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Festival of the Reformation

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**"Seek First God's Kingdom"
Stewardship Emphasis Week #2**

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 we partake of the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast where we receive the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. Those visitors desiring to commune at this altar should first speak with the pastor regarding their beliefs. Though the Lord offers this gift to His church for the forgiveness of sins, He also admonishes us through St. Paul: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord and with love for our guests, this congregation insists on the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. For a salutary use of the Lord's Supper, it is essential that those communing here be properly instructed, sorry for their sins, desiring God's forgiveness and His grace to live a sanctified life, and believe in the true presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, since attendance at the Sacrament is Biblically and historically a sign of church fellowship, those who present themselves for Communion are to be in doctrinal agreement and fellowship with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Prelude

Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #656, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, who created and provides for us:

C: You are first, O Lord!

P: In the name of the Son, Jesus our Savior, who died and rose that we may live eternally:

C: You are first, O Lord!

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit, who assures us of God's presence and keeps us in the faith:

C: You are first, O Lord!

P: In the name of the eternal Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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.

(1 John 1:8-9)

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

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Reformation Introit: Ps. 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46
(Chanted by Pastor)

Responsive Reading of Romans 3:19-28

P: Now we know that whatever the law says is speaks to those who are under the law,

C: so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

P: For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight,

C: since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

P: But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law,

C: although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it - the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
P: For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
C: and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, P: whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood,
C: to be received by faith.
P: This was to show God's righteousness,
C: because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins.
P: It was to show His righteousness at the present time,
C: so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
P: Then what becomes of our boasting?
C: It is excluded.
P: By what kind of law? By a law of works?
C: No. But by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Hymn of Praise: "This Is the Feast," p. 155
Collect of the Day
First ReadingPhilippians 2:1-30
Choral Response: "Long Hast Thou Stood, O Church of God"
Grundtvig/Lindeman
Desc. and Harm. Katherine K. Davis
Holy Gospel John 8:31-36
Nicene Creed back cover of the hymnal
Hymn of the Day: #712, "Seek Ye First"
Sermon: "First"
Offertory Prayer, prayed in unison
Lord God, our heavenly Father, we Your servants now bring to You offerings of tribute, freewill offerings, and offerings of thanksgiving. Bless us that our hearts would first be consecrated to You and Your service. Help us grow in the grace of generosity and liberal giving. In Jesus' name. Amen.
Offering

Prayer of the Church
P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
Preface
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up unto the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface
Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy," p. 161
Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal
Words of Institution
Peace
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

Distribution
#644, "The Church's One Foundation"
#633, "At the Lamb's High feast We Sing"
#655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Post-Communion Prayer
Benediction
Closing Hymn: #813, "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"
Announcements
Postlude

Christmas Choir

Not everyone wants to commit to singing in the choir for the whole year, but how about joining just for the Christmas season? The choir will begin rehearsing Christmas music on November 14th at 7:30 p.m. If you are able to make a temporary commitment to the choir for the Christmas season, please join us. If you have questions, please speak to Sara Sorenson at church, or call her at home (388-4577). Thank you!

Children's Christmas Program

At this point, we only have one volunteer to help with the Children's Christmas program. If you would like to help out with the program, music, or costumes, please talk to Pastor as soon as possible. Rehearsals will need to begin early in November in order to make a Sunday School Christmas program a possibility.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, November 4
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)
"Children of God"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Next Sunday's message on "The Lutheran Hour" speaks of how God has done something unique: He has made us family. Good news for the lonely!
(1 John 3:1) - 4 -

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Tom Kolberg (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (healing); Dorothy Bremer (for strength and peace as she faces terminal cancer); Dolores Rossbach (Sara Sorenson's grandmother, experiencing kidney problems); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); Marian Burkard (recovering from a broken arm); John Schafer (recovering from a heart attack).

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	9:00AM	Ladies Quilting Group
		Pastor on Vacation until November 5th
Wednesday:		Reformation Day: Rev. 14:6-7; Rom. 3:19-28; Matt. 11:12-19
		No Confirmation or Choir
Thursday:		All Saints' Day: Deut. 33:1-3; Rev. 21:9-11, 22-27; 22:1-5; Matt. 5:1-12
	5:30PM	150 th Anniversary Committee
Friday:	7:30PM	Fellowship Club at Myron and Ruth Alms
Next Sunday:		All Saints' Day (observed)
		Food For the Poor Sunday
		Special Guest: The Rev. John Fischer
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Festival Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday	- Doug Callstrom
Saturday	- Margie Stumpf

Life Quote – October 28

"Abortion is the most tragic consequence of a culture that is infatuated with sex, youth, and immediate gratification. Ours is a culture with little regard for the weakest, the most vulnerable, the most needy. Make no mistake, this view of life as disposable has tremendous consequences also for the elderly! Some 80 percent of the elderly cared for in nursing homes are visited by virtually no one! No wonder there is a constant and steady push to liberalize laws to "euthanize" (put to death) the incapacitated elderly. Jesus has a different viewpoint. Life is a blessed gift, from conception to natural death, and it is to be valued and treasured. 'Whatsoever you have done to the least of these my brethren, you have done it also unto me'" (Matthew 25:45). Rev. Matthew Harrison, Executive Director, LCMS World Relief and Human Care. **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life /**

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Ladies Quilting Group

The group will meet tomorrow at 9:00AM for a day of quilting. Please bring a bag lunch with a beverage.

Food for the Poor

Please join us next Sunday to hear The Rev. John G Fischer speak at Bible Class and worship about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Pastor Fischer will share what he has witnessed about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Please come and welcome Pastor Fischer into our midst!

Coffee Break

Fairview Red Wing Auxiliary will be holding its annual Coffee Break on Thursday, November 1st, from 12:30-3:00PM at the First United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at the door. All proceeds are given as scholarships to area students going into medical fields. Hope to see you on November 1st!

Bake Sale/Bazaar

Christ Episcopal Church (located on 4th Street between East and West Avenues) will be having a bake sale and bazaar on Thursday, November 8th, from 9AM to 2PM. Jams, breads, pickles, pecans, crafts, pies, cookies and cakes will be featured.

Advent Midweek Suppers

Would you be interested in providing a light soup and sandwich supper before one of the Advent Midweek services? The dates are the 5th, 12th and 19th of December. The meal would be at 6:30PM. Plan on roughly 40 people. Coffee and punch would be available from the church's resources. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those interested in volunteering. Questions? Speak with Pastor Sorenson.