

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**May 1, 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  
Ringing of the Bell  
Opening Hymn: #484, "Make Songs of Joy"

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

Confession and Absolution  
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
(Silence for self-examination and personal confession)

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 I implore Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may live in newness of life.**

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.**

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise: "This Is The Feast" (see pp. 171-172 in LSB)

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

First Reading ..... Acts 5:29-42

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual of the Season, prayed responsively ..... worship insert

Second Reading ..... 1 Peter 1:3-9

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia #952

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th 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 Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"

Text: Thomas H. Troeger #472

Tune: St. Crispin #571

1)

These things did Thomas count as real: The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,

The grain of wood, the heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

2)

The vision of his skeptic mind Was keen enough to make Him blind

To any unexpected act Too large for his small world of fact.

3)

His reasoned certainties denied That one could live when one had died,

Until his fingers read like braille The markings of the spear and nail.

4)

May we, O God, by grace believe And thus the risen Christ receive,

Whose raw imprinted palms reached out And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

Sermon: "Glorified Wounds"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (see p. 208 in LSB)

Lord's Prayer ..... back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Peace

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

**C: Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

#469, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

#483, "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

#470, "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

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: #525, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Silent Prayer/Chimes

Announcements

Postlude

**Easter Brunch Today**

Everyone is invited to a brunch immediately following the worship service today. Proceeds from the brunch will go to the church's radio devotion program on Red Wing's KWNG radio. Messages are broadcast five days a week in the early morning.

**Life Quotes**

**May 1** "True love, as demonstrated by God in Christ, considers what is best for another before considering what is best for self. Making an adoption plan for a baby is an act of great love. Certainly, parenting may be a loving option, especially if there is maturity and levels of support. But love asks what is best for the baby." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

**Confirmation Dinner**

The dinner for the families and friends of our 2011 confirmands, Dustin Stumpf and Jacob Duden, will be held on Friday, May 13th at 6:30 PM. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are willing to bring food items and/or serve for the occasion. Please plan on food for 30 people. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Today:	11:45AM	Easter Brunch – All Are Welcome!
Monday:	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday:	7:00PM	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday:	2:00PM	Fairview Seminary Home Chapel Service
	5:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
		No Choir Tonight
Friday:	10:30AM	KWNG Recording Session
	7:30PM	Fellowship Club at Janice Kassen's
Friday & Sat:		Church Spring Cleaning and Work Days
		Outside
Next Sunday:		Third Sunday of Easter
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Public Examination of 2011
		Confirmands

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Tuesday	- Ruth Ofstie
Thursday	- Lois Klair, Keith & Diane Holst
Friday	- Dale & Gail Dicke
Saturday	- Patti Dargus

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Healing:** Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Mark Yahn (for peace during hospice care), Bill Langhans (recovering from heart surgery), Irene Pasche (recovering from a heart attack), Jean Bateman, Melissa Barbey, and the family and friends of Orville Augustin (as they reflect on his passing).

### **Work Days and Spring Church Cleaning**

The Trustees have set Friday and Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> as work days for cleanup of the church grounds. Circles 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 are scheduled for interior church cleaning. Please consider helping with this annual cleanup – your help is much appreciated!

### **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, May 8**

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

**”Count On Christ’s Mercy for You”**

**Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz**

Thank God for the blessings of a mother’s love. Thank God, His love for us in Jesus Christ is even greater than the love a mother has for her children. (Matthew 15:21-28)

**Fish Fry and Auction Fundraiser for Immanuel Lutheran School, Plainview – Friday, May 13, Plainview Legion, 5:00 p.m. until the fish is gone.** Advanced tickets are \$8.50. Tickets at the door are \$9.50 for adults, 12 and under \$5.00. You can get advanced tickets by calling Linda Hoiland at the school office, 507-534-2108. Come and join us for a fun-filled evening of food, fellowship, and friends! Partnered with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

### **Hands of Hope Annual Garage Sale at Holy Trinity Church, Goodhue**

May 20 – 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

May 21 – 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Donuts and coffee will be available throughout the morning. Hot dogs, chips and pop will be available over the supper and lunch hours. Proceeds will be given to children facing difficult challenges.

### **The Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (1932)**

#### **"Of the Church" (Continued)**

Since it is by faith in the gospel alone that men become members of the Christian Church, and since this faith cannot be seen by men, but is known to God alone, 1 Kings 8:39; Acts 1:24; 2 Tim. 2:19, therefore the Christian Church on earth is invisible till Judgment Day, Col. 3:3, 4. In our day some Lutherans speak of two sides of the Church, taking the means of grace to be its “visible side.” It is true, the means of grace are necessarily related to the Church, seeing that the Church is created and preserved through them. But the means of grace are not for that reason a part of the Church; for the Church, in the proper sense of the word, consists only of believers, Eph. 2:19, 20; Acts 5:14. Lest we abet the notion that the Christian Church in the proper sense of the term is an external institution, we shall continue to call the means of grace the “marks” of the Church. Just as wheat is to be found only where it has been sown, so the Church can be found only where the Word of God is in use.