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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2012

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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.

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Cross Procession/Tolling of the Bell
(in remembrance of the preborn victims of abortion since 1973)

Opening Versicles and Salutation

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Opening Hymn: #744, “Amazing Grace”

Litany of Remembrance and Repentance

P: Today marks the 39th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. This morning we reflect on sons and daughters who were never born. We remember them as gifts from God whose lives were cut short. They were taken before they could serve God according to the purpose for which they were created.

C: Little arms that never stretched out asking to be held.

(chime)

P: Brothers and sisters who were never able to play with their siblings.

C: Their laughter was never heard.

(chime)

P: Teachers who were never able to teach and pastors who were never able to preach.

C: Wisdom that was never shared.

(chime)

P: Physicians, nurses, technicians, researchers, and other medical professionals through whom God's healing was never able to be extended.

C: Mercy that was never given.

(chime)

P: Business people and courageous leaders who were never able to extend a godly influence upon our nation.

C: Good examples that could never be followed.

(chime)

P: Farmers who would never reap the fruits of the earth.

C: Wholesome, hardworking lives that were never lived.

(chime)

P: Laborers whose hands could never form or craft or build.

C: Productive lives that never were.

(chime)

P: Artists and musicians who will never be able to express the joys and sorrows within them.

C: Works of art never seen and melodies never heard.

(chime)

P: Little girls who will never hold and nurture a child of their own and little boys who will never grow up to be called “daddy.”

C: Generations yet unborn, never to be.

(chime)

P: Children with special needs that will never touch our hearts in ways no one else could.

C: God's unique purpose for them never realized.

(chime)

P: We ponder other victims of abortion, victims who have not died, but who have been wounded. Mothers of aborted children who, in weakness, desperation, and fear, listened to the voices of death.

C: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sinfulness of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

P: Fathers of aborted children who, unable or unwilling to protect a defenseless life, are in conflict with their responsibility to their preborn child, to the mother of that child, and to God.

C: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sinfulness of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

- P: Grandparents of aborted children who, unable or unwilling to protect a defenseless life, are in conflict with their responsibility to their preborn child, to the mother of that child, and to God.
- C: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sinfulness of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.**
- P: Doctors, counselors, and all who have been deceived by Satan to see abortion as a legitimate solution to the difficult problems of life.
- C: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sinfulness of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.**
- P: For permissive church bodies like the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, whose health benefits plan even provides for abortions for their professional church workers.
- C: Lift their hearts to You, O God, that they might know the sinfulness of abortion, lay their burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.**
- P: For ourselves, members of the Body of Christ, who in ignorance or fear have been silent when we should have spoken; passive when we should have acted to defend the "least of these."
- C: Lift our hearts to You, O God, that we may know the sinfulness of abortion, lay our burden at the foot of the cross, and receive forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.**

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Duet: "O Rest in the Lord" (Aria from the Oratorio "Elijah")

Felix Mendelssohn Sung by Todd and John Burns

Holy Gospel Mark 1:14-20

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.

Apostles' Creedback cover of the hymnal

Hymn of the Day: #844, "Lord of all Nations, Grant Me Grace"

Sermon: "Our God of Life and Good"

Offering

Hymn: #739, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayerback cover of the hymnal

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #662, "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	2:00PM	MCCL March for Life at the State Capitol
Tuesday:		St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor:
		Acts 16:1-5; 1 Tim. 6:11-16; Matt. 24:42-47
	2:45PM	Red Wing Health Center Chapel
	7:00PM	Church Council
Wednesday:		The Conversion of St. Paul: Acts 9:1-22;
		Gal. 1:11-24; Matt. 19:27-30
	5:30PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir
Thursday:		St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor:
		Acts 20:28-35; Tit. 1:1-9; Lk. 10:1-9
	7:30PM	Women's Bible Class
	7:30PM	Men's Bible Class
Saturday:	9AM-5PM	Stampin' with the Spirit
Next Sunday:		Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship
		Acolyte: Alicia Hoffman

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday - Vicky Hoffman, Barb Kelm
Wednesday - Justin Kassen
Thursday - David Banitt
Friday - Vanessa Frazier
Saturday - Chuck Bremer

IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson, Melissa Barbey, Barbara Vieths, Janis Thomford, Willard Holst, Lester Burns (recovering from surgery), and the Ray Kehren family as they mourn Marie.

Orville Augustin Memorial Banners

You may have noticed the new Christmas banner that was hanging in our sanctuary just a few weeks ago. This and other new banners recently ordered will beautify our sanctuary thanks to Marge Augustin and her family designating funds from gifts received at the passing of Orville. The whole congregation warmly thanks the Augustin family for these welcome additions to our worship space.

Council and Voters' Meetings

Important meetings in our congregation have been scheduled for the next few weeks. The Church Council will meet at 7 PM this Tuesday, January 24th, to prepare the agenda for the Annual Voters' Meeting. The Voters' Assembly will convene the following Tuesday, January 31st, at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in joining the Voters' Assembly and would like further information, please speak to one of our elders: Chuck Bremer, Jim Arndt, or Dan Banitt. Thanks.

Catechism – Review

When do we sin against the Third Commandment?

We sin against the Third Commandment when we despise preaching and the Word of God.

How is this done?

We despise preaching and the Word of God: A) when we do not attend public worship; B) when we do not use the Word of God and the Sacraments; C) when we use the Word of God and the Sacraments negligently or carelessly.

What does God require of us in the Third Commandment?

A) We should hold preaching and the Word of God sacred.
B) We should gladly hear it, learn it, and meditate on it.

C) We should honor and support the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.
D) We should diligently spread the Word of God.

Pro-Life Petition

Medical evidence has demonstrated that unborn children are capable of experiencing pain twenty weeks from conception. Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) has helped advance the Pain Capable Child Protection Act. This legislation would prohibit abortions after the point in pregnancy at which a child can feel pain. Think about it: a child who feels pain is clearly a member of our human family and deserves protection under the law. You can help save lives by signing the petition in the narthex in support of the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

MCCL March For Life

Today, January 22nd, marks the 39th commemoration of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. 55 million unborn babies have been killed; 567,000 of them have been killed in Minnesota. You are invited to the March for Life at the State Capitol in St. Paul at 2:00 PM this afternoon. Your presence at the Capitol will send a clear message to state lawmakers that Minnesotans care about the lives of unborn children and also the millions of women who have been injured physically, emotionally, and spiritually by abortion. Abortion truly is the greatest human rights issue of our time.

Life Quotes

January 22 “‘It is settled law,’ [columnist Paul] Greenberg said, quoting defenders of legal abortion. ‘Another generation,’ though, he reminded us, ‘was told *Dred Scott v. Sandford* was settled law.’ But, Greenberg protested, ‘no good cause is forever lost.’ Because, he added, ‘no cause is forever won in this world. It’s the nature of politics.’ It’s the nature of life.”
From a column by Kathryn Jean Lopez, editor-at-large, National Review Online – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, January 29, 2012

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

“One With Authority”

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Even Jesus’ enemies had to admit that He spoke with authority. What’s more, Jesus showed His power and authority to forgive sins and conquer death itself. (Mark 1:21-22)