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The First Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2011

The Service of Holy Baptism for Boe Gregory Scheele

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

Ring of the Bell

Choral Introit: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

Opening Hymn: #420, "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Baptismal Liturgy:

Invocation

Address

Exorcism

Sign of the Cross

Prayers

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:13-16

Lord's Prayer see back cover of the hymnal

Blessing

Exhortation to the Sponsors

Pledge of the Sponsors (Sheila Boyer and Leslie Germann-Hutter)

Blessing

Confession of the Apostles' Creed see back cover of the hymnal

Baptism of Boe Gregory Scheele

Blessing

Placing of the White Garment

Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

Prayer

Peace

Baptismal Hymn: #593, "See This Wonder in the Making"

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Genesis 3:1-21

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 5:12-19

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, 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!

Hymn of the Day: #228, "Our Children Jesus Calls"

Text: Philip Doddridge

Revised: L. Sorenson

Tune: Johann B. Koenig

1)

Our children Jesus calls To His most dear embrace.

He holds them in almighty arms, Enfolds them in His grace.

2)

"Let them approach," He says, "Nor scorn their humble claim;

The heirs of heav'n are such as these; For such as these I came.

3)

With joy we bring them, Lord, not keeping them from You,

And pray, "As You show love to us, So love our children too."

Sermon: "God's View of the Little Ones"

Text: Matthew 18:10, 14

"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you
that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in
heaven... Your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones
should be lost."

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #866, "Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	12:30PM	Fellowship Club – Trophy House, New Trier
	6:30PM	Nybo's Family Night
Wednesday:	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Lenten Midweek Worship
	8:15PM	Choir
Thursday:	2:00PM	Ladies Aid
Saturday:		St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus: 2 Sam. 7:4-16; Rom. 4:13-18; Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23
	3:00PM	Baptism of Anika Kathryn Rortved
Next Sunday:		Second Sunday in Lent
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Tuesday	- Janice Kassen
Thursday	- Traci Turner, Stan & Lois Klair
Friday	- Sue Domagala
Saturday	- Matt Diercks

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), John Schafer (recovering from two heart attacks), Wayne Thomforde, Judith Whipple, Jean Bateman, Genevieve Schultz and Melissa Barbey.

Baptism Today

This morning we rejoice with Brian and Nikki Scheele as their son, Boe Gregory Scheele, is received into the Kingdom of God through the new birth of water and Spirit. Boe was born on February 4, 2011. His baptismal sponsors are Sheila Boyer and Leslie Germann-Hutter. May God richly bless Boe and the Scheele family!

Nybo's Family Night Time Change

Our church/family bowling event will be held at 6:30PM today. This is an hour earlier than it has been scheduled in the past. It is hoped that this change will facilitate a greater degree of participation, especially for families of younger children. Remember, the deal is still \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes. If you have questions, please speak with Jerry Kohn.

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 – 240th Avenue, Goodhue, MN 55027.

Life Quotes

March 13 "What a kingdom opportunity for us to proclaim to our church and society that the pain and grief caused by abortion can be taken away! Proclaim the good news of forgiveness in your words and actions. There is hope in Jesus the light of life for all of us!" *Diane E. Schroeder, president of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org*

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, March 20

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

"Wearing a White Hat"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Who is the good guy? Who gets to wear a white hat? Whose white hat is it? (John 3:5)

Thrivent Representative Visit – A Change in Plans

Mr. Larry Hawe of Thrivent will not be able to be with us next Sunday. 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. Please also see the bulletin insert in today's worship folder for more information. By directing designated choice dollars, you are able to help support Lutheran organizations that matter to you, including the Immanuel congregation.

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 9: "Ripping Cloth" – Joel 2:13
Ash Wednesday—7:30PM
March 16: "Clinking Coins" – Matthew 26:14-16
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 Conversion" (Continued from Last Week)

As to the question why not all men are converted and saved, seeing that God's grace is universal and all men are equally and utterly corrupt, we confess that we cannot answer it. From Scripture we know only this: A man owes his conversion and salvation, not to any lesser guilt or better conduct on his part, but solely to the grace of God. But any man's non-conversion is due to himself alone; it is the result of his obstinate resistance against the converting operation of the Holy Ghost. Hos. 13:9.

Our refusal to go beyond what is revealed in these two Scriptural truths is not "masked Calvinism" ("Crypto-Calvinism") but precisely the Scriptural teaching of the Lutheran Church as it is presented in detail in the Formula of Concord (Triglott, p. 1081, paragraphs 57-59, 60b, 62, 63; M. p. 716f.): "That one is hardened, blinded, given over to a reprobate mind, while another, who is indeed in the same guilt, is converted again, etc. -- in these and similar questions Paul fixes a certain limit to us how far we should go, namely, that in the one part we should recognize God's judgment. For they are well-deserved penalties of sins when God so punished a land or nation for despising His Word that the punishment extends also to their posterity, as is to be seen in the Jews. And thereby God in some lands and persons exhibits His severity to those that are His in order to indicate what we all would have well deserved and would be worthy and worth, since we act wickedly in opposition to God's Word and often grieve the Holy Ghost sorely; in order that we may live in the fear of God and acknowledge and

praise God's goodness, to the exclusion of, and contrary to, our merit in and with us, to whom He gives His Word and with whom He leaves it and whom He does not harden and reject...And this His righteous, well-deserved judgment He displays in some countries, nations and persons in order that, when we are placed alongside of them and compared with them (quam simillimi illis deprehensi, i.e., and found to be most similar to them), we may learn the more diligently to recognize and praise God's pure, unmerited grace in the vessels of mercy...When we proceed thus far in this article, we remain on the right way, as it is written, Hos. 13:9: 'O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in Me is thy help.' However, as regards these things in this disputation which would soar too high and beyond these limits, we should with Paul place the finger upon our lips and remember and say, Rom. 9:20: 'O man, who art thou that repliest against God?' The Formula of Concord describes the mystery which confronts us here not as a mystery in man's heart (a "psychological" mystery), but teaches that, when we try to understand why "one is hardened, blinded, given over to a reprobate mind, while another, who is indeed in the same guilt, is converted again," we enter the domain of the unsearchable judgments of God and ways past finding out, which are not revealed to us in His Word, but which we shall know in eternal life. 1 Cor. 13:12.

Calvinists solve this mystery, which God has not revealed in His Word, by denying the universality of grace; synergists, by denying that salvation is by grace alone. Both solutions are utterly vicious, since they contradict Scripture and since every poor sinner stands in need of, and must cling to, both the unrestricted universal grace and the unrestricted "by grace alone," lest he despair and perish.