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First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2012

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's Songbook: "All God's People Sing"

Pre-Service Music
Welcome and Ringing of the Bell

Opening Song: AGPS #262, "What Child Is This"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for self-examination and reflection on God's Word)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: AGPS #99, "Glory Be to God on High"

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Readings:

Old Testament Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Psalmody: 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 52:10

Epistle Colossians 3:12-17

Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

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Song of the Day: AGPS #239, "This Is He"

Sermon: "Christmas Leftovers?"

Offering

Song: AGPS #98, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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Blessing

Closing Song: #147, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Dismissal

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: New Year's Day
Wednesday: 4:30PM 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir
Friday: 10:30PM KWNG Recording Session
Saturday: 1:00PM Hi-Park Visit
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of Our Lord
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion
Acolyte: Emily Duden

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday - Sherri Smith, Joan Brown, Dan & Diane Lee
Wednesday - Nathan Ballman, Jacob & Pam Dahl,
Joshua & Allie Nissen

Life Quotes

December 30 "The Scripture says that when someone is adopted into the family of God, he or she is not some other kind of child. This person is now seated at the table with all the relationship to the Father ... with all of the inheritance that is received in Jesus Christ. We see that first in the life of our Lord Himself when Joseph really and truly becomes His father through adoption." *Dr. Russell D. Moore, author of "Adopted for Life: The Priority of Adoption for Christian Families"* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

IN OUR PRAYERS

Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Fred Voth, Donna Edquist, Vera Carlson and Jeanette Falkner (sister of Donna Meyer).

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 6

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

"In Christ, a New Day is Dawning, for You!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The reality for all who trust in Christ: because of Him, a new day has dawned for you. (Isaiah 60:1, 3-6)

Catechism Review

How has Christ redeemed you from all sins?

A) He took my guilt and punishment upon Himself.

B) He freed me from the slavery of sin.

How has Christ rescued you from death?

Through His suffering, death, and resurrection, Christ has triumphed over death. Since He now gives me eternal life I need not fear death.

How has Christ rescued you from the power of the devil?

Christ has completely conquered the devil. Therefore the devil can no longer accuse me of my sins, and I can resist temptation.

Thank You from Nikki Scheele and Leslie Germann-Hutter

We wish to thank all of the people who helped with the Sunday School Christmas program this year: Pastor and Sara, the Sunday School Teachers, as well as all the parents and students who gave of their time and talents. The program went really well and we are thankful for the opportunity to serve!

Thank You from Pastor Sorenson

Merry Christmas! So many people have given gifts, sent cards, and offered thanks to me for my ministry here in Hay Creek. I thank the entire congregation for the blessed opportunity to serve in this delightful place. May Christ bless you with His mercy and grace as we look toward 2013. Peace and Joy!