announcements Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Pastor Sorenson on vacation until August 30th

Friday: The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist:

Rev. 6:9-11; Rom. 6:1-5; Mk. 6:1-29

6:00PM Church Golfing Group, Gopher Hills

Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit

Next Sun: 9:30AM Worship – Friendship Sunday

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Dale Dicke, Ryan Kassen, M/M Doug Callstrom,

M/M Myron Alms

Tuesday - M/M Jim Dicke

Wednesday - Walter Banitt, Tally Stehr, M/M Bruce Carlson

Thursday - Neil Stemmann, M/M Nick Kurtti

Friday - Zach Laffey

Saturday - Kevin Augustin, Jacob Diercks, Cheyenne Meyer

M/M Dan Banitt, M/M Kevin Augustin

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (healing); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for a brain tumor); Doug Dankers (recovering from eye surgery); Cheryl Sykes (sister of Todd Burns, recovering from a stroke); Dennis Herling (father of Johnathon Burns' girlfriend, diagnosed with a brain aneurysm); Curtis Horn (healing); Dale Safe (Pat Banitt's brother, recovering from a bull attack).

Immanuel Church Choir

The adult choir of Immanuel will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, September 10th at 7:30PM. The plan is to have a sundae party as part of the opening session. Members are encouraged to bring toppings to share. The choir is always looking for more members and there is a special need for sopranos. Men and women high school age and up are encouraged to attend. Note reading is not required for participation.

Sunday School to Begin

The Sunday School will begin again on September 7th at 9:00AM. If your child is new to Sunday School and you would like some additional information, please see Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience. Signs will be posted on the 7th letting you know which rooms will be used for Sunday School and where the different grade levels will meet. Thanks.

Life Quote - August 24

"Real life is only possible in this world if we know and believe in a real presence, the real, bodily presence of Christ, sent by the Father into our world to reach out His hand – the hand of God – to heal those who are broken by sin – to hold a little child and bless it – to stretch it out on a cross to receive a nail for our redemption." Rev. Dr. Arthur A. Just, Jr., Professor of Exegetical Theology, Dean of the Chapel, and Director of Deaconess Studies at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org

Sunday School Teachers Needed

It's that time again! Sunday School will start on September 7th at 9:00AM and we need teachers. If you would like to team teach to minimize your weekly commitment, that is acceptable and encouraged. This year the classes will be divided as follows:

Preschool/Kindergarten; 1st and 2nd Grade; 3rd and 4th Grade; 5th through 8th Grade; and High School

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are able to help with Sunday School this year. If you have questions, please see Pastor Sorenson at church or call him at your convenience (388-4577). Thank you.

VBS Thank You

The children of this year's VBS program gave offerings in the amount of \$16.97 to be used in support of mission work in our Minnesota South District. For making "Friendship Trek" such a special program and for thinking about those who need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, thanks kids! God's blessings!

Addresses for College Students and Service Personnel

It is a blessing to get cards, devotional materials, and other greetings out to our college students and service personnel on a regular basis. If you are in either one of these categories or you are a parent of someone in college or in the service, please see that pastor gets an updated address and contact information. You may leave updates in Pastor's box, give him a call (388-4577), or send him an e-mail at immanuellcms@ll.net.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, August 31 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) "Hold On to What is Precious" Guest Speaker: Rev. John Schmidtke

God calls us to let go of worthless things and return to that which is precious: His faithful and forgiving love for us, revealed in Jesus Christ. Pastor John Schmidtke says God's Word helps us to distinguish the precious from the worthless. (Jeremiah 15:15-21)

Friendship Sunday

Don't forget, next Sunday is the last Sunday of the month and that means "Friendship Sunday." A simplified service with piano music will again be featured. Who can you invite to church? Who can you invite to grow closer to the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? Who can you invite who has never rightly heard the Gospel of God's Son, Jesus Christ, who died to pay for the sins of the whole world? Think about it.

A Little History as We Celebrate our 150th Anniversary

The current school building of Immanuel was dedicated in 1952 and cost \$42,250 to build. A mortgage burning ceremony ten years later marked the completion of payment for that building.

Fall Bible Sale

Need a Bible? Concordia Publishing House Bibles are on sale now through our church. They are perfect for Bible studies and gift-giving. The popular Concordia Self-Study Bible with Lutheran commentary is included in this offer. Plus, you can save 33% on the new reader's edition of the Book of Concord, the Lutheran Confessions. All LCMS pastors vow to teach in conformity with the Book of Concord since its teaching agrees perfectly with the Holy Scriptures. For more information about these special offers from CPH, look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you do sign up, make no payment today. Pastor will call you when the time comes to pay for your order.

Fall Schedule Change

On September 7th, Immanuel will again resume its fall schedule. Sunday activities will be conducted according to the following arrangement:

9:00AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time with Treats

10:30AM Worship

Fellowship Time Treats

What a blessing our Sunday morning fellowship time has been! So many people are commenting that they feel more connected to their brothers and sisters in Christ. If you would like to provide treats for this time of friendship, sharing, and snacks, please sign up on the bulletin board.