

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK
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8th Sunday After Pentecost

July 6, 2008

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

Independence Day Hymn: #966, "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

Invocation and Opening Verses

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

C: Amen.

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Church Golfing Group

The Golfing Group will actually meet next Saturday at 5:00 PM rather than Friday at 6:00 PM. If you have questions, please see Jerry Kohn. Thanks!

Friendship Sundays

Immanuel will begin offering a new worship program called "Friendship Sundays." For the 4th Sundays of the month, all members of the congregation are asked to invite friends and neighbors and co-workers to join them for worship at Immanuel. Special attention is to be given to those families we know who are unchurched or nominally churched. These services will feature simplified liturgies, piano music, and hymns from various church resources and supplements. We will also plan a time of fellowship after the Friendship Services in the summer. If you play an instrument and would like to volunteer to play for some of these special worship opportunities, please see Sara Sorenson.

Prayer Chain Volunteers

"Will you pray for me?" What a wonderful blessing to hear that from a friend in need! And what an opportunity for us! Immanuel currently has a prayer chain which stays connected primarily by means of e-mail. However, if you don't have e-mail you may still serve on the prayer chain and receive your info over the phone. If you would like to be a part of our prayer chain, please leave a note in Pastor's box or speak to him at your earliest convenience. Those who use computer should also leave their e-mail address with Pastor Sorenson. Thanks!

Part-Time Aide Position Available at CILS

The CILS Board of Education is currently looking for a part-time aide for the 2008-09 school year. Hours would be 8:30AM – 2:00PM. If you are interested or know of anyone that might be interested, please call Diane Johnson at 380-9229, or Kimberly Burns at 388-1379.

Life Quote – July 6

"The world sees those not yet born as 'products of conception' or a source of stem cells. We see children who need to be cherished, defended, and protected." **Quote from Lutherans For Life /** www.lutheransforlife.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, July 13

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

"The Agony of Defeat"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Christ came to move us forward, not backward. If you feel you're going in the wrong direction, listen to next Sunday's message. (Romans 8:15)

Help for the 150th Anniversary Event

Would you be willing to help by volunteering for the big anniversary celebration on July 19th? A sign-up sheet has been posted with a wide variety of jobs available. We need people to help with parking, collect funds for the meal and church prints, serve as ushers, assist in the dining room, and help with clean-up after the event. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are willing to serve on this special day. Thank you in advance!

A Little History as We Celebrate our 150th Anniversary

King Frederick William III of Prussia issued a decree in 1817 ordering the union of Lutheran and Reformed churches. Many pastors and lay people, who felt that serving in the Union made them unfaithful to the Lutheran Confessions, were persecuted and even imprisoned for their refusal to obey the King's decree. Reaction against the decree led many Lutherans to emigrate rather than compromise their faith. In 1838/1839, a group of over 600 Saxons left Saxony for America, among them C. F. W. Walther, later the first president of the Missouri Synod. Most of these immigrants settled in Perry County, MO, about 100 miles south of St. Louis. Still today, on the basis of God's unfailing Word, our Missouri Synod insists on full agreement in doctrine before we engage in any altar and pulpit fellowship with other church bodies (Rom. 16:17-18). This is also the policy of the WELS, the CLC, the ELS, and a great percentage of Lutherans around the world. God grant us faithfulness to His inspired and inerrant Word!

All Choir Reunion

As part of Immanuel's 150th celebration, all those who have participated in the choir in the past and would like to sing for the July 19th anniversary event are invited to contact Sara Sorenson (388-4577) regarding the music. A rehearsal is scheduled this Thursday at 7:30PM.

Ice Cream Social at Belvidere

St. Peter's Ladies Aid invites Immanuel to their ice cream social on Sunday, July 13th, from 6-9PM. The speaker will be Russ Clevenger of Cannon Falls. He works for Thrivent and will speak on his trip to Guatemala with Habitat for Humanity.

A Thank You from Ms. Melissa Strelow

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, dinner, and prayers as I ended my final year here at CILS. I would also like to thank you for the many years of love and support from this congregation. Your ministry through CILS is so wonderful and I pray God's continued blessings here. I feel truly blessed to have served here at CILS and I thank you for the opportunity I have been given here. God's blessings to each of you!

P: The Lord upholds all who are falling

C: and raises up all who are bowed down. (Ps. 145:8,14)

Confession and Absolution

(There is silence to call to mind your sins.)

P: Let us cast the burdens of our sins and the weariness of our souls upon the Lord who brings relief and rest.

C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace because of Jesus Christ and His death. I want to do better.

Hymn: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" #606 Vss. 1-2

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" #606 Vs. 3

Collect of the Day

Old Testament ReadingZechariah 9:9-12

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 7:14-25a

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

---After the Reading---

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: #684, "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"
Sermon: "An Invitation to the Weary"
Offering

Prayer of the Church
P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

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
#620, "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"
#752, "Be Still, My Soul"
#715, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Post-Communion Thanksgiving
P: You are the God of compassion, and Your love is for all Your works.
C: We bless You.
P: You have revealed Your mystery to the humble and to the little children.
C: We bless You.
P: Your yoke is easy to carry, and your burden is light.
C: We bless You.

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: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
Text: Horatius Bonar, LSB #699
Tune: All Saints New, LSB #678

1)
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad.

2)
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.

3)
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.

Silent Prayer
Announcements
Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	10:45AM	150 th Anniversary Committee Meeting
Monday:	8:30PM	Adult Softball vs. Covenant, Field 1
Tuesday:	7:30PM	Summer Bible Class
Wednesday:	7:00PM	Board of Elders
Thursday:	7:30PM	Anniversary Choir Practice
Saturday:	6:00PM	Church Golfing Group – Gopher Hills
Next Sun:	9:30AM	Worship
	6-9PM	Ice Cream Social at Belvidere

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday	- Pat Banitt
Wednesday	- Brian Scheele

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Margie Stumpf (healing); Harold Augustin (healing); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (undergoing cancer therapy); Brad Greenwaldt (cousin of Bonnie Kassen struggling with cancer); Garland Bradley (husband of prospective member, in need of healing); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (receiving treatments for skin cancer); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Elaine Diercks (healing); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Patti Dargus (healing); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Curtis Horn (recovering from surgery); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (undergoing chemotherapy and radiation for a brain tumor); Bill & Jan Langhans family (as they mourn the loss of Karen Gusa).

A Note for Seminarist Jacob Scott

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Herzliche Grube aus Deutschland! There was quite a lot going on in Germany this spring! My spring semester began in mid April. I took courses in church history, the Large and Small Catechisms, the use of Isaiah in the New Testament, and three systematic theology courses: The Word of God, the Holy Spirit and the Church, and Communion and Church Fellowship. I also attended our sister church's youth gathering. And at the end of May, the LCMS World Missions Eurasia Director, the Rev. Brad Smith, invited me to travel with a group from Concordia University, Portland, to Istanbul, Turkey for a Muslim immersion trip. On April 22nd I received my vicarage placement! I will be privileged to serve God's church at Calvary Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas. I'll likely begin serving in August - but before that, I'll spend a couple weeks in Minnesota "reacclimating" to the U.S.!

Gott segne euer 150. Jubilaum! (God bless your 150th Anniversary!)

*In Christ,
Jacob Scott*

The Ordination and Installation of Ken Buth

All members of Immanuel Lutheran Church - Hay Creek are invited to attend the ordination celebration and installation of Ken Buth at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sulphur, Louisiana. The congregation cordially extends this invitation to you for Sunday, August 10th at 3:00 PM. Vicar Buth has served this congregation for a year as part of a convertible vicarage, which means that he will soon be installed to serve this same parish in Sulphur as its pastor. Trinity is located at 1400 Post Oak Road in Sulphur, Louisiana. A dinner will follow the ordination service in the Parish Hall.

Habitat for Humanity

The local chapter of Habitat for Humanity is looking for workers to help with a construction project in Zumbrota. A schedule is being drawn up that will include workers on both Wednesdays and Saturdays. If you are interested or would like more information, please call the Habitat office at 388-9360, extension 32.

Thanks!