

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost      September 23, 2012

**The Presentation of Bibles to New Confirmation Students**

**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  
Ring of the Bell  
Choral Call to Worship: "Such Love"  
Words and Music: Graham Kendrick

Opening Hymn: "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" #903

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 (see worship insert)  
Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading .....Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Epistle .....James 3:13-4:10  
Children's Talk: "Fight Truth Decay"  
Holy Gospel .....Mark 9:30-37  
Apostles' Creed .....back cover of the hymnal

Presentation of Bibles to 5th Grade Confirmands  
\* Tyler Ballman  
\* Cody Callstrom  
\* Dylan Frazier  
\* Brandon Schmitz

Hymn of the Day: "Soldiers, Who Are Christ's Below"  
Text: Latin, trans. J. H. Clark; Tune: Orientis Partibus, #469

- 1)  
Soldiers, who are Christ's below,  
Strong in faith resist the foe.  
Boundless is the pledged reward  
Unto them who serve the Lord.
- 2)  
'Tis no palm of fading leaves  
That the conqueror's hand receives;  
Joys are his, serene and pure,  
Light that ever shall endure.
- 3)  
For the souls that overcome  
Waits the beauteous heavenly home,  
Where the blessed evermore  
Tread on high the starry floor.
- 4)  
Passing soon and little worth  
Are the things that tempt on earth;  
Heavenward lift thy soul's regard;  
God Himself is thy reward.
- 5)  
Father, who the crown does give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, who our hearts dost raise,  
Three in One, Thy name we praise!

Sermon: "Rewards of Grace"

Offering  
Prayer of the Church  
P: Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**  
Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal  
Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" #813  
Silent Prayer/Chimes  
Announcements  
Postlude

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Wednesday: 4:30PM 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
5:30PM 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
7:30PM Choir  
Thursday: 7:30PM Women's Bible Class  
Friday: 7:00PM Youth Pizza Party and Movie Night  
Saturday: St. Michael and All Angels: Dan. 10:10-14;  
12:1-13; Rev. 12:7-12; Lk. 10:17-20  
9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit  
Next Sunday: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class  
9:45AM Fellowship Time  
10:00AM Worship/Placing of Sunday School Teachers  
Acolyte: Ben Domagala

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Today - Walter & Dorraine Banitt  
Monday - Steven Schmitz, Doug & Ruth Dankers,  
Todd & Darla Stumpf  
Tuesday - Dawayne Wichern  
Thursday - Warren & Karlene Abell  
Saturday - Kayla Stumpf, John & LaVonne Schafer

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Phillip Sorenson, Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Cathy Hamilton, and the family and friends of Janis Thomford as they reflect on her passing.

### **Placing of Sunday School Teachers**

All Sunday School teachers for 2012-2013 are encouraged to be in worship on September 30th to be placed as congregational servants. A hearty "thank you" to all of those who volunteered to care for the little lambs of our Sunday School. May this be a year of blessing in God's Word!

### **Hiawathaland Transit**

Needy families and individuals in our community need help with transportation. Low-income families and the elderly are most at risk. Do you know someone who could help make a difference? The volunteer driver program of Three Rivers Community Action is looking for people to donate time, energy, and experience for individual transportation to important appointments. The program has much flexibility and freedom and you will be reimbursed the IRS mileage rate of \$0.555 cents a mile. Please call 866-623-7505 to find out more about how you can help. You may also visit the website at [www.threeriverscap.org](http://www.threeriverscap.org). Thank you for your consideration.

### **Youth Event – This Friday**

The youth of the congregation are invited to a pizza party and movie night this coming Friday at 7:00PM. Bring a favorite video (rated G or PG) and we will vote on what to watch. Food for this event will be provided through the youth fund, although you may also bring snacks to share. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board. Friends from outside the congregation are welcome; just make sure to sign them up or call Pastor during the week (388-4577).

### **Circuit Forum - September 30**

A meeting will be held at Trinity, Elgin on September 30th to determine our circuit's pastoral and lay delegates to the national convention of synod. The convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, from July 20th to July 25th of 2013. The circuit provides all expenses for our elected delegates to attend the convention. The national convention of synod is the principal legislative assembly of our church body. Delegates will be blessed with opportunities for worship, inspiration, and fellowship. If you would be interested in serving as a lay delegate, please speak with Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience.

### **Life Quotes**

**September 23** "All your sins—original sin that condemns even the seemingly innocent baby, sins of sex outside of marriage, the sin of having an abortion, the sin of leaving women in the helplessness and despair that leads to abortion (that's the sin of all of us who haven't done everything we could to help!)—all our sins were forgiven when Jesus reached out His arms for you on the cross. You are forgiven!" *Carl C. Fickenschner II, associate professor of pastoral ministry and missions and dean of certification and pastoral education, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana*—A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life •

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### **"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 30**

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

### **"Jesus, I Don't Love You"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus  
Jesus said those who are not against Him are for Him, but the opposite is also true: those who are not for Jesus are against Him. (Mark 9:38-40)

### **Catechism Review**

#### ***What plan does God use for the reproduction of living things?***

God created living things to reproduce "according to their kinds." Animals, plants, and people can reproduce only living things like themselves.

#### ***What is the Christian's proper response to theories of evolution regarding the beginning of the world?***

By faith Christians believe what the Word of God teaches about creation.  
Evolutionary theories are not scientifically verifiable.