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The Festival of Easter

March 23, 2008

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.

Today we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Prelude

Entrance Dialog

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

P: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

C: The crucified One is risen! Alleluia!

P: He has conquered death by the cross!

C: He has come out of the tomb!

P: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Ps. 118:24)

P: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

C: His love endures forever! (Ps. 118:1)

P: All glory, laud, and honor belong to You, O Lord. Alleluia!

C: We worship, praise, and adore You, O Christ. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: #461, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Victory Over Sin

P: Beloved in the Lord! Even amidst our Easter joy, let us come before our gracious God and confess to Him our failings and sin.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Lord God,

C: we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You and that our lives are not what they should be. 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. 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: People of God, the Christ who died for you is risen. His death and resurrection have conquered our enemies: sin, death, and the devil. Therefore, 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 you, and 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! Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn of Praise: #457, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Collect of the Day

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Choral Offering: "Hallelujah! We Shall Rise!" Arr. Stan Pethel

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Procession/Hymn Verse: #488, "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

Response

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

Response

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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Hymn of the Day: #478, "The Day of Resurrection"

Sermon: "Whom Do You Seek This Easter Morn?"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Verse: Isaiah 12:4

P: The Lord God is my strength and my song;

C: and He has become my salvation.

Proper Preface

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy" p. 208

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Words of Institution

Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Cor. 11:26)

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (Rev. 22:20)

Distribution

(Holy Communion will be served in a continuous line this morning; baskets for cups are located at the end of the front pews)

Hymns:

#469, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

#633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The Lord will keep you from all harm - He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going, both now and forevermore. (Ps. 121:7-8)

C: Alleluia! Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. (Num. 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #465, "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Announcements

Postlude: "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" G. F. Handel

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen in remission from Lymphoma); Garland Bradley (husband of prospective member, in need of healing); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (receiving treatments for skin cancer); Cheri Greenwaldt (healing for her and her baby born prematurely); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Doug Danks (recovering from a heart attack); the Lieder family (mourning the loss of Chuck's mother).

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Easter Monday:	No CILS
Tuesday:	The Annunciation of Our Lord: Isa. 7:10-14; 1 Tim. 3:16; Lk. 1:25-38 CILS Classes Resume
Wednesday:	4:30PM 5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation 5:30PM 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation 7:30PM Choir
Thursday:	5:00PM 150 th Anniversary Committee 7:30PM Women's Bible Study
Saturday:	9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sun:	9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class 9:30AM Fellowship Time 10:30AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today	- Karen Stemmann
Monday	- Karlene Abell, Vera Carlson
Tuesday	- Myron Alms
Wednesday	- Eric Stumpf, William K. Langhans
Thursday	- Brady Meyer
Friday	- Kevin Schafer
Saturday	- Gretchen Kelm

How About a Garage Sale?

Would the congregation be interested in donating items to the church for a spring garage sale? Pastor thinks this might be a fun project to set up in advance of the 100 mile community garage sale this spring. Pastor is willing to make the arrangements and oversee the project. Please consider donating items such as clothes, house wares, crafts, books, etc. If you would like to volunteer in any other ways, please see Pastor. The money raised from this project could go to support Immanuel's building fund. However, in order to proceed with this project, Pastor needs to know ASAP if you have items to donate.

Message from Kim Burns

Kim Burns wants to thank the members of Immanuel for all the cards, prayers, and warm thoughts as she was undergoing and recovering from her recent eye surgeries. She thanks God for this congregation and all their support.

Hiawatha Zone Spring Rally

"God is Our Refuge" is the theme for the Hiawatha LWML Zone Spring Rally at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Potsdam. It will be held on Saturday, April 5th with registration starting at 8:30 AM and the program beginning at 9:00 AM. The registration fee is \$8. The speaker will be Pastor Merlin Stephan of St. Mark's in Rushford. He will speak about the experience of the August 2007 flood. The Bible Study will be led by Pastor Lowell Sorenson of Immanuel, Hay Creek. The Gifts of the Heart will be gathered for the Plainview-Elgin Food Shelf. Non-perishable may be brought to the Rally. A flier has been posted on the bulletin board.

Responses for the 150th Committee/Payment for July 19th Meal

A box has been placed in the Fellowship Hall for you to submit your responses concerning the 150th Anniversary activities. Please remember to put your name on the card you submit! If you prefer, you may also mail your information to the church's address. If you wish to pay for your meals before July 19th, please include a check made out to Immanuel Lutheran Church with your RSVP. It's \$12 for adults and \$5 for children. Your payment in advance will enable us to more quickly provide food service. Please provide this information to extended family members who may be interested in coming. If you have questions, please speak to Gail Dicke. Thank you.

Life Quote – March 23

"We can face the end of life with confidence because Jesus Christ has defeated the enemy of death. For the believer in Christ, the Savior of the world, it is death with a difference. The cross promises what no science or medicine can: immortality ... (2 Timothy 1:10) ... Through the cross and Christ's resurrection comes new life, eternal life, life with Christ without end." *Rev. Dr. Eugene Boe, Academic Dean, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology, Lutheran Brethren Seminary.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org**

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 30

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

"The Key to Diminishing Doubts"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Timothy Coppersmith

Do you long for someone to come onto the scene and make everything right? If only someone had the ability to help us overcome doubt, guilt, and fear. Pastor Tim Coppersmith invites us to see "The Key to Diminishing Doubts." (John 20:19-31)

Exploring Church Careers

On Friday, April 18th and Saturday, April 19th, Concordia University, St. Paul will host the "Exploring Church Careers Weekend Retreat." This event is designed to help high school students discover their calling in God's world. During the retreat, students will have the opportunity to learn about different types of professional church careers, stay overnight with current Concordia students, explore the CSP campus, worship with and meet other high school students from around the country, meet CSP faculty, and participate in Bible studies aimed at exploring vocation. For all 9th through 12th graders this event is FREE! Register online at www.csp.edu/exploringchurchcareers or call Emily Heine at 1-800-333-4705 (email: heine@csp.edu). Registration deadline is April 8, 2008.

Me? A Pastor or Deaconess?

Have you ever thought about professional church work as a vocation? If so, Rev. Kyle Castens from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Grace Lutheran Church on Monday, March 24th, any time between 4:30PM and 7:00PM. Rev. Castens is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages—elementary school age through adults—who have an interest. Conferences are individual, informal, and your family and friends are welcome. Reservations are not necessary, but strongly encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific conference time, please call Grace Lutheran Church at 507-289-7833. Grace Lutheran is located at 800 East Silver Lake Drive in Rochester. For other stops on the Minnesota itinerary, please see Pastor Sorenson for further details.