

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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5th Sunday After Pentecost

July 17, 2011

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

Welcome

Ring of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #545, "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Holy and Gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I implore You for forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may know Your peace.

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Let us go forth in the joy of forgiveness to serve our Triune God.

C: Amen.

Collect of the Day (spoken by Pastor)

Scripture Hymn: #584, "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing"

Readings

Old Testament Isaiah 44:6-8

Epistle Romans 8:18-27

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

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

Sermon: "Wheat and Weeds in the Field of God"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution Hymns:

#637, "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

#560, "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"

#761, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Post-Communion 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: #643, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: 8:30PM Adult Softball vs. St. Paul's I, Field 1
Tuesday: 7:00PM Church Council
Thursday: 12:00PM Ladies Aid Picnic at Vasa Park and Museum Tour
Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session
St. Mary Magdalene: Prov. 31:10-31;
Acts 13:26-31; Jn. 20:1-2, 10-18
Next Sunday: 6^h Sunday after Pentecost
9:30AM Worship Service

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Monday - Jody Augustin, Cindy Stumpf, Summer Scheele
Wednesday - Irene Gerdes, Samantha Langhans,
Larry & Rosanne Stumpf
Friday - Branden Augustin, Laurie Budensiek, Jeff Kitzmann
Saturday - Todd & Kim Burns

IN OUR PRAYERS

Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Mark Yahn, Jean Bateman, Melissa Barbey, Thor Starch, and Leonard Dicke (healing).

Life Quotes

July 17 "Jesus cares for life at all stages; we are called to do the same."
Rev. Kevin Kritzer, Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California – A
"Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, July 24

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

"Faith Faces the Future with Boldness"

Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

We may experience real fear, uncertainty, and feelings of helplessness. But it is then that Christ's love holds on to us. Believers are secure in His crucified and resurrected hands. (Romans 8:31-39)

This Week's Mission Challenge

For the week of July 17th, every member of Immanuel is challenged to think of one person (family, friend, acquaintance) who does not know the blessing of the church or has strayed from the church and pray for them every day. Choose more than one person if you wish.

The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932) "Of the Antichrist"

As to the Antichrist we teach that the prophecies of the Holy Scriptures concerning the Antichrist, 2 Thess. 2:3-12; 1 John 2:18, have been fulfilled in the Pope of Rome and his dominion. All the features of the Antichrist as drawn in these prophecies, including the most abominable and horrible ones, for example, that the Antichrist as God sitteth in the temple of God, 2 Thess. 2:4; that he anathematizes the very heart of the Gospel of Christ, that is, the doctrine of the forgiveness of sins by grace alone, for Christ's sake alone, through faith alone, without any merit or worthiness in man (Rom. 3:20-28; Gal. 2:16); that he recognizes only those as members of the Christian Church who bow to his authority; and that, like a deluge, he had inundated the whole Church with his antichristian doctrines till God revealed him through the Reformation—these very features are the outstanding characteristics of the Papacy. (Cf. Smalcald Articles, Triglot, p. 515, Paragraphs 39-41; p. 401, Paragraph 45; M. pp. 336, 258.) Hence we subscribe to the statement of our Confessions that the Pope is the very Antichrist. (Smalcald Articles, Triglot, p. 475, Paragraph 10; M., p. 308.)