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The First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2011

The Service of Holy Baptism for Micah Gerald Ballman

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
Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #350, “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

Invocation
Address
Exorcism
Sign of the Cross
Prayer
Holy Gospel: Mark 10:13-16
Lord’s Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)
Blessing
Exhortation to the Sponsors
Pledge of the Sponsors (Andrew Bjurquist and Stacy Ballman)
Baptism of Micah Gerald Ballman
Blessing
Placing of the White Garment
Lighting of the Baptismal Candle
Prayer
Peace
Baptismal Hymn: “588, “Jesus Loves Me”

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

Gradual of the Season, prayed responsively worship insert

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Holy Gospel Mark 11:1-10

Hymn of the Day: #355, “O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

Sermon: “Rend the Heavens and Come Down!”

Offering
Offertory Hymn: #781, “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Prayer of the Church
P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Benediction

Closing Hymn: “#336, “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Silent Prayer
Announcements
Postlude

Baptism Today

Today we rejoice with Kevin and Christine Ballman as their infant son, Micah Gerald Ballman, receives the washing of rebirth and renewal in Holy Baptism. Serving as sponsors are Stacy Ballman and Andrew Bjurquist. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved (Mk. 16:16). Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00AM Fellowship Time
10:30AM Worship/Baptism of Micah Gerald Ballman
11:30AM Ballman Lunch in Fellowship Hall
3:00PM New Horizons Church Decorating

Wednesday: St. Andrew, Apostle: Ezek. 3:16-21, Rom. 10:8b-18; Jn. 1:35-42a
2:00PM Seminary Home Chapel w/ Pr. Sorenson
3:30PM New Member Class
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
6:30PM Advent Midweek Supper
7:30PM Advent Midweek Worship
8:15PM Choir

Thursday: 1PM-7PM Red Cross Bloodmobile at United Lutheran

Friday: 11AM-5PM Red Cross Bloodmobile at United Lutheran
6:00PM Fellowship Club Potluck

Saturday: 9:00AM Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal

Next Sunday: Second Sunday in Advent
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00AM Fellowship Time
10:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday - Isabel Germann-Hutter
Thursday - Brad Kolberg, Brian Smith
Saturday - Joel Kassen

IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson, Melissa Barbey, Fred Voth, Wendy Suiter, Barb Vieths, Janis Thomford, Margie Stumpf (recovering from a heart attack), and Willard Holst (recovering from several heart attacks).

Decorating for Christmas

New Horizons will be decorating the church for Christmas this afternoon around 3:00 PM (after the Vikings football game). Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share if you wish. All in the congregation are invited to help with the decorating. Come and enjoy the fellowship and snacks.

Advent Midweek Services and Suppers

Everyone is welcome to attend the Wednesday night Advent suppers and services. The supper is at 6:30PM and the service is at 7:30PM. We still need volunteers for some of the Advent suppers. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. This year's preaching series is entitled: "Songs of the Savior from Luke." This Wednesday's focus is on Mary's Song: The Magnificat.

Snow Shoveling

Winter weather will soon be here and the church is in need of volunteers to shovel sidewalks before services or events. If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Christmas Project News

Immanuel is again participating in the Goodhue County Christmas Project and was designated to help two families and one adult. A poster in the narthex displays what items we need. You are asked to take a post-it note from the Christmas tree bearing the name of an item and write your name in the space underneath. Please bring your unwrapped items to church and place them under the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. All donations need to be received by December 18th. Thank you for your consideration and care for others. If you have any questions, please see Bobbie Langhans.

Bottles for Babies

During the month of November, our congregation will participate in the Bottles for Babies program which goes to support the needs of mothers working with the New Beginnings Pregnancy Center in Red Wing. It's an easy project. Just take a baby bottle from the box in the narthex, fill it with spare change during the next month, and then bring it back to church by the beginning of December. It's a simple fundraiser. But with many churches and individuals participating, it really adds up to many blessings for the mothers being served. If you would prefer to write a check to New Beginnings, just place it in one of the bottles before you leave today!

Life Quotes

November 27 “Jesus live[d] like us in every way so that He [could] fight the battle we could not fight. For the body carried in Mary’s womb, the body placed in the manger for its cradle, the body seen by shepherds and honored by Magi—this is the body that Christ will offer on the cross ... It is the body of the very Son of God.” *Pastor Mark D. Barz, Pastor, Crown of Life Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

Scrip Order

The annual Christmas Scrip order will be placed on Tuesday, November 29th with expected delivery on Wednesday, December 7th. Please remember to pre-pay large orders. A list of current Scrip vendors is available from Bonnie Kassen. For those of you who are not familiar with Scrip, Immanuel purchases gift certificates for hundreds of retailers at a reduced rate and sells them for full cost, thus producing a profit for the church. Immanuel typically sees a \$1,000 per year profit, but this could be greatly increased if more people chose to participate. Scrip can be used for gift giving or for everyday expenses such as gas, groceries, clothing, household goods and entertainment. A large quantity of certificates is kept on hand and can be purchased before or after the church service. Cenex is now available and will be carried in the Scrip box on a regular basis. For more information or clarification, please see Bonnie Kassen or call her at 923-4884.

Explanation of the Small Catechism – Review

What is God’s name?

God, as He has revealed Himself to us, His essence and His attributes.

What does God forbid in the Second Commandment?

In the Second Commandment God forbids us to misuse His name.

How is God’s name misused?

God’s name is misused when people: A) speak God’s name uselessly or carelessly (see Ex. 20:7); B) curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name.

Youth Sleigh Ride

Pastor would like to take a group of youth (and any interested church members) to Lowes Creek Tree Farm on Friday, December 16th, for a one-hour old-fashioned moonlight sleigh ride. The cost is \$8 per person if we get at least 12 people. Otherwise, the cost is \$9 per person. The tree farm features food and other attractions as well. We will leave church at 4:00 PM; the sleigh ride is at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, December 4

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

”What Kind of People Should We Be?”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

This world is passing away. It is faith in Christ alone that saves, not faith in man-made works, policies, or programs. As we wait for Christ to return, what kind of people should we be?

(2 Peter 3:1-13)