

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK
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Second Sunday After Christmas

January 3, 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.

Prelude
Welcome
Ringing of the Bell
Opening Hymn: #389, "Let All Together Praise Our God"

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

**"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, January 10
8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)
"The Sinning Hypocrite"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The world looks at the Church and sees the hypocrisy of Christians who preach one thing but do another. Do they also see the Savior whose blood forgives hypocrites and other sinners? (Romans 6:1-2)

Catechism Review

The Lord's Prayer: The Third Petition: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayers, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Youth Lock-In

A Lock-In for the youth group will be held on the evening of January 22nd (Friday) and will conclude the morning of January 23rd (Saturday). The event begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and will conclude no later than 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Youth should bring \$6 to cover the cost of food. Also, additional chaperones for the event would be greatly appreciated. If interested, please speak with Pastor at your earliest convenience.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today: 1:30PM Harold Augustin Funeral
2:30PM Funeral Luncheon

Monday: CILS Resumes
1:00PM Ladies Quilting Project

Tuesday: 9:00AM Circuit Pastoral Conference at Concordia-R.W.
7:00PM Board of Elders

Wednesday: The Epiphany of Our Lord: Isa. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12
8:30AM CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson
5:30PM 7th/8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM Choir Epiphany Party and Rehearsal

Thursday: 8:30AM CILS Religion with Pastor Sorenson

Friday: 3:00PM Pre-Baptism Meeting

Next Sunday: Baptism of Our Lord
9:00AM Sunday School and Bible Class
10:00AM Fellowship Time
10:30AM Worship with Holy Baptism for Ava Stumpf with CILS Children Singing
Noon New Horizons Potluck and taking down Christmas decorations
7:30PM Nybo's Family Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Friday - Lindsay Henderson
Saturday - Christine Ballman

IN OUR PRAYERS

Healing: Paul Nystuen, Philip Sorenson, Dave Dicke, Jenny Bauer, Sara (Voth) Kroll, Lana Horn, Marilyn Kromminga and Curtis Stumpf (recovering from an appendectomy).

Strength and Peace: Syvilla Madsen

Preparing for Military Service: David Banitt

Comfort for the Bereaved: the family and friends of Harold Augustin as they reflect on his passing.

For Blessings in Marriage: Josh and Allie Nissen (married at Immanuel yesterday afternoon)

Thank You from Ruth Ofstie

Thank you to the members of Immanuel for your prayers, cards, visits and gifts of food when I was sick. It was greatly appreciated.

Opening Prayer

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Confession and Assurance of Grace

P: Since we are assembled in this place to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and realize that by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from sin. Therefore we take refuge in the Lord's infinite mercy, seeking and imploring His grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, and saying: "God be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being."

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people,

C: we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Hymn of Praise: #387, "Joy to the World"

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 3:4-15

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Ephesians 1:3-14

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Luke 2:40-52

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd 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 see back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #853, "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Sermon: "Business As Usual"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer see back cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution Hymns

#375, "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

#624, "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"

#393, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you
in the true faith unto life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

P: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good;
return no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the
weak; help the suffering; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the
power of the Holy Spirit. And may almighty God, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, bless you - now and forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #924, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Silent Prayer/Chimes

Announcements

Postlude

Potluck Lunch Next Sunday

All in the congregation are invited to a potluck lunch next Sunday after the church service. Following lunch, New Horizons will be taking down the Christmas decorations.

Epiphany Choir Party

In addition to a rehearsal, the Immanuel choir will enjoy an Epiphany party this coming Wednesday night. Members are asked to bring a treat to share. If you have questions, please speak with Sara Sorenson.

Life Quote – January 3

"When we view abortion through the lens of our Christian faith, we do not see a moral issue that needs correcting or a political issue that needs strategizing. We see a spiritual issue that takes priority. The child in the womb belongs to God, formed by His hands and purchased by His blood. Abortion not only assaults human life, it assaults the Creator and Redeemer of human life." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life.* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life.**

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Annual Reports Due

Annual reports from committees and officers of the congregation are now due. Please prepare your summaries in the next few weeks and get them to Karen Stemmann or Pastor Sorenson. The information will be compiled and included in the 2009 Congregational Report. Thank you.