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The Rite of Dedication for the Processional Cross

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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Prelude

Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Blessing on the Use of the Processional Cross

P: Beloved in the Lord, St. Paul speaks of the importance of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, saying: "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." By His death on the cross our Lord won salvation for us. Therefore, it is fitting that the use of this cross be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer for our devotion and as a proclamation of His atoning work for us.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your own Son but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our eyes may ever behold our Savior and His cross, that we may not fear the power of any adversaries but rather rejoice in His victory for us; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: We dedicate this cross and implore God's blessing on its use in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively (see worship insert)

Hymn of Praise: "This Is the Feast," p. 155

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 44:6-8

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Epistle Romans 8:18-27

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Alleluia and Verse p. 156

Holy Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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Hymn of the Day: #508, "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

Sermon: "The Truth of Damnation and Salvation"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

P: Since we are gathered to 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 confession)

P: O Almighty God,

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

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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Distribution

#680, "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

#672, "Jerusalem the Golden"

#515, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Post-Communion Prayer p. 166

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Closing Hymn: #670, "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 8:30PM Adult Softball vs. First Lutheran, Field 1

Tuesday: 7:30PM Church Council Meeting
St. Mary Magdalene: Ruth 1:6-18;
2 Cor. 5:14-18; Jn. 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: 7:30PM Summer Midweek Bible Study

Friday: 6:00PM Church Golfing Group, Gopher Hills
St. James, the Elder: 1 Kings 19:9-18;
Rom. 8:28-39; Matt. 20:20-28

Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit

Next Sun: 9:30AM Friendship Sunday Worship

10:30AM Fellowship Time

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Irene Gerdes, Samantha Langhans
M/M Larry Stumpf

Tuesday - Branden Augustin, Laurie Budensiek

Wednesday - M/M Todd Burns, M/M Josh Arndt

Thursday - M/M Trevor Dicke

Friday - Rachelle Schroeder

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen struggling with cancer); Garland Bradley (husband of prospective member, in need of healing); 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); Patti Dargus (healing); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Curtis Horn (recovering from surgery and kidney trouble); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for a brain tumor); Doug Dankers (recovering from eye surgery).

Friendship Sundays

Immanuel will begin offering a new worship program called "Friendship Sundays." For the 4th Sundays of the month, all members of the congregation are asked to invite friends and neighbors and co-workers to join them for worship at Immanuel. Special attention is to be given to those families we know who are unchurched or nominally churched. These services will feature simplified liturgies, piano music, and hymns from various church resources and supplements. We will also plan a time of fellowship after the Friendship Services in the summer. If you play an instrument and would like to volunteer to play for some of these special worship opportunities, please see Sara Sorenson.

Life Quote – July 20

"Some see those who have had an abortion as wicked, having committed an unforgivable sin. We see children who need to be cherished and uplifted and given hope." **Quote from Lutherans For Life /**
www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, July 27

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

"God's Vision Revealed"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ralph Blomenburg

Sometimes you have to see something before it is there, or it will never be there at all. What a sculptor did for Mt. Rushmore, God has done for you.
(Romans 8:28) - 4 -

A Little History as We Celebrate our 150th Anniversary

In 1980 the Church property was entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

Church Council Meeting/Quarterly Voters' Assembly

The Church Council will meet this coming Tuesday at 7:30PM. It would be much appreciated if at least one representative from every board would attend the council meetings. These meetings provide the basis for the information to be discussed at the meetings of the voters, usually held on the following week. All voters should note that the Voters' Assembly meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 29th, at 7:30PM. If you would like more information about becoming a voting member of the church, please see an elder or Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience.

Stained Glass Windows in Remembrance of Tom Kolberg

Please take a moment to observe the beautiful new stained glass windows in the front section of our new building. Particularly lovely is the new window above the glass doors looking out onto the parsonage. Notice the detail in the praying hands and the Missouri Synod crosses on either side of those hands. This window and the other new stained glass windows in that wing of the church were made possible because of funds received in memory of Tom Kolberg. For Tom's family, for those who gave gifts in his memory, and to Roger Henke for his professional assistance, we give thanks to God. What a fitting way to remember Tom and keep alive the memory of his presence among us on earth.

VBS Information

Vacation Bible School will be held August 11th through the 15th this year. We will again do evening activities from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. The program this year is called Friendship Trek, and involves a fun-filled hiking journey through God's Word. Along the trail, kids collect friendship flips and super cool gear every hiker needs. Bring your children to this great adventure and have them bring their friends. A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to teach and for kids who want a summer adventure!