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The Day of Pentecost

May 15, 2016

The Public Examination of Our 2016 Confirmands

Prelude
Welcome
Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #913, "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Verses: 1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for self-examination)

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Let us then confess our sins unto God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

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

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively see worship insert

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

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Tyler Ballman

Cody Callstrom

Dylan Frazier

Andrew Germann-Hutter

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Catechetical Hymn: #865, "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

First Reading Genesis 11:1-9

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Acts 2:1-21

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel John 14:23-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th 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!

The Apostles' Creed back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #768, "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray"

Sermon: "If You Love Me"

Offering

Offering Song: #781, "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymnal

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #650, "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

CONFIRMATION DINNER

The dinner for our 8th grade confirmands and their families will be held this Friday, May 20th, at 6:30 PM. Confirmation students will gather for pictures in the sanctuary at 5:45 PM. If you are willing to bring food and/or serve for the confirmation dinner, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Thanks so much!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A special program will be offered this year! St. Peter's of Belvidere has invited leaders from Camp Omega to come and offer a full day camp experience for children that will run August 1st to August 5th. To register your children, please send an e-mail to Amy at amy.alkire@gmail.com. If you need help with transportation, please speak with Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience. Once again, four congregations in our circuit will unite for Vacation Bible School: Concordia, Immanuel (Hay Creek), Bethany, and St. Peter's.

HOME FUND DEFICIT

It was reported at our last Voters' Meeting that the Church Home Fund is operating with a deficit of \$13,558.71 as of March 31st of this year. Last year at this time we had a positive balance of \$23,173.71. Much of this change is due to the total cost of the church painting project (\$23,964.81) completed last year. Mission funds remain stable, so please continue to give towards those projects. All members are asked to assess what they are giving to support the mission and ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church: "To know Christ and to make Him known." What a joy and blessing it is to give of our time, talents, and our treasures for God's Kingdom.

1 Corinthians 16:2: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income..."

2 Corinthians 9:7: "God loves a cheerful giver."

LAWN MOWING

The grass is growing! The trustees are looking for individuals who would be willing to mow the church grounds. This would include the church property, minus the cemetery. If interested, please speak to Randy Meyer, Kevin Ballman, or Jerry Kohn. Thank you.