

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK
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Fourth Sunday in Advent December 23, 2012

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.

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 Ringing of the Bell
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Responsive Reading: 1 Sam. 2:1b, 2, 5b-7;
 antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47 (see worship insert)

Office Hymn: #357, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Old Testament Reading Micah 5:2-5a
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Children's Talk: "A Promise Is A Promise!"

Epistle Hebrews 10:5-10
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Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-45
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Hymn of the Day: #382, "We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth"

Sermon: "What If God Was One Of Us?"
 Offering

Benedictus: #936, "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

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Prayer of the Church
 P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor
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Closing Hymn: #362, "O Sing of Christ"

Chimes/Silent Prayer
 Announcements
 Postlude

Life Quotes

December 23 "Marvel with me at the meaning and miracle of the incarnation of Jesus: 'Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity' (Hebrews 2:14). He came to this world not merely to be *like* us. He came to *be* us, fully, in every way. In this marvelous way, He came to bring about a rescue in person, one that only He could do. He came to obey the laws of God and man as a man. He became human to die for the human race. If you believe this, you are going to have a very merry Christmas." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Holiday Worship Schedule

Please note the many opportunities to worship your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, over the next few days:
 Tonight, Sunday School Christmas Program, 5:30PM
 Monday, (Christmas Eve), Worship, 4:00PM
 Tuesday (Christmas Day), Worship, 10:00AM

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 5:30PM Sunday School Christmas Program
Monday: Christmas Eve
4:00PM Worship
Tuesday: Christmas Day
10:00AM Worship
Wednesday: St. Stephen, Martyr: 2 Chron. 24:17-22;
Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60; Matt. 23:34-39
No Confirmation or Choir
Thursday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist:
Rev. 1:1-6; 1 Jn. 1:1-2:2; Jn. 21:20-25
Friday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs:
Jer. 31:15-17; Rev. 14:1-5; Matt. 2:13-18
Next Sunday: First Sunday After Christmas
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
9:45AM Fellowship Time
10:00AM Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Monday - Carol Dicke
Wednesday - Mary Jo Arndt, Brandon Schmitz, Tristan Von Bargaen
Thursday - Chad Meyer, Caitlyn Von Bargaen,
Neil & Karen Stemmman
Friday - Bob Langhans

IN OUR PRAYERS

Melissa Barbey, Willard Holst, Fred Voth, Donna Edquist, Vera Carlson and Jeanette Falkner (sister of Donna Meyer).

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, December 30

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

"God's Bucket List"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Something that should be on everyone's list of things to do before they die: seek the Lord while He may yet be found. (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Members of Immanuel

Thank you so very much for your generous donations for our service people. We were able to send them each a check for \$150.00 with our sincere gratitude to all four of them for their service to our country. Thanks again!

Immanuel Ladies Aid

Catechism Review

Why did Christ humble Himself?

Christ voluntarily humbled Himself in order to "redeem me, a lost and condemned person."

From what has Christ redeemed you?

He has redeemed me "from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil."

Welcome Pohlman Family

It is with great joy that our congregation welcomes into membership the Roger and Shelley Pohlman family. Roger and Shelley recently moved into the area. Roger works in law enforcement in our community and Shelly has worked as an administrative assistant. They come to us from a sister congregation in Grand Forks, North Dakota: Redeemer Lutheran Church (LCMS). Also joining us is their daughter, Megan DeLeon, who resides in San Antonio, Texas, as she is serving in the military. Their son, Joshua Pohlman, also joins us. He is in his final year of study to become a medical doctor. We welcome the Pohlman family with joyful hearts and pray that they are blessed through the ministry of the Immanuel congregation.

Congratulations Pastor Sorenson

Our minister, the Rev. Lowell S. Sorenson, has been invited to serve on the Board of Directors of the New Beginnings Pregnancy Center (First Choice Clinic) in Red Wing. He will serve as the Pastoral Representative on the Board. He was selected for this position based on his unswerving pro-life position and defense of preborn children, as well as his heart for the Lord Jesus Christ.