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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2010

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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.

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "Lord of Life"

Text: Gerald Schepeler (used by permission)

Tune: Hyfrydol (#700)

1)

Lord of life, whose hand has made us, Formed us each with tender care:
You had crowned man with Your image, Not intending such despair.
Yet through sin the glory faded, Death and doom came in its place.
But in spite of our condition, We are rescued by Your grace!

2)

God so loved the world, He gave us Jesus Christ to bear our sin.
On the cross His life He offered, That we might be His again.
And the Holy Spirit calls us By the gospel's joyful ring,
Making us His own dear children; Us, eternal life to bring.

3)

Lord of life, who rose in triumph, Conq'ring death and giving hope,
You have called us and equipped us, In a sinful world to cope;
Teaching us to love each other, To befriend and help in strife;
To forgive and seek to comfort, To preserve the gift of life.

4)

Help us, Lord, to see as You do Life is precious in each stage.
From the unborn to the feeble, Life is precious in each age.
Help us, Lord, to be Your witness And to show the world we care.
So that people may not perish, But, instead, Your life may share.

Invocation and Scripture Mosaic on the Sanctity of Human Life

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

C: Amen.

P: The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. (Genesis 2:7)

C: You shall not murder. (Exodus 20:13)

P: Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His image. (Genesis 9:6)

C: For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

P: I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.

C: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. (Psalm 139:13-15)

P: Do you thus repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people? Is not He your Father who created you, who made you and established you? Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God. You are not your own.

C: For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (Deuteronomy 32:6; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Confession and Absolution

P: In humble repentance, let us make confession of our sin to the Lord.
(*Silence for self-examination*)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not honored You with our bodies and our lives. We have done those things You do not desire us to do. We have not done the good You would have us do. Our thoughts have been impure. Our words have been unkind. We have not stood up for the helpless; we have not honored the life You have created in all humankind. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! The joy of the Lord is your strength. Almighty God shows His favor to you. He has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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.

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise: #950, "Splendor and Honor"

Prayer of the Day (*spoken in unison*)

Almighty God, You are the Giver and Preserver of life. You gave Your own Son into the womb of a virgin to embrace our humanity and redeem us from our sin. Give us such an appreciation for Your gift of life that we will honor and value all human life as You will and desire, and lead us to speak boldly how Christ took on our flesh to bring us eternal life and salvation; through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel Luke 4:16-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth 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.

Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: "Life Song"

Text: Don Petering (used with permission)

Tune: Nettleton (#686)

1)

Life, dear Lord, is given to us, Life our link with You above.

Life reveals Your benediction, From Your heart of perfect love.

Bless the children, O dear Father, Be with ev'ry little one

Cradled in the womb or fam'ly, Keep them safe through Your dear Son.

2)

Give Your love to ev'ry mother, Make her willing to bestow

That same love upon her children That You give to all below.

May we value, guard, and nurture, Life in ev'ry form and kind.

Young and old are very precious For their worth in You we find.

3)

Grant Your blessing on our nation, Let our leaders govern well

That no more Your children suffer Under laws that do them ill.

Bless the children, O dear Father, Be with ev'ry little one

Cradled in the womb or fam'ly, Keep them safe through Your dear Son.

Sermon: "Abortion and the Body of Christ"

Offering

Remembrance of Unborn Victims

"Jesus, Remember Me" #767

(*Sing Twice*)

Silent Prayer – Chimes

"Jesus' Remember Me" #767

(*Sing Twice*)

Hymn: #764, "When Aimless Violence Takes Those We Love"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer see back cover of the hymnal

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #844, "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"

Silent Prayer/Chimes

Announcements

Postlude

Life Quote – January 24

"God has brought so many broken and hurting to us in ways we can't even comprehend. We continue to proclaim Christ's healing, and serve the needs of women and men who have experienced the loss of a child through an abortion. We know that God is in control, we also know that He uses people to do His work." *Grace Kern, director of Word of Hope.* "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life. www.lutheransforlife.org

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:		The Conversion of St. Paul: Acts 9:1-22; Gal. 1:11-24; Matt. 19:27-30 No CILS – Teacher Work Day
Tuesday:		St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor: Acts 20:28-35; Tit. 1:1-9; Lk. 10:1-9
	8:30AM	CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson
	2:45PM	Chapel with Pastor Sorenson at Red Wing Health Center
	7:30PM	Annual Voters' Meeting
Wednesday:	8:30AM	CILS Chapel
	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:	8:30AM	CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson
	7:30PM	Women's Bible Class
Sat.:	9AM-5PM	Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sunday:		Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today	- Vicky Hoffman, Barb Kelm
Monday	- Justin Kassen
Tuesday	- David Banitt
Wednesday	- Vanessa Frazier
Thursday	- Chuck Bremer
Friday	- Kristin Budensiek
Saturday	- Bonnie Kassen

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Paul Nystuen, Philip Sorenson, Dave Dicke, Jenny Bauer, Sara (Voth) Kroll, and Lori Ramig (friend of Pastor and Sara who received an internal defibrillator on Friday).

School Building Photographs

Do you have a photo or photos of the Immanuel school building? We are looking for pictures to put in a wall grouping in the fellowship hall. If anyone has photos, please contact Sue Dicke, Merle Dargus, Linda Diercks or Rosie Kohn.

Catechism Review

The Lord's Prayer: The Sixth Petition: And lead us not into temptation.
What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 31

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

"Gifted"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Anthony Creeden

God's gifts are meant for giving away, not for showing off. The guest speaker is the Rev. Anthony Creeden of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, Michigan. (1 Cor. 13:1-7)

Scrip Update

The next Great Lakes Scrip Order will be placed on February 3, 2010. Please let Bonnie Kassen know what you would like to see in the Scrip box on a routine basis, or place your special order for Valentine's Day. A current list of merchants is available by going to www.glscrip.com.

Also, for those of you who internet shop, you can download the Onecause toolbar at www.onecause.com/toolbar/install which will provide reminders to you about shopping sites that will give a percentage of your purchase back to your designated charity. It's easy to get started:

1. Install the Onecause toolbar,
2. Select Immanuel Lutheran Church as your designated charity,
3. Shop as usual!

Our church received over \$1,300 in contributions in 2009 through a combination of both programs and the dedication of a handful of members. Please lend your support to our Scrip Program! Those desiring further information are asked to talk to Bonnie after church or phone her at 923-4884.

Annual Meeting of the Voters' Assembly

The Annual Voters' Meeting of Immanuel is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. this Tuesday, January 26th. All voters are encouraged to come and help make decisions pertaining to the business affairs of the congregation. If you are interested in joining the Voters' Assembly, please speak with Pastor Sorenson or one of the elders at your earliest convenience.

Voters' Meeting Agenda

- 1) Opening Devotion
- 2) Taking Attendance
- 3) Acceptance of Minutes
- 4) Reception of New Voting Members
- 5) Reports:
Pastor/Elders, Treasurer and Financial Secretaries, Trustees, School Board, Scrip Report, Cemetery Board, Other
- 6) Unfinished Business:
Immanuel School Building, Work in Church Basement
- 7) New Business:
Election of Officers, District Pledge, Lenten Offering Disbursement, Korean Fund, Congregational Fund Interest, Election Results, Hay Creek 4-H Use of Fellowship Hall, Scrip Fund Disbursement, Salaries, Note of Appointments, Other
- 8) Adjournment with Prayer

Haiti Relief

As news of what is being called the largest earthquake to hit Haiti in more than 200 years reached LCMS World Relief and Human Care, the Synod's mercy arm began preparing to reach out in the Caribbean nation with much needed assistance.

"The unfolding drama in Haiti calls for unlimited mercy on the part of the people of the LCMS. The needs are urgent and overwhelming right now," said Glenn F. Merritt, director of Disaster Response. "I appeal to God's people to respond as generously as possible during this most difficult time."

To donate, please mail your checks marked "Haiti Earthquake Relief" to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. You may also call 1-888-930-4438 to make a donation by phone.

If you are a Thrivent member, please consider Thrivent's dollar for dollar matching program. The maximum gift for receiving matching funds is \$250 per member through March 31, 2010.

Updates on Haiti relief may be obtained by going to the LCMS World Relief and Human Care website at:

<http://www.lcms.org/pages/default.asp?NavID=891>.