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**The Festival of the Holy Trinity**

**May 18, 2008**

**The Service of Confirmation**

**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  
Ring of the Bell  
Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

P: Gathered in the name of the One who created all things and who unites us to Christ through Holy Baptism, we prepare to receive God's good gifts. With confidence let us draw near to God, confess our sins, and be renewed in God's mercy and grace.

*(Silence is observed for personal reflection)*

P: For our failure to be attentive to the care of Your creation,

**C: Father, forgive us.**

P: For our neglect of ourselves in body, soul, and spirit,

**C: Father, forgive us.**

P: For our lack of care for the poor and the unloved,

**C: Lord Jesus, forgive us.**

P: For our false pride and failure to live confidently in Your love.

**C: Lord Jesus, forgive us.**

P: For our sins of selfishness and all our sins known and unknown.

**C: Holy Spirit, forgive us.**

P: For our failure to recognize the gifts given and supported in Your power,

**C: Holy Spirit, forgive us.**

P: Brothers and sisters, God's love is shown to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. As a called and ordained servant of God and by Christ's authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Holy Baptism you were joined to Christ and became a child of God. Anointed with the Holy Spirit in faith, you are free to live as God's people sent to serve the world.

**C: Amen.**

**Baptismal Remembrance**

P: Children of God, united to Christ in Holy Baptism, we are clothed with God's grace and forgiving love. On this Sunday of the Holy Trinity and as we confirm two young men of our congregation in the faith of the Holy Christian Church, let us give thanks to God for the gift of Baptism.

P: Blessed are You, O God, creator of all things. When You spoke Your creative Word over the waters all things came into being. You water the earth and refresh all that Your hands have made. Through the waters of the flood You preserved Your servant Noah and his family. You drowned Pharaoh's army in the Red Sea and led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground. After Your people wandered the desert You finally brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You made holy all waters to be a blessed

flood, a lavish washing away of sin. By the Baptism of His death and resurrection, Your Son Jesus restored creation, bringing us the promised land of Your grace. Now He sends His Church to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching all things that Christ commanded. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us. Renew us in this cleansing flood; wash away sin in this bath of forgiveness; clothe us with Christ and make us one.  
C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn: #507, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Collect of the Day

Scripture Reading/Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 28:16-20

Athanasian Creed ..... pp. 319-320

Hymn of the Day: #835, "On Galilee's High Mountain"

Sermon: "Baptized and Confirmed - Now What?"

Offering

The Rite Of Confirmation ..... pp. 272-274

Address to Catechumens ..... p. 272

Confession of Faith and Intent ..... pp. 272-273

Confirmation Hymn: #865, "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

Confirmation Scripture Verses and Blessings ..... p. 273  
Kelvin Hoffman - Psalm 119:105  
Tyson Smith - John 3:16

Prayer ..... pp. 273-274

Peace ..... p. 274

Choral Confirmation Blessing: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"  
Paul Bouman

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

Admonition to Communicants

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

Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: **Amen.**

Distribution (Confirmands will be served first)

#628, "Your Table I Approach"

#685, "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

#722, "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Post-Communion Prayer

Affirmation of the Baptized

P: People of God: Because of the death and life of Jesus Christ, both your work and your rest are now in God. In Holy Baptism, you died to sin and rose to a new life as members of His body. In Baptism you received God's forgiveness. In Baptism you renounced the devil and all his works and all his ways. Will you continue to live in this faith in God's promises given in Baptism? Will you struggle against the devil and strive to live in the fellowship of the Holy Christian Church?

C: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You led the children of Israel through a mighty sea to freedom and to the Promised Land. So lead us on our journeys, blessing all we seek to do in Your name. Grant us continued faith in You and in Your Son, Jesus Christ, into whose death and resurrection we are baptized.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #657, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

Mark your calendars! The change in worship schedule will begin next Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Services will be held on Sundays throughout the summer at 9:30AM.

### **Service with Recognition of the 2008 Graduates**

Next Sunday, during the 9:30AM worship service, we will recognize the 2008 high school graduates. Graduating seniors and parents of the graduates are encouraged to attend. Feel free to bring relatives and friends! Along with special prayers and blessings for the young men and women, they will be given quilts from the ladies of the Quilting Project at Immanuel.

### **Immanuel Church Golfing Group**

The Church Golfing Group will begin its 3<sup>rd</sup> season of golfing on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM. The group will meet again this year at Gopher Hills in Miesville. The cost will be \$15 for 9 holes, including a cart. We will be playing best ball, so no need to be a good golfer! A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board, or you may contact Jerry Kohn at 388-7590. Other tentative dates are June 13 & 27; July 12 & 25; and August 15 & 29.

### **Farewell Event for Miss Strelow**

Please join us for a going away potluck/card shower for Miss Strelow. It will be held on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. at Concordia. Melissa has been with us for six years and will not be returning for the next school year. We wish her God's blessings.

### **Life Quote – May 18**

"The Church is not simply a place where nicely dressed people come to gather for donuts and coffee. It is the place where the church thief and the abortive mother come to hear, 'I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.' It is the place where divine justice is truly meted out in His ironic way. It is GRACE we lift up as God pulls them from their sins. It is GRACE that consumes the soul of the penitent. It is GRACE that consumed us so that we might not relive our sins because God has forgotten them." *Rev. Ryan Matthias, associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa.* **Quote from Lutherans For Life /** [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### **A Little History as We Celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

English services were first introduced at Immanuel in 1909. They were held once a month on Sunday afternoons!

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

Tuesday:	9:00AM	Pre-Baptism Instruction
Thursday:	7:30PM	Women's Bible Study
Friday:	5:30PM	Chapman Wedding Rehearsal
	6:00PM	Church Golfing Group at Gopher Hills
Saturday:		Chapman Wedding
Next Sun:	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday After Pentecost
	9:30AM	Worship with Recognition of the 2008 Graduates

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday	- Leigha Burns, Christopher Holst, Korey Holst
Tuesday	- Randy Meyer, Genevieve Schultz
Wednesday	- Harold Augustin, Burnetta Dicke

### **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); Karen Gusa (sister of Jan Langhans, struggling with lung cancer); 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); Cheri Greenwaldt (healing for her and her baby Callie born prematurely); Ryan Buck (Goodhue man recovering from a paralyzing snowmobile accident); Elaine Diercks (recovering from open heart surgery); Katie O'Connor (has a tumor); Mikey Staples (healing); Patti Dargus (healing).

### **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans – The GivingPlus Program**

Thrivent Financial supports Lutheran education and outreach through its GivingPlus Program. Thrivent Financial members (age 16 or older) are eligible to participate by giving \$50-\$600 to a Lutheran educational institution; in turn, Thrivent will contribute 50 cents for every dollar donated. If you own a Thrivent Financial product, please consider a gift to Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School – it would make a big difference in the ministry of the school.

For a GivingPlus application, or for more information about the program, contact Jim Dicke or Karen Stemmann.

### **"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, May 25**

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

**"Are You in the Right Fight?"**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Walther**