

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 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.

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell
Invocation

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

C: Amen.

The General Sentences (Jn. 4:24; 1 Cor. 1:3; Ps. 118:24; Ps. 113:3)

P: God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

An Act of Adoration, prayed in unison

Almighty God, before whose presence the angels veil their faces, with reverence and love we acknowledge Your glory and worship You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, eternal Trinity. Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto our God, forever and ever. Amen.

An Act of Confession

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Merciful Father,

C: we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have

offended against Your laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy on us. Spare, O God, those who confess their sins. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, for His sake, that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Announcement of Grace

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: #789, "Praise and Thanksgiving"

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 17:8-16

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-2, 41-42; antiphon: Psalm 107:8

(prayed responsively from the worship insert)

Epistle Hebrews 9:24-28

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Offering: "Be Ye Glad" Blanchard/Greer

(see insert for the text of this song)

Holy Gospel Mark 12:38-44

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th 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!

Apostles' Creed see back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #787, "The Temple Rang with Golden Coins"

Sermon: "Faith and Giving"

Offering/Vocal Solo: "Give Thanks" Henry Smith Sung by Todd Burns

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

An Act of Supplication

The congregation responds according to the following format:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

CILS Offering: "Shine Jesus Shine" Graham Kendrick

Lord's Prayer see back cover of the hymnal

An Act of Thanksgiving, prayed in unison

Father of all mercies, we give You thanks for all Your goodness to us and to all people. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we ask You, give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise You not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to Your service and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #783, "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

Life Quote – November 8

"Words like 'beget,' 'descendents,' and 'genealogies' [in the Holy Bible] prove that life goes on! The enemy strikes at life; he steals, kills, and destroys, but he cannot stop the Creator's hands from creating. Life—in the womb or out—is dealt constant blows by the enemy, but eyes focused on the promise of sweet life see victory." *Linda D. Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life.* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life.**

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Youth Swimming and Waterslide Event – November 21

Pastor plans on taking the youth of the church to Maplewood Community Center for an afternoon of indoor swimming and waterslide fun. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st. Please meet at church at 11:00AM. The cost is \$7 and a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Please bring extra money for food. Youth of all ages are welcome to attend!

Sunday School Christmas Program

Pastor is currently seeking volunteers to coordinate and direct the Sunday School Christmas Program. Rehearsals need to begin soon as part of the weekly Sunday School hour. Date and time for the program are negotiable. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor at your earliest convenience.

Catechism Review

The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Thanksgiving Dinner

A Thanksgiving dinner is being served at First United Methodist Church, 403 East Avenue, Red Wing on Thanksgiving Day (November 26th), from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in their fellowship hall. The facility is accessible to those with physical challenges. The dinner is for anyone who may not have a family gathering and would like to get out among people. There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. Call the church office at 388-3262 to make a reservation.

Advent Midweek Suppers

We will again this year offer midweek suppers on the Wednesdays of Advent. The dates are the 2nd, 9th, and 16th of December. These suppers will be held at 6:30 p.m., after confirmation and before the 7:30 p.m. worship service. What a great opportunity to have some fellowship with the saints on the Wednesdays of the rich season of Advent! A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to volunteer to bring a meal or a portion thereof. Both the suppers and the services will be held in Immanuel's fellowship hall. Themes and texts for the services will be provided in next week's bulletin.

Dedication of Building Fund Pledges

During the worship service on November 22nd, the Last Sunday of the Church Year, we will dedicate our 2010 building fund pledges in thanksgiving for what God has given us in our new building and facilities here at Immanuel. Everyone should have received a letter and pledge cards in either your home mailbox or your mailbox at church. Please prayerfully consider what your level of participation will be for the upcoming year. Thanks for your generosity.

A Request from the Ladies Aid

We are inviting members of Immanuel to help us stock our new kitchen with needed items. Supplies we are thinking of include paper towels, tall kitchen garbage bags, large garbage bags, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, plastic bags, and dish soap. Other items that are always needed are toilet paper, Kleenex, and liquid hand soap.

We are also in need of empty plastic containers such as ice cream pails, margarine tubs, and Cool Whip containers. When we serve for funerals, these containers are handy to send leftovers home in.

Please bring these items to the fellowship hall during the next few weeks. There is a table by the kitchen for these items.

Thanks so much for your help. Any questions, please call Marion Kolberg at 388-2722.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, November 15

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

“Christ is Coming”

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

War, disaster, and persecution are signs that the world is coming to an end, but no one knows exactly when. (Mark 13:13)

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

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| Today: | 7:30PM | Nybo's Family Night |
| Tuesday: | | Martin Luther's Birthday (1483) |
| | 8:30AM | CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson |
| | 7:00PM | Board of Elders |
| Wednesday: | | Veterans' Day |
| | 8:30AM | CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson |
| | 5:30PM | 7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation |
| | 7:30PM | Choir |
| Thursday: | | CILS Parent Transport Day |
| | 8:30AM | CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson |
| | 7:30PM | Women's Bible Study |
| Friday: | | No CILS – Teacher Work Day |
| Saturday: | 8AM-3PM | Pastor Sorenson with Mission Executive Mike Zimmer at Christ, Shakopee |
| Next Sunday: | | 24 th Sunday After Pentecost |
| | 9:00AM | Sunday School and Bible Class |
| | 10:00AM | Fellowship Time |
| | 10:30AM | Worship with Holy Communion |

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

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| Monday | - Marge Augustin, M/M Greg Germann |
| Wednesday | - Tanner Smith, Carter Dicke |
| Friday | - Roger Henke |
| Saturday | - Sally Abell |

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Paul Nystuen, Philip Sorenson, Larry Horn, Dave Dicke, Ruth Ofstie, Orville Augustin, Jenny Bauer, Sara (Voth) Kroll and Lana Horn.

Strength and Peace: Syvilla Madsen and Harold Augustin.

Comfort for the Bereaved: The family and friends of Floyd Wendel as they reflect on his passing.

Preparing for Military Service: David Banitt

Church Finances

It was reported at the last voters' meeting that, as of the end of September, the home fund was in a deficit of \$22,560.98. The district mission fund was in a deficit of \$2,232.78. Working together as brothers and sisters in Christ, let's tackle these challenges in a spirit of thankfulness and community. God has given us all we need for this life and the one to come. How can we respond to that love? Let us excel in the grace of giving!