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The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2010

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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 and Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise" #798

Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

(An Act of Adoration)

P: Let us adore our heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

C: **We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.**

P: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are; yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again, as Judge and King.

C: **You are the King of glory, O Christ.**

P: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

C: **All praise to You, O Holy Spirit.**

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(An Act of Confession)

P: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

C: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

C: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C: **according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" #651

Collect of the Day (spoken by Pastor)

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-16

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-34

Apostles' Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: "Have No Fear, Little Flock" #735

Sermon: "The Gift of the Kingdom"

Offering

(An Act of Thanksgiving)

P: Almighty God, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to You, and for all Your loving-kindness we bless Your holy name.

For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life –

C: **We praise You, O God.**

P: For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious –

C: **We praise You, O God.**

P: For the gift of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him; and for His obedience unto death, even death on a cross –

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C: **We praise You, O God.**

P: For His glorious resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion –

**C: We praise You, O God.**

P: For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life; for Your holy Church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth –

**C: We praise You, O God.**

P: Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to You, O Father almighty,

**C: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father” #725

(An Act of Supplication)

P: Almighty God, because You have committed to Your people the ministry of intercession, hear us as we pray for others, and grant that our hearts may be filled with peace and love.

P: For Your holy Church throughout all the world, that You would bestow on the ministers of Your Word and Sacraments the abundance of Your grace and truth and confirm Your people in the faith of the Gospel, that Christ may be exalted as head over all.

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: For Your people here and everywhere, that You would inspire them with love for Your house, zeal in Your service, and joy in the advancement of Your kingdom.

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: For the nations, that You would give them the spirit of understanding; and for those in authority, that You would inspire in them a true desire for peace and love of concord.

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: For all our schools and colleges, and for all who teach in them and all who learn, that in humility of heart they may ever look to You, the fountain of all wisdom.

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: For those adopting children, especially Rick and Shelly Stemmann, that their adoption would proceed smoothly to legal finalization and that their child would be raised in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: For all in sickness and distress, that You would give strength to the weary and relief to the suffering. Especially do we lift up \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name now from our hearts \_\_\_\_\_. Grant healing and wholeness in accordance with Your divine will.

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**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: For all those in our congregation celebrating birthdays and anniversaries: \_\_\_\_\_. That in the midst of their joy they would look to You in faith as the Source from whom all blessings flow.

**C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P: For all Your servants who have departed this life in faith we give You hearty thanks, and we pray You to give us grace to follow them as they followed Christ. Bring us, with them, to those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

Blessing

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: "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" #648

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

#### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	1:00 PM	River City Days Parade with Immanuel Float
Tuesday:	6:00 PM	Meeting Regarding CILS Historical Presentation
	7:00 PM	Board of Elders
Saturday:	4:00 PM	CILS Closing Service at Concordia
	5:30 PM	CILS Potluck and Historical Presentation at Immanuel
	6:00 PM	Church Golfing Group – Gopher Hills
Next Sunday:		Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Sara (Voth) Kroll, Brady McNamara (born three months prematurely), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Ethan Stehr (recovering from surgery), Jim Dicke (recovering from knee surgery), Travis Jares (Bonnie Kassen's nephew, healing from a neck fracture), and Karen Stemmann (recovering from blood clots).

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday:	Sheila Boyer
Tuesday:	Dustin Stumpf
Wednesday:	M/M Hilbert Gerdes
Friday:	Joel Ofstie, Jeff Rehder

Saturday: Trevor Dicke

### **Lutheran School Tuition Program**

The Voters of Immanuel have approved a program to financially assist families pursuing a parochial school education at St. John's, Red Wing (WELS) or St. John's, Goodhue (WELS). This opportunity requires an application and approval process through the Immanuel Board of Education. For a form with full details, please see Pastor Sorenson.

### **Radio Devotion Program**

Pastor has begun a devotion program on Red Wing's KWNG radio station. Sixty second devotions are featured five days a week in the early morning with our church's name being included with the devotion. Members of the congregation are encouraged to sign-up to sponsor one week of devotions at a cost of \$60. You may sponsor a week in honor of someone, in remembrance of someone, or to commemorate a special event. This is a great opportunity and reasonably priced. Could you sponsor one or two weeks out of the year for the sake of the mission of God and the message of Christ's Church? A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.

### **CILS Closing Activities**

Don't forget: The closing worship service for Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School will be held on August 14th at 4:00 PM at Concordia. A potluck and historical presentation will follow at Hay Creek. Come and show your love and appreciation for the blessings God has provided through CILS over these many years.

### **Catechism Review: The Lord's Prayer**

**The Introduction:** Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

### **Decommissioning of Hay Creek School**

On August 22nd, the Sunday service will be held outside the Immanuel School Building. In addition to the decommissioning of the Immanuel School, Pastor will reflect on the lives that have been touched by the love of Jesus since the building's construction in 1952. Please bring chairs and invite your friends who have a special place in their hearts for this era of Immanuel's ministry.

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### **New Pastor for St. Peter's and Bethany**

The congregations of St. Peter's, Belvidere, and Bethany, Lake City, invite you to the installation of their new pastor, the Rev. Dr. Scott T. Fiege on August 22, 2010. A service will be held at St. Peter's at 3 PM with a reception to follow. Another service will be held at Bethany at 6 PM with a meal following in the church dining hall. We are very blessed to have filled

our dual parish vacancy with Pastor Fiege and we look forward to a joyous day of installation services. We hope you will honor us with your presence.

### **Red Cross Bloodmobile**

Give the gift of life! Give the gift of blood. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at United Church this Thursday from 1 to 7 PM and on Friday from 11 AM to 5 PM. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Ice Cream Social at Hay Creek**

Mark your calendars! The Ladies Aid of Immanuel will be offering an ice cream social on August 29<sup>th</sup> between 5 and 8 PM in the church fellowship hall. Barb Betcher will be the speaker. BBQ sandwiches, pie, and ice cream will be served.

### **A Letter from Dr. Lane Seitz**

Dear Friends at Concordia and Immanuel Lutheran Churches:

Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your invitation to attend the worship service scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> at Concordia.

Celebrating the closure of a ministry is never an easy task. Effective June 3, 2010, 150 years of continuous, faithful Lutheran School ministry has come to an end with the closing of the Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School. For many this might be viewed as a sad reality. Realistically, however, 150 years of continuous faithful ministry to children is a most laudable accomplishment and certainly worthy of celebration.

It seems to me that you are celebrating in proper Lutheran fashion, with a service of worship, a potluck dinner, a time of rejoicing for God's many blessings over the years, and a deliberate looking forward to the future with faith and joy.

Unfortunately, I am unable to be with you on this day of celebration. But, please know that I rejoice with you in God's faithful and future leading of your congregations.

Fraternally in His Service,  
Rev. Dr. Lane R. Seitz, President