

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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13th Sunday After Pentecost

August 26, 2007

Outdoor Worship with VBS Music

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
Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Hymn of Confession: "Create in Me" Public Domain
Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.
(Sing Twice)

Confession and Absolution
(A moment of silence for self-examination and reflection on God's Word)

P: Holy and gracious God:

**C: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know -
the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed - but
some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask
forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may know Your peace.**

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

Immanuel Church Choir

Our church choir will begin practicing on September 12th at 7:30PM in the
new fellowship hall. Please note: rehearsals will not be in the school
basement. Sara Sorenson will be conducting again this year with Pastor
Sorenson at the piano. Any member of the congregation who would like to
be a part of this musical ensemble is encouraged to attend. Men and
women high school age and up are invited. No previous choir experience is
necessary, just the desire to sing! If you have questions, contact Sara
Sorenson (388-4577).

Women's Bible Study

The Bible Study for women will again be offered this year on a bimonthly
basis (the second and fourth Thursdays of the month). The first session will
be held on September 13th at 7:30PM. We will continue our study of Guilt
and Forgiveness. Any women of the congregation who would like to attend
are certainly encouraged to come. No previous Bible Study experience is
necessary. Questions? Talk to Sara Sorenson (388-4577).

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation instruction for Grades 5-8 will begin on Wednesday,
September 12th, and will be conducted according to the following schedule:

4:30PM 5th & 6th Grade (meets bimonthly)

5:30PM 7th & 8th Grade (meets weekly)

If you have questions or concerns, please speak with Pastor at your
earliest convenience.

Adopt-A-Chair

How would you like to adopt a chair for our new narthex? For the cost of
\$25 you can help us get some new furniture for our new building. This is a
neat idea!! Simply make your check out to Immanuel Lutheran Church for
the cost of the number of chairs you would like to donate (for example, \$25
x 2 = \$50). Put your check in an envelope that reads Adopt-A-Chair or
write Adopt-A-Chair in the memo section of your check and put it in the
offering plate. Thanks for your consideration!

VBS Thank You!!!

A hearty thank you to everyone who helped make our "Great Bible Reef" VBS such a success this year! Special thanks to our coordinator, Sheila Stehr, for overseeing the entire program and for getting such a nice group of children together! Teachers and assistants to our program included: Gail Dicke, Katie Augustin, Emily Holst, Amanda Schafer, Carissa Meyer, and Cally Simanski. Pastor Sorenson did the opening and closing worship each day and also provided musical instruction at the "Reef Rhythm" Station. The following provided snacks during the week: Kim Frazier, Mary Augustin, Leslie German-Hutter, Connie Duden, and Janice Kassen. Thank you everyone for a great week!!

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Attention: All members of the Stewardship Committee

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 28th, at 7:00PM. We need to meet again to continue our planning for the next phase of fundraising for our building project. If you have ideas but absolutely cannot make the meeting, please see Pastor Sorenson sometime before the 28th. Thank you!

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Believe it or not, the school year is upon us. Pastor Sorenson has begun the search for Sunday School teachers. We are looking for people willing to teach the following classes: Preschool/Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade, 3rd through 6th Grade, 7th and 8th Grade and High School. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Feel free to split up responsibilities. For example, if three people want to share responsibilities for one class to cut down on the weekly commitment, that is acceptable. If you have further questions, talk to Pastor.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, September 2
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

"God's Ladder of Success"

Next Sunday's message on "The Lutheran Hour" speaks of how God sets aside our idea of success and substitutes His own. (Luke 14:11)

Fall Harvest Festival and Building Dedication

Mark your calendars! On October 14th, we will dedicate our new building and enjoy a fall harvest festival with a chili lunch and auction. If you have products or services you would like to donate for the church auction, please contact Jim Dicke, Karen Stemmann or Donna Meyer. Invite your family and friends to this joyous occasion!

good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

VBS Music: "Great Bible Reef Theme Song" Arr. Phil Kadidlo
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Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 66:18-23

Epistle Hebrews 12:4-24

VBS Music: "Show Love for Others" Brian and Sherry Pearson
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Holy Gospel Luke 13:22-30

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: "Glory Be to Jesus" (LSB #433)

Text: tr. And alt. Edward Caswall

Tune: Friedrich Filitz

1)

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains

Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!

2)

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;

Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

3)

Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream

Which from endless torments Did the world redeem!

4)

Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;

But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

5)

Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high;

Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

6)

Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;

Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

Sermon: "Where Are We?"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"

Text: Samuel J. Stone

Tune: Samuel S. Wesley

1)

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

She is His new creation By water and the Word.

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

2)

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;

Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

3)

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,

By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,

Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"

And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

4)

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war

She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore

Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,

And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

5)

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,

And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.

O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace

That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

Fall Schedule Change – Beginning September 9th

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time (with refreshments served in the new Fellowship Hall)

10:30AM Worship

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Tuesday: 7:00PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday: Martyrdom of John the Baptist

Rev. 6:9-11; Rom. 6:1-5; Mk. 6:1-29

7:30PM Midweek Bible Class

Next Sunday: 9:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - M/M Jim Dicke

Monday - Walter Banitt, Tally Stehr, M/M Bruce Carlson

Tuesday - Neil Stemmann, M/M Nick Kurtti

Wednesday - Zach Laffey

Thursday - Kevin Augustin, Jacob Diercks, Cheyenne Meyer

M/M Dan Banitt, M/M Kevin Augustin

Friday - Lauren Dargus

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing);

Orville Augustin (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Tom Kolberg

(healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Kim Burns

(recovering from eye surgery); Syvilla Madsen (healing); Kevin Augustin

(healing from heart surgery).

Life Quote – August 26

"Allow [post-abortive men and women] to see the love, hope, and healing power of Jesus Christ. Help them to be set free to rejoice in the newness of life. When the hurting have walked through the healing process they then can speak out, impassioned to take their message of pain and healing to the world around them, perpetuating the truth of the harmfulness of abortion and the healing found only in Jesus. 'He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds'" (Psalm 147:3). *Grace Kern, Director, Word of Hope, 888-217-8679. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org*

Refreshments for Sunday Mornings

Sara Sorenson has volunteered to coordinate the serving of refreshments in our new fellowship hall. Conversation and food will be enjoyed every Sunday between 10:00AM and 10:30AM. A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to volunteer to bring cookies, doughnuts or bars. As in many churches, a basket will be placed in the serving area for people to give a small offering when they get refreshments for themselves and their families. This money will go towards paying for the following week's refreshments. Leftover money will be contributed to the Ladies Aid.