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The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2010

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.

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution Prelude Welcome Ringing of the Bell

Invocation and Opening Verses

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

C: Amen.

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God my exceeding joy. (Ps. 43:4)

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

C: who made heaven and earth. (Ps. 124:8)

Prayer

P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn: #659, "Lord of Our Life"

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

Collect of the Day (spoken by Pastor)

Old Testament Reading	Jeremiah 23:16-29
Epistle	Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3
Holy Gospel	

Apostles' Creedsee back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #658, "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

Sermon: "Ablaze!"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Confessional Address

P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And that we should the more confidently believe this and be strengthened in cheerful obedience to His holy will, He has instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood.

Therefore whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification and, giving Him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow Him and according to His commandment love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one body, even as we all eat of His body and drink of His blood.

Confession and Absolution

P: Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

(Silence for self-examination)

- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.
- P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C: Amen.
- P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

Words of Institution

Peace

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

Distribution Hymns:

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

#645, "Built on the Rock"

#664, "Fight the Good Fight"

Post-Communion Prayer

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: #662, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Chimes/Silent Prayer Announcements Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday: St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord (Transferred)

Isa, 61:7-11: Gal, 4:4-7: Lk, 1:46-55

Thursday: 7:30PM CILS School Board Meeting - Concordia Friday: 1:30PM Lake City Chapel with Pastor Sorenson

6:00PM Church Golfing Group, Gopher Hills

Next Sunday: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Outdoor Worship Service around Immanuel

School Building (Service of Decommissioning)

1:00-5:00PM Walter and Dorraine Banitt's 80th Birthday

Party in Fellowship Hall

3:00PM Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Scott Fiege

at St. Peter's. Belvidere

6:00PM Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Scott Fiege

at Bethany, Lake City

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today - Glenn Alms, Stan Klair

Monday - David Arndt, Jeremy Schafer

Wednesday - Jim Kelm

Friday - Dylan Frazier, William & Sheila Boyer

Saturday - Ashleigh Gernentz

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Sara (Voth) Kroll, Brady McNamara (born three months prematurely), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Ethan Stehr (recovering from surgery), Jim Dicke (recovering from knee surgery), and Travis Jares (Bonnie Kassen's nephew, healing from a neck fracture).

Life Quote - August 15

"God gave you life. Job reminds us that God shaped and formed you in the womb like a potter shaping and forming a vessel (Job 10:8). As a vessel belongs to the potter, so you belong to God." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life. "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life. www.lutheransforlife.org

Catechism Review: The Lord's Prayer The First Petition: Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's name profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, August 22 8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920) "Does He Know You?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

People often do what they do because they think the rules don't apply to

them. (Luke 13:23-25)

New Pastor for St. Peter's and Bethany

The congregations of St. Peter's, Belvidere, and Bethany, Lake City, invite you to the installation of their new pastor, the Rev. Dr. Scott T. Fiege on August 22, 2010. A service will be held at St. Peter's at 3 PM and a reception to follow. Another service will be held at Bethany at 6 PM with a meal following in the church dining hall. We are very blessed to have filled our dual parish vacancy with Pastor Fiege and we look forward to a joyous day of installation services. We hope you will honor us with your presence.

Decommissioning of Hay Creek School

On August 22nd, the Sunday service will be held outside the Immanuel school building. In addition to the decommissioning of the Hay Creek school, Pastor will reflect on the lives that have been touched by the love of Jesus since the building's construction in 1952. Please bring chairs and invite your friends who have a special place in their hearts for this era of Immanuel's ministry.

Walter and Dorraine Banitt - 80th Birthday Party!!!

The entire congregation is invited to an Open House for Walter and Dorraine Banitt's 80th birthday. The event will be held in the Immanuel Fellowship Hall between 1 and 5 PM on August 22nd. If you are aware of someone who might want to know about the party, please share the invitation. No gifts please.

Thank You

Many thanks to Pastor Sorenson and members of the congregation for your prayers, visits, and cards while I was hospitalized in Rochester and while recuperating at home. It was truly appreciated.

Karen Stemmann

Ice Cream Social at Hay Creek

Mark your calendars! The Ladies Aid of Immanuel will offer an ice cream social on August 29th between 5 and 8 PM in the church fellowship hall. Barb Betcher will be the speaker. BBQ sandwiches, pie, and ice cream will be served.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those interested in teaching Sunday School this year. Sharing responsibilities with someone else is a great way to get experience while not being required to teach every week. However, it is expected that Sunday School teachers will be good spiritual role models for the children and will therefore usually attend church services on the days that they teach. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will begin on September 12th at 9 AM.