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The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 8, 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.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude
Ring of the Bell

Choral Call to Worship: "He is Risen!" Walter Pelz
Opening Acclamation
P: Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Cross Procession/Opening Hymn: #457
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Invocation

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

Psalm 16, prayed responsively front section of the hymnal
A Prophecy of Our Lord's Resurrection

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: #484, "Make Songs of Joy"

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession/Hymn: #488, "He is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

Holy Gospel Mark 16:1-8
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th 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!

Nicene Creedback cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #490, "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Sermon: "Dead and Gone? No Way!"

Offering

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

Confession and Prayer for Grace

P: Before we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for self-examination and personal confession)

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your own, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayerback cover of the hymnal
Words of Institution

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Distribution

(Communion will be served by continuous line this morning)

#633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

#478, "The Day of Resurrection"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #465, "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Silent Prayer/Chimes

Announcements

Postlude

Easter Lilies

Those who purchased Easter lilies may take them home immediately following the service today.

Work Days and Church Spring Cleaning This Week

Clean-up of the church grounds and interior church cleaning has been scheduled for Wednesday-Saturday, April 11-14. Come as you are able anytime on these days. A list of jobs will be posted in the church entry for the interior cleaning. For outside grounds clean-up, please contact one of the Trustees (Steve Alms, Brad Diercks or Kevin Ballman).

LWML Spring Rally

Attention Ladies: You are invited to the Spring LWML Lake Pepin Zone Rally to be held at St. John's in Hammond. We will gather under the theme, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" and hear about Maizy the Clown's (Sandy Kephart's) mission trip to India. The event will be held on Saturday, April 14th, beginning at 9:15 AM. The registration will begin at 8:30 AM. Pastoral Counselor Lowell Sorenson will have the Bible study and Pastor John Fuchs of Hammond and Potsdam will have the devotion. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Gifts from the heart are to be birthday cake kits for children. Include in disposable cake pans with lids: cake mix, frosting, candles, decorations and Christian message items. Plates and napkins are optional. Hope you can make it!

Catechism Review

The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

What does God forbid in the Seventh Commandment?

God forbids every kind of robbery, theft, and dishonest way of getting things.

What does God require of us in the Seventh Commandment?

A) We should help our neighbor to improve and protect that person's possessions and income.

B) We should help our neighbor in every need.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	9:30AM	Fellowship Time
	10:00AM	Easter Worship with Holy Communion
Easter Monday:		Dan. 12:1c-3; Acts 10:34-43; Lk. 24:13-49
Easter Tuesday:		Dan. 3:8-28; Acts 13:26-33; Lk. 24:36-49
	9:00AM	Circuit Pastoral Conference, Potsdam
Easter Wednesday:		Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Col. 3:1-7; Jn. 21:1-14
		Church Spring Cleaning Day #1
	4:30PM	5 th /6 th Grade Confirmation
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:		Church Spring Cleaning Day #2
	7:30PM	Women's Bible Class
Friday:		Church Spring Cleaning Day #3
	10:30AM	KWNG Recording Session
	TBA	Board of Elders
Saturday:		Church Spring Cleaning Day #4
		LWML Spring Rally, St. John's, Hammond
	8:30AM	Registration; Program begins at 9:15
Next Sunday:		Second Sunday in Easter
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today	- Katelyn Stehr
Monday	- Barb Gernentz, Kevin & Carol Schafer
Wednesday	- Sara Sorenson
Saturday	- Brittney Carlson

IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson, Melissa Barbey, Barbara Vieths, Janis Thomford, Willard Holst, Cathy Hamilton, Paul Burkel (recovering from heart surgery) and Jerry and Rosie Kohn (as they mourn the passing of Dorothy).

Thank You from New Horizons

Thanks to everyone for donating food, working and joining us at the Palm Sunday brunch last Sunday. Profit from the brunch was \$296.

Quarterly Council and Voters' Meetings

It's that time again! The church council will convene at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17th. The quarterly meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24th. Please mark your calendars.

Pastor Ron Stehr Presentation

The whole congregation is invited to attend a special presentation on Ron Stehr's year of preaching in the Czech Republic. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the program.

New Banner Storage and Closet

A big thank you is extended to Myron Alms, Steve Alms, and Brad Diercks for the work that went into the new space for banner storage and for the closet that has been opened up out of the elevator shaft. What a blessing this new space will be. Take a look at the new closets in the narthex area and thank the men who made this possible.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, April 15

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

"What Is Precious, Holds"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Take hold of life, confidently, joyfully, and lightly, knowing that God's grip on you is sure and certain. (1 John 1:1-3)

Life Quotes

April 8 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.' ... What gives meaning to these words? It is the Easter story of Christ's resurrection. He lives and walks with me. We know this is no sentimental thought, but an objective truth that God is God, and He uses this verse to comfort His children. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow with confidence." *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org