

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
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**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 20, 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.

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.

**The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution**

Prelude

Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

Prayer

P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

Entrance Hymn: #915, "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"  
Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading ..... Genesis 12:1-9  
Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle ..... Romans 4:1-8, 13-17  
Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel ..... John 3:1-17  
Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd 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!**

Nicene Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #591, "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

Sermon: "A People Twice-Born"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

Confessional Exhortation

P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness. But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken on Himself our nature that He might fulfill for us the whole will and Law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And that we should the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in cheerful obedience to His holy will, He has

instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood. Therefore whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in Him, and has eternal life. We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification and, giving Him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow Him and according to His commandment love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one body, even as we all eat of His body and drink of His blood.

#### Confession and Absolution

P: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

*(Silence for self-examination and personal confession)*

P: O almighty God,

**C: merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. 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. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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 Hymns:

#616, "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

#560, "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

#571, "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

#### Post-Communion Collect

#### Benediction

P: May the God of peace sanctify you wholly and keep your spirit, soul, and body sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. Go in peace!

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #573, "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

#### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Lenten Midweek Worship
	8:15PM	Choir
Thursday:	7:30PM	Women's Bible Class
	7:30PM	Men's Bible Class
Friday:		The Annunciation of Our Lord: Isa. 7:10-14; Heb. 10:4-10; Lk. 1:26-38
	10:30AM	KWNG Recording Session
Saturday:	9AM-5PM	Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sunday:		Third Sunday in Lent
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today	- Brian Augustin, Jennifer Carlson, Dan Langhans
Monday	- Marshall & Kari Benedict
Tuesday	- Kevin Holm
Wednesday	- Karen Stemmann
Thursday	- Karlene Abell, Vera Carlson
Friday	- Myron Alms
Saturday	- Eric Stumpf, William K. Langhans

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Healing:** Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Lori Ramig (recovering from a heart transplant), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack), Wayne Thomforde, Judith Whipple, Jean Bateman, Genevieve Schultz, Melissa Barbey, and the family and friends of Chad Luman (mourning his passing)

### **Easter Lilies**

If you would like to purchase a lily for the Easter Sunday service, please sign up on the bulletin board. The lilies are yours to take home immediately following the service. Cost is \$10.00 and money must be received by Sunday, April 3. A check can be written out to either Hallstrom Florist or Laurie Budensiek. Checks can be placed in Laurie's church mailbox or mailed to her at: 34441 – 240<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Goodhue, MN 55027.

### **Life Quotes**

**March 20** "Clearly, the Bible, especially in its original languages, treats the preborn child the same as a child already born. The Bible knows nothing about 'potential human beings.' To the authors of Scripture, there are only human beings with potential." Col. *John Eidsmoe, Lutherans For Life board of directors* – **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life** – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 27**  
**8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)**  
**"The Appointment"**  
**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

Jesus keeps an appointment He made and delivers unexpected forgiveness to an undeserving sinner. (John 4:39-42)

### **Thrivent Representative Visit**

Mr. Larry Hawe of Thrivent will not be with us this morning. However, those who would like to learn more about the Giving Choice Program and other Thrivent opportunities that may benefit our congregation are encouraged to contact Mr. Larry Hawe directly at 385-0155. By directing designated choice dollars, you are able to help support Lutheran organizations that matter to you, including the Immanuel congregation.

### **New Bible Class**

Today the Sunday morning adult Bible class began a study of topics from "The Lutheran Witness." The plan for the remainder of the year is to have a topic potpourri of sorts. Different mini-topics will be addressed each week, often with the help of "The Lutheran Witness." This week we took up the question: "Did Jesus Really Visit Hell? If Yes, Why?" All members of the congregation are invited to deepen their life of faith through participation in the Sunday morning Bible class. No previous experience is necessary in order to participate. If you have a topic you would like to have Pastor address, please feel free to share your question/topic with him.

### **Lenten Midweek Series**

This year's Midweek Preaching Series is entitled "Sounds of the Passion," and is based on a program designed by Dr. James E. Butler. Services are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. The remaining services and topics will be conducted according to the following schedule:

March 23: "Crying Tears" – John 11:35-36  
March 30: "Tramping Feet" – John 18:1-6  
April 6: "Crowing Rooster" – Luke 22:60-62  
April 13: "Shouting Mob" – Matthew 27:15-25  
April 21: "Sloshing Water" – John 13:1-20  
Maundy Thursday – 2:00PM and 7:30PM  
April 22: "Pounding Nails" – John 19:17-18  
Good Friday—7:30PM

### **The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932) "Of Justification"**

Holy Scripture sums up all its teachings regarding the love of God to the world of sinners, regarding the salvation wrought by Christ, and regarding faith in Christ as the only way to obtain salvation, in the article of justification. Scripture teaches that God has already declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ, Rom. 5:19; 2 Cor. 5:18-21; Rom. 4:25; that therefore not for the sake of their good works, but without the works of the Law, by grace, for Christ's sake, He justifies, that is, accounts as righteous, all those who believe, accept, and rely on, the fact that for Christ's sake their sins are forgiven. Thus the Holy Ghost testifies through St. Paul: "There is no difference; for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus," Rom. 3:23, 24. And again: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the Law," Rom. 3:28.

Through this doctrine alone Christ is given the honor due Him, namely, that through His holy life and innocent suffering and death He is our Savior. And through this doctrine alone can poor sinners have the abiding comfort that God is assuredly gracious to them. We reject as apostasy from the Christian religion all doctrines whereby man's own works and merit are mingled into the article of justification before God. For the Christian religion is the faith that we have forgiveness of sins and salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, Acts 10:43.

### **Baptism Yesterday**

The congregation of Immanuel Hay Creek rejoices with the Brad and Laurel (Dicke) Rortvedt family at the baptism of their little girl, Anika Kathryn Rortvedt. Anika was born on December 22, 2010. The sponsors are Garrett and Jennifer Rortvedt and Leah Dicke. God's blessings to Anika and all who care for her.