

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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11th Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 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.

Pre-Service Music
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song of Praise: "This Is the Day" (All God's People Sing, #241)

Text: Psalm 118:24; Tune: Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it,
This is the day that the Lord hath made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord hath made. (*Sing Twice*)

Greeting and Opening Verses

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

C: Amen.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:3)

P: Have no anxiety about anything,

**C: but in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to
God.** (Philippians 4:6)

P: They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

C: they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

P: they shall run and not be weary;

C: they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Psalmody: "I Will Sing of the Mercies" (All God's People Sing, #133)

Text: Adapt. from Psalm 89:1; Tune: Unknown

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing. I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing. I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Romans 8:28-39
Matthew 13:44-52

Apostles' Creed see back cover of the hymnal

Song of the Day: "Seek Ye First" (All God's People Sing, #207)

Text: Matthew 6:33; Tune: Karen Lafferty

1)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!

2)

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!

3)

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

Message: "The Greatest Treasure in the World"

Offering

Offering Song: "We Come to Praise You" (All God's People Sing, #254)

Text: Robert M. Bjornstad; Tune: Bunessan, Gaelic

1)
Heavenly Father, we come to praise You,
And to say thank You here in our song,
For all the gifts You give through Your kindness,
Showing Your love, forgiving our wrong.

2)
Jesus, our Savior, we love and follow,
For all the blessings You died to share;
Life and salvation we have forever,
Trusting Your mercy, knowing Your care.

3)
Comforting Spirit, move us to worship,
Showing Christ's love in all that we do.
Help us to serve our brothers and sisters,
Knowing the off'ring's given to You.

Prayer

P: Almighty God, because You have committed Your people to the
ministry of intercession, hear us as we pray for one another.

C: Fill our hearts with peace and love.

P: We pray for the Church: Heavenly Father, be with Your Church, give
all ministers of the Word Your grace and truth that Your people might
grow in faith, and that Christ may be honored by all. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for those who are ill and those recovering,
especially....Source of all healing, we ask You to strengthen the tired,
to ease the pain of those who suffer, and to let those who are dying
know that You hold them in Your loving arms. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for families and friends: O God our Father, bless those we
love, and help us to grow in love for each other. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in our
congregation:.....Living Lord, lead Your people to rejoice in Your gifts
of life, love, and joy. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for those who mourn, especially.....Comforting Savior, grant
to all who mourn a sure confidence in the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School: Gracious Spirit,
may we ever regard our Lutheran School as a gift from God - a gift for
the Christian instruction of our own children in the faith - and also a gift
that enables us to reach out to families who do not know Christ as
Savior and Lord. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for those who serve in the military, especially Amanda and
Nicholas from this congregation: Lord, grant safety and success to
those who work to protect us. Keep our nation safe from unholy
attacks and lead us to thank you for the freedoms that we have in our
nation. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for the widows, the fatherless, the foreigners, and the unborn:
God of justice, defend the cause of the downtrodden, the
underprivileged, the disadvantaged, and the persecuted. Fight for
them, O Lord, and also lead us as Your people to speak and act for
those forgotten by society. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: We pray for those recovering from the destruction and devastation of
storms, floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes: Precious Lord, enable all
Your people to pick up the pieces of their lives and move forward in
faith. Move Your people to respond in acts of charity and care for all
those rebuilding and healing from their losses. In Your mercy,

C: hear us, good Lord.

P: Almighty God, You have given us the grace to make our prayers
known to You and have promised always to listen. Fulfill our requests
as may be best and grant us knowledge of Your truth in this world and
in the life to come. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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: "I Love to Tell the Story" (All God's People Sing, #128)

Text: Arabella Katherine Hankey;

Tune: Hankey, William Gustavus Fischer

1)

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else would do.

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.*

2)

I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard
The message of salvation From God's own holy Word.

Refrain

3)

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new, song,
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.

Refrain

Silent Prayer
Announcements
Piano Postlude

(Worship resources for today's service were taken from "All God's People Sing," a CPH publication of which the church has sufficient quantity. The rights of the publisher, authors, and composers of all materials have been assiduously guarded.)

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	10:30AM	Fellowship Time with Treats
Tuesday:	7:30PM	Voters' Meeting
Wednesday:	7:30PM	Summer Midweek Bible Study
Next Sun:	9:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- M/M Roger Henke
Monday	- Dorraine Banitt, Denise Simanski, M/M Bob Augustin
Friday	- M/M Gerald McRae, M/M Kim Laffey
Saturday	- Larry Horn

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the all who helped with the 150th Anniversary celebration on July 19th. It was a very successful day and we could not have done it without you.

A Gift from the Meyr Family

Please note the picture on the table in the fellowship hall entitled "This Is My Body." This is a gift from Vic and Joanne Meyr on the occasion of the congregation's 150th anniversary. We thank God for the presence of Pastor Meyr and his wife for our celebration, as we also praise God that our former Pastor John Nack and his wife Jovita could assist us in the day's festivities.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen struggling with cancer); Garland Bradley (husband of prospective member, in need of healing); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (healing); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Patti Dargus (healing); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Curtis Horn (recovering from surgery and kidney trouble); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for a brain tumor); Doug Dankers (recovering from eye surgery); the family of Tim Breuer (mourning his loss).

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Attention Voters: The Quarterly Meeting will be held this Tuesday, July 29th, at 7:30 p.m. If anyone would like more information about becoming a voting member of the congregation, please see an elder or Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

Life Quote – July 27

"There are those who see people with disabilities or those who are desperately ill as people lacking quality of life. We see children who need to be cherished and cared for." **Quote from Lutherans For Life /**
www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, July 27

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

"God's Vision Revealed"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ralph Blomenburg

Sometimes you have to see something before it is there, or it will never be there at all. What a sculptor did for Mt. Rushmore, God has done for you. (Romans 8:28)

A Letter from Esther Knack

Dear Friends in Christ:

Congratulations on the 150th anniversary of your church. My husband was teacher at the school from 1949-1953. I have many fond memories of Immanuel Church and School. I was asked to play the organ every other Sunday. The German services were very difficult for me since the former teacher left no music for the liturgy. I also had to play the pump organ one Christmas Eve when the electricity failed. I had planned on attending the celebration but my family didn't want me driving in the evening and they had other obligations. May God bless you in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Esther Knack

A Little History as We Celebrate our 150th Anniversary

Did you know that a second strand of immigrants who would become charter members of the Missouri Synod came to America via New York, many of them settling in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Ohio? "Der Lutheraner," which was published first in 1844 under Dr. Walther's leadership, was the medium of communication which brought these and other like-minded Lutherans in contact with the Saxons in Missouri. One outstanding clergyman thus contacted was a traveling missionary in the Fort Wayne area, Pastor F. C. D. Wyneken, later the second president of the Synod. Wyneken went to Germany and pleaded with the Lutherans there to help bring the Gospel to the "forsaken" immigrants in America. The most influential clergyman to respond was Pastor J. K. William Loehe in Bavaria, who established a seminary in his house to train "emergency workers" to go to America. By the time the Missouri Synod was founded in 1847, 22 Loehe-trained men had arrived in America..

VBS Information

Vacation Bible School will be held August 11th through the 15th this year. We will again do evening activities from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. The program this year is called Friendship Trek, and involves a fun-filled hiking journey through God's Word. Along the trail, kids collect friendship flips and super cool gear every hiker needs. Bring your children to this great adventure and have them bring their friends. A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to teach and for kids who want a summer adventure!

The Church's Prayer List and Our Legal Responsibility: A Statement of Implied Consent

Prayer lists are compiled and maintained by the pastor that include the names and medical conditions of members of the congregation and other persons who are known to be hospitalized or ill. Members and others who do not want their names and medical conditions published on the church's prayer lists (either in the bulletin or on the Webpage) should inform the pastor immediately. If necessary, a separate, nonpublished list will be maintained of persons who object to being included on such published prayer lists. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is not violated when a church publishes a prayer list that contains the names and medical conditions of people who are ill or hospitalized. HIPAA only addresses the unauthorized disclosure of patient information by hospitals. But since the church honors a person's right to privacy, and respects the laws regarding invasion of privacy, the church will follow the policy of implied consent as it pertains to all published prayer lists. (Information obtained by Synod's legal counsel and through the "Church Law and Tax Report" edited by Richard R. Hammer, J.D., LL.M., CPA).