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6th Sunday After the Epiphany

February 15, 2009

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

Welcome and Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, #846 Tune: All Saints New, #678

1)

Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed over ills and death, O'er darkness and the grave.
To You they came, the blind, the mute, The palsied and the lame,
The lepers in their misery, The sick with fevered frame.

2)

Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
Gave speech and strength and sight;
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed Revealed You, Lord of light.
And now, O Lord, be near to bless, Almighty as before,
In crowded street, by beds of pain, As by Gennes'ret's shore.

3)

O be our great deliv'rer still, The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, With Your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong May praise You evermore.

Invocation and Opening Versicles

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).

Opening 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 Redeemer.

C: Amen.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 32 (see front section of the hymnal)

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Offering: "Sing to the Lord!" D. Govenor

Epistle 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, sung from LSB #952

Holy Gospel Mark 1:40-45

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first 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: #719, "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"

Sermon: "Submissive Faith"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Confessional Address

Confession and Absolution

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

(Silence for self-examination and reflection on God's Word)

P: O almighty God,

C: merciful Father, 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.

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

#760, "What God Ordains Is Always Good"

#622, vs. 1, 5-8; "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

#722, "In Holy Conversation"

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

P: The God of peace will sanctify you wholly and keep your spirit, soul, and body sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. Go in peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #794, "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	12:00PM	Pre-Baptism Meeting with Ballman Family
Monday:		No CILS – Teacher Work Day
	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Wednesday:	8:30AM	CILS Chapel with Pastor Sorenson
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:	2:00PM	Ladies Aid Prayer Service/Mite Collection
	5:30-7:00PM	CILS Kindergarten Open House
	7:30PM	School Board at Immanuel
Next Sunday:		The Transfiguration of Our Lord
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship with Baptism of Nathan Ballman and Placing of Church Officers for 2009

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Today	- Pastor Sorenson
Monday	- Chloe Sorenson
Tuesday	- Ethan Ballman
Wednesday	- Brad Diercks, Dillon Dressen, Chad Schmitz Anneliese von Knobelsdorff
Thursday	- Avis Sucher, M/M Jay Turner
Friday	- Nita Callstrom

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Paul Nystuen (resurgence of bladder cancer); Syvilla Madsen (strength and peace amidst cancer); Dave Dicke (in need of a liver transplant); Marian Burkhard (healing); Mikey Staples (healing); Linda Hardy (healing); Mike Heim (finished chemotherapy; in need of healing); Linda Soifakis (resurgence of cancer); Ruth Dankers (recovering from surgery); Phillip Sorenson (diagnosed with Adult Onset Cystic Fibrosis); Harold Augustin (for peace and comfort); Larry Horn (diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma); Sara (Voth) Kroll (niece to Becky Kirtz and Rosie Kohn, undergoing cancer treatments); Marilyn Kromminga (strength and healing for mother of Kim Burns); Helen Tschida (healing); Rodger Kivi (brother of Jan Langhans, recovering from surgery); Kelsey Holst (recovering from a serious tubing accident).

Life Quote – February 15

“It should be the highest ambition of every American to extend his views beyond himself, and to bear in mind that his conduct will not only affect himself, his country, and his immediate posterity; but that its influence may be co-extensive with the world, and stamp political happiness or misery on ages yet unborn.” *George Washington. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life /* www.lutheransforlife.org

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, February 22

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

“Making a Grand ... Exit”

Guest Speaker: Rev. William P. Yonker

Jesus wants to be known for His entrance—His miraculous birth—but He wants to be known even more for His death, for that is where He takes away the sins of the world. (Mark 9:2-4)

More than Fish on Friday: Six Negative Things to Get Rid of—Not Only for Lent—But Permanently!

Lent begins with the observance of Ash Wednesday on February 25th. The midweek services leading up to Holy Week will be offered on the Wednesdays of Lent from February 25th through April 1st at 7:30PM. The series is based on Ephesians 4:31 and the title is provided above. Is Lent really about abstaining from certain meats on Friday? No! The Apostle Paul tells us about six things we should really give up for good. The services and themes will be conducted according to the following schedule:

- February 25: (I) Bitterness
- March 4: (II) Rage
- March 11: (III) Wicked Anger
- March 18: (IV) Verbal Outbursts
- March 25: (V) Slander
- April 1: (VI) Baseness

Kindergarten Open House and Pre-Registration

Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School will be holding its Kindergarten Open House and Pre-Registration this coming Thursday, February 19th, from 5:30-7:00PM at the Concordia campus. All interested families are encouraged to attend. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to attend. If you have further questions, please feel free to talk to Kim Burns at church or call her at 388-1379. Thanks.

CILS Magazine Sales

The magazine fundraiser of Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School will be ongoing between February 12-27. If you would like to place an order, or renew a current subscription, please speak with Mrs. Burns at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Meeting of the Ushers

On Sunday, March 8th, directly following the worship service, the elders would like to meet with the usher team captains and co-captains and any other interested individuals regarding usher orientation and the usher assignments/schedule. If you have questions, please speak with one of our elders: Chuck Bremer, Jim Arndt, or Dan Banitt.

Placing of Church Officers

All newly elected and previously elected officers are encouraged to participate in the formal rite of placing of church servants on Transfiguration Sunday, February 22nd, during the 10:30AM worship service. All congregants are also encouraged to be in the worship service to support the new officers with their prayers and presence.

A New Pro-Life Petition

If you oppose unlimited abortion on demand, please sign the MCCL Pro-Life Petition in the narthex. Whereas the first petition that many of you signed was for the National Right to Life (NRL) organization, the new petition is from Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL). This petition also concerns the deadly Freedom of Choice Act which would make brutal partial-birth abortions legal again, require taxpayer funding of abortion on demand, even for the purposes of birth control, and would nullify virtually all state limits on abortion, including Minnesota's Woman's Right to Know and other parental notification laws. Help save lives by signing the petition opposing Obama's deadly FOCA. The lives of so many little ones depend on you.

NEW BIBLE CLASS TOPIC: Singing the Faith, Living the Lutheran Musical Heritage

On Sunday, March 1st, the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class will begin a new series entitled: Singing the Faith, Living the Lutheran Musical Heritage. This study is the result of a project through the Good Shepherd Institute of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Music at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This four-part series invites the listeners/viewers to discover God's Word proclaimed in a rich heritage of music that faithfully confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The discussion topics will center around four basic units:

- (I) Martin Luther and Music
- (II) Late Sixteenth and Seventeenth-Century Lutheran Hymn
Writers: Martin Schalling, Philipp Nicolai, and Paul Gerhardt
- (III) The Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries: J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, and the "Confessional Revival"
- (IV) Lutheran Hymnody of the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries

Adult Bible Class is held every Sunday morning at 9:00AM. If you have further questions about this study, please see Pastor Sorenson. Hope you will take the time to consider this most interesting topic!