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Second Sunday After Christmas

January 4, 2009

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.

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Text: James Montgomery Tune: J. A. Freylinghausen (LW #207)

1)
 To Your temple, Lord, I come, For it is my worship home.
 This earth has no better place, Here I see my Savior's face.

2)
 I through Him am reconciled, I through Him become Your child.
 Abba, Father, give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.
 3)
 While Your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
 That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my Righteousness.
 4)
 While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend.
 Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads; Hear, for Jesus intercedes.
 5)
 While I listen to Your Law, Fill my soul with humble awe
 Till Your Gospel bring to me Life and immortality.
 6)
 While Your ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in Your name,
 Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear You speaking from the sky.
 7)
 From Your house when I return, May my heart within me burn,
 And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 11:30AM New Horizons Potluck and Christmas Clean-Up;
All are welcome

Monday: CILS Resumes

1:00PM Ladies Mission Project

Tuesday: The Epiphany of Our Lord: Isa. 60:1-6;
Eph. 3:2-12; Matt. 2:1-12

9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference

Wednesday: 8:30AM CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson

5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation

7:30PM Choir (Epiphany Party)

Thursday: 7:30PM Women's Bible Study

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday After the Epiphany/Baptism
of our Lord

9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00AM Fellowship Time

10:30AM Worship with Holy Communion

7:30PM Nybo's Family Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Thursday - Lindsay Henderson

Friday - Chris Ballman

Saturday - Travis Edquist

Epiphany Choir Party

The choir will resume its practice schedule this Wednesday, January 7th. We will have an Epiphany party as part of our time together this week. Please bring treats to share. Those desiring to join the choir are encouraged to come and join in the festivities!

I would like to thank the congregation for all its support and all the wonderful comments I have received concerning the choir's progress and participation in worship. It is a joy to serve as your choir director.

Sara Sorenson

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (healing); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (finished chemotherapy; in need of healing); Dale Safe (Pat Banitt's brother, recovering from a bull attack); Linda Soifakis (resurgence of cancer); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Phillip Sorenson (diagnosed with Adult Onset Cystic Fibrosis); Marge Augustin (recovering from eye surgery); Harold Augustin (for peace and comfort); Larry Horn (diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma); Sara (Voth) Kroll (niece to Becky Kirtz and Rosie Kohn, undergoing cancer treatments).

Envelope Packets for 2009

Please take a moment to stop in the narthex after church today to pick up your contribution envelopes for 2009. They are on a table by the coat racks. Thank you.

Life Quote – January 4

"Everything created *before* the creation of human life was *for* the creation of human life. The setting God created for human life and the way He created human life and the way He continues to create human life, gives human life special value." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life /*
www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 11

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

"That's the Way It Works"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Not all religions are the same. Only Christianity proclaims: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (Mark 1:4-5)

Thank You from Pastor

Just a note to say "thank you" for all the cards and gifts that were received during the Christmas season. It is always uplifting to know that God's people appreciate your work and ministry. Lord-willing, I look forward to more years of service to the people of Immanuel and more joyous labor on the mission field in which we live.

God's Christmas Peace to You – Now and Always.

Pastor Sorenson

Reaching Rural America For Christ

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who would be interested in attending a conference with Pastor Sorenson on rural ministry and mission work. The event is scheduled for January 24th from 9AM – 5PM and will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madelia, Minnesota. Entitled “Reaching Rural America For Christ,” the seminar will be led by Dr. Ralph Geisler (an LCMS expert on evangelism and rural ministries). The event is sponsored by the Minnesota South District of our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. The cost is \$50 per congregation, and that includes materials and lunch for up to ten people from the congregation. Please sign up before January 14th if you would like to participate. For further information, see Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience.

Gifts for Children with Leukemia

The Children’s Leukemia Foundation (CLF) would like your help to bring some holiday cheer to kids who are terminally ill with Leukemia. Many of these little ones will not have another Christmas. The WishBasket Program of the CLF provides toys and gifts and in some cases human hair wings to children with Leukemia. The Foundation works with newborns and those up to the age of 21. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to: The Children’s Leukemia Foundation. In the memo space, write “WishBasket Program.” Send to CLF, 807 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ 08723. Judy Scanlon is the contact person. For additional information, call 866-202-9229, or visit the website at www.clf4kids.org. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.