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Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday 2011

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
Ringing of the Bell
Cross Procession/Opening Hymn: #813, "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

Invocation

P: We worship in the Name of Jesus, who sacrificed Himself for our salvation, in the name of the Spirit, who calls and keeps us through the Means of Grace, and in the Name of our Divine Father, whose justice called for the death of His own Son so that we would have salvation.

C: We stand before Jesus, the sinless Son of God, Who gave up His life upon the cross so that we would be saved.

P: We celebrate the joy of salvation which is ours through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. We begin our special Lutheran Women's Missionary League service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: #770, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

First Reading Ruth 1:15-19a

Second Reading/Holy Gospel Mark 12:38-44

The Nicene Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: #787, "The Temple Rang with Golden Coins"

Sermon: "Little Things Mean A Lot"

Offering

Offertory Hymn: #783, "Take My Life and Let It Be"

The LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voices to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Litany

P: God sent His Son to seek and to save the lost. We were once part of the lost.

C: Lord, make us into people who are glad to share the Savior. Bring us to our community's lost and our church's needy.

P: God sent His Son to save sinners and the Holy Spirit is at work in God's Word to call sinners to forgiveness, faith, and salvation.

C: Lord, make us people who are glad to share the Savior's salvation and peace. Help us share His peace with those we meet.

P: In His providence, God has granted us grateful hearts that are glad to share the wonders of His love and the glories of His grace.

C: Lord, make us people who will share the Savior with those who are closest to us.

P: In His wisdom God gives us that Scriptural message which is most needed in all our homes. In places where materialism enslaves, may we share the Savior.

C: May we reflect Your love, which is far greater than ours.

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

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.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Children of God, praise Him from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him! For in the name of the Father who loves you, the Son who has saved you, and the Holy Spirit who keeps you, your sins are forgiven. Now may the Triune God grant you His grace so profound that your thankful heart will be glad to tell others the wonders of His forgiveness and grace.

C: Amen.

Preparation for Holy Communion

P: The Scriptures teach and we therefore believe that something remarkable occurs between God and His people in the sharing of Holy Communion. In, with, and under the bread and wine, the Lord offers His true body and blood to strengthen our faith. Those who receive the

Sacrament with faith in Christ and faith in the Real Presence receive what Christ promised: "The remission of sins." I therefore ask you to give attention to the following questions. Do you this day acknowledge your sins and are you willing to turn from them with the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit?

C: Yes, I acknowledge my sin, repent of it, and seek the Lord's mercy.

P: Do you believe that God, for Jesus' sake, has forgiven your sins?

C: Yes, Christ died for me and suffered the punishment that I deserved.

P: Do you believe that the Lord offers Christians His true body and blood in the Holy Sacrament for the strengthening of faith and the forgiveness of sins?

C: Yes, I believe the Scripture which teaches: "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16).

P: Do you believe that communion fellowship is church fellowship, and that those who commune together should first agree regarding the truth of God's Word?

C: Yes, I believe the Scripture which teaches: "Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" and "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." Furthermore, I seek to heed the warning "to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them." (1 Cor. 10:17, 26; Rom. 16:17).

P: What conditions should cause a person to refrain from receiving the Sacrament?

C: When a person is unbelieving or is unwilling to forgive others, where unity and fellowship in true doctrine does not exist, and when a person refuses to believe in the body and blood of the Lord in the Sacrament. (Heb. 11:6; Matt. 6:14-15; 1 Jn. 4:19-21; 1 Cor. 11:28-29; Rom. 16:17)

P: What motivated Jesus to willingly sacrifice Himself on behalf of lost and condemned sinners like us?

C: His great love for me and other sinners.

P: Should Christians struggling in their faith receive the Sacrament?

C: Yes, the Sacrament is offered especially for those who in weakness continue to cling to the truth faith.

The Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

The Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution

#570, "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

#427, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

#733, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord God, we give thanks to You for making this celebration a gift to us. Allow us to respond to Your love with a thankful heart, not just for today, but every day. Never allow us to forget Your grace, mercy, and truth. Deepen our faith and increase our love toward You and each other. Keep us from doubt and despair. Instead, enable us to boldly tell others about the Christian faith. Keep us safe, we pray, until the time comes when we will be called home. In Jesus, we ask these things, knowing that because of Him, You hear us.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: As you leave this house of prayer, you enter into a world that is filled with hatred, apathy, and selfishness. But you go forth as God's children, loved by the Lord, saved by the Lamb, kept by the Spirit. May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal testament brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in you what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. (Heb. 13:20-21)

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn/LWML League Song: "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

Tune: St. Gertrude, #662

1)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness," Glorify His Name!

2)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Us He gave command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.

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Leading them to Jesus, we can serve Him best.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness," Glorify His Name!

3)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master Work in His employ
As we build His Kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to heed His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness," Glorify His Name!

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday:		St. Luke, the Evangelist: Isa. 35:5-8; 2 Tim. 4:5-18; Lk. 10:1-9
	7:00PM	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:	2:00PM	Ladies Aid Video and Meeting Pastor on Vacation
Friday:	6:00PM	Fellowship Club at Bridget's Café, Zumbrota Pastor on Vacation
Saturday:		Pastor on Vacation
Next Sunday:		19 th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Baptism of Lucy Rose Boyer
	11:45AM	Chili Lunch

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- Becky Kirtz, Connie Duden
Tuesday	- Sheila Stehr
Wednesday	- Kay Schmitz, Matthew Stumpf
Friday	- Marshall Kitzmann
Saturday	- Travis Carlson, Diane Holst, Paul & Lori Reding

IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson, Jean Bateman, Melissa Barbey, Thor Starch, Fred Voth,
Marion Kolberg, Wendy Suiter, Barb Vieths and Karen Stemmann
(recovering from surgery).

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Council Meeting and Quarterly Voters' Meeting

The Immanuel Church council will meet this Tuesday night at 7 PM. The Voters' Assembly will convene for the October meeting the following week on Tuesday, October 25th, at 7:30 PM. All voting members and those who would like to serve as voting members are encouraged to attend. A full agenda will be provided in next week's bulletin.

Fall Chili Lunch

While no silent auction will be held this year, the church will still have its chili lunch with tasty accompaniments, including frosted cinnamon rolls! The lunch will be held after worship next Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to bring food or work for the event, please view the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. New Horizons is hosting the lunch and all members of the congregation are invited to participate. Bring a friend, too!

This Week's Mission Challenge

Here's a thought: Instead of hopping all over town for gas, groceries, haircuts, eating out, and getting coffee, go to the same places. Get to know the staff. Go to the same places at the same times. Smile. Ask questions. Be a regular. Some coffee shops and restaurants donate left over pastries to churches. Use them for church gatherings or give to the homeless or needy in your neighborhood. Build relationships. Be a regular! (Adapted from "8 Ways to Easily Be Missional" by Jonathan Dodson)

Life Quotes

October 16 "We no longer wait for the Messiah like Ruth, and there will never again be a conception like Mary's. But, we live in the time where we have proof that there is a plan for each life at the moment of conception ... It's God's plan of salvation for all of His children ... carried out for all of us by Christ on the cross. Let's witness to that plan by treasuring God's gift of conception." *Karen Frohwein, president of LFL of Iowa* – A **"Life Quote"** from **Lutherans For Life** – www.lutheransforlife.org

Youth Event: Corn Maze

The youth of the congregation are invited to participate in a corn maze event on Saturday, October 29th at Afton Apple Orchard. We will leave from church at 4:00 PM. The cost is \$8 per person. Please also bring money for concessions. This event is open to all families and all ages; however, the haunted maze after dark is not appropriate for the very young. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Additional adult chaperones are also welcome!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, October 23

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

"That's Not Gonna Happen"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Love God. Love your neighbor. So easy to say, so impossible to do. Pastor Ken Klaus says Jesus spent His life doing what we could not, loving the unlovable and following His Father's will for us. (Matthew 22:37-40)

Explanation of the Small Catechism - Review

What is the summary of commandments 1-3 (First Table)?

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matt. 22:37; see Deut. 6:5)

What is the summary of commandments 4-10 (Second Table)?

"And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:39; see Lev. 19:18)

What is the summary of all the commandments?

Love is the summary of all the commandments. (see Rom. 13:10)