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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

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.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude
Welcome
Ring of the Bell

The Easter Sentence

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. "I am the First and the Last, and the Living One," says the Lord; "I died and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hell."

An Act of Adoration (*spoken in unison*)

Almighty God, before whose presence the angels veil their faces, with reverence and love we acknowledge Your glory and worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto our God, forever and ever. Amen.

An Act of Confession

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(*Silence for personal reflection and confession*)

P: Merciful Father,

C: We have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us. Spare them, O God, who confess their sin. Restore those who are heart-sorry for their sins, according to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, for His sake, that we may live godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsivelysee worship insert

Collect of the Day (*spoken by Pastor*)

Hymn: #754, "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"

First Reading Acts 16:9-15

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual of the Season, prayed responsively worship insert

Second Reading Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

"Alleluia" #952

Holy Gospel John 16:23-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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Hymn of the Day: #756, "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Sermon: "Knowing The End of the Story"

Offering

An Act of Thanksgiving

P: Father of all mercies, we give You thanks for all Your goodness to us and to all men. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Your love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we ask You, give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we praise You not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to Your service and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

An Act of Intercession

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Distribution

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #809

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #739, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

Work Days and Church Spring Cleaning This Week

Clean-up of the church grounds has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 10 & 11. Please contact one of the Trustees (Steve Alms, Brad Diercks or Kevin Ballman) for work that needs to be done. Circles 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are scheduled for interior church cleaning. A list of jobs will be posted in the church entry. When a job is completed, please cross it off the list. Come as you are able on Wednesday, Thursday (during the day only), Friday or Saturday.

Invitation to Women's Expo in Plainview

The ladies of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Plainview, invite you to their Women's Expo on Saturday, May 11th, as part of the Carley Bluebell Festival. There will be vendors with items for sale, a bake sale and a salad lunch. Proceeds from the bake sale are being given to St. Isadore/Green Prairie Place Garage Fund.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday:	9:00AM	District LWML Board of Directors Meeting in Mankato
Wednesday:		Church Interior Spring Cleaning—Check Posted Schedule
	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	6:45PM	Pre-Marriage Instruction
		No Choir Tonight
Thursday:		Day of Ascension Church Interior Spring Cleaning; during the day only
	7:00PM	Worship with Holy Communion Acolyte: Dylan Frazier
Friday:		Work Day and Spring Church Cleaning
	10:30AM	KWNG Recording Session
	2:00PM	Missouri Synod Communion at Plaza
	5:30PM	Elders
	6:30PM	Sara Sorenson Student Recital in Fellowship Hall
Saturday:		Work Day & Spring Church Cleaning
	8:30AM	First Choice Run/Walk for Life (Registration begins at 7:15 AM)
Next Sunday:		Seventh Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	9:45AM	Fellowship Time
	10:00AM	Worship with Public Questioning of 2013 Confirmands
		Acolyte: Cody Callstrom

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- Lois Klair, Keith & Diane Holst
Monday	- Dale & Gail Dicke
Tuesday	- Patti Dargus
Friday	- Ronnie Stumpf, Todd Stumpf

IN OUR PRAYERS

Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Jeanette Falkner, Ken Buth, Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery), Cindy Redman, Gretel Meyer (recovering from a stroke), Hilbert Gerdes (recovering from a stroke) and Fred Voth.

Confirmation Dinner

We are pleased to have three confirmation students this year finishing their course of instruction: Ben Domagala, Emily Duden, and Alicia Hoffman. A special dinner in their honor will be provided on Friday, May 17th, at 6:30 p.m. We need people who are willing to bring food and/or serve for the occasion. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Plan on enough food for roughly 30 people. Thank you for your help.

Life Quotes

May 5 “God does not require mothers and fathers to sacrifice their children so that others might live well or fear less. God made the sacrifice for us. The cross of Jesus Christ is the reminder of amazing grace on pitifully desperate people. The cross tells us that no one else—not even a ‘fetus’ (Latin: young one)—needs to be sacrificed.”
Linda Bartlett, www.titus2-4life.org – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, May 12

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

"The Prayer a Faithful Mother Would Love"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The love of a faithful mother or father reflects the deeper love God has for us in Jesus Christ. (John 17:20-26)

Catechism Review

What is the visible church?

The visible church is the whole number of those who use the Word of God and profess the Christian faith, but among whom, besides the true Christians, there are also unbelievers.

Note: The church properly so-called consists of believers only; it is only in a loose sense that we may speak of “church” as inclusive of all those who confess Christ, but among whom there are also hypocrites and the godless.

Are there then two churches, one visible and the other invisible?

There is only one church—all believers in Christ. The visible gathering is called church because of the believers gathered around the means of grace in an assembly in which there are also hypocrites.