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The Seventh Sunday of Easter **May 20, 2012**

Confirmation 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.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

The Order of Confirmation pp. 272-274

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Cross Processional/Opening Hymn: #687
"Thine Forever, God of Love"

Invocation

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

Introit of the Day, prayed responsively worship insert

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Megan Jo Bartel - Luke 16:13

Ellee Jean Goranson - John 8:12

Emme Marie Goranson - 1 John 4:10

Molly Ann Goranson - Joshua 1:9

Katelyn Patricia Stehr - Titus 3:5

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Choral Blessing: "The Lord Is My Light" (Psalm 27) David Haas

First Reading Acts 1:12-26

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 1 John 5:9-15

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel John 17:11b-19

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th 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!

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Hymn of the Day: #655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Sermon: "The Judas Syndrome"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Confession and Announcement of Grace

P: Beloved in the Lord! Since you propose to come to the Holy Supper of your Lord, draw near with a true heart and confess your sins unto God the Father, beseeching Him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to grant you forgiveness.

(Silence for self-examination)

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know - the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed - but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I implore You for pardon. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, that I may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Admonition to the Communicants

Lord's Prayerback cover of the hymnal

Words of Institution

Peace

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

C: Amen.

Distribution Hymns:

#628, "Your Table I Approach"

#664, "Fight the Good Fight"

#686, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #707, "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Wednesday: 4:30PM 4th/5th Grade Confirmation

Thursday: 7:30PM Women's Bible Class

Friday: 10:30AM KWNG Recording Session

Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit

Next Sunday: Day of Pentecost

9:30AM Worship/Quilts for Graduates

Acolyte: Ben Domagala

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today - Randy Meyer, Genevieve Schultz

Monday - Burnetta Dicke

IN OUR PRAYERS

Phillip Sorenson, Melissa Barbey, Barbara Vieths, Janis Thomford, Willard Holst, Cathy Hamilton, Henry Stellrecht (struggling with kidney failure), Burnetta Dicke (recovering from surgery), Annah Johnson (recovering from a broken back), and Taryn Bartel (3 year old recovering from mower accident).

Hearing Assistance Devices

Our sanctuary is now equipped with hearing assistance devices for those who struggle with hearing loss. Receivers may be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like, the elders will help how you how to use them. It's really, really simple!

Church and Sunday School Time Survey

Surveys have been placed in your boxes pertaining to the Sunday morning schedule. Please fill out your copy and place it in the box in the entry way. June 3rd is the deadline to submit your survey. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Life Quotes

May 20 "It is lack of imagination, not pity, which causes doctors to dismiss the lives of disabled babies as 'not worth living' ... disabled children, like every other child, has the right to life." *Alison Davis, No Less Human, Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* – A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Vacation Bible School

The VBS committee of St. Peter's has rescheduled our Vacation Bible School for the week of June 10th. VBS will be held Sunday through Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The theme will be the Olympics. Pastor Sorenson will again provide music and his percussion instruments to delight the children. We would like to get a rough estimate of our attendance, so signing up your children early is greatly appreciated. A sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. Thanks!

Catechism Review

The Close of the Commandments

What does God say about these commandments?

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."
(Exodus 20:5-6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, May 27

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

"Remember, Don't Forget"

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

Memorial Day weekend is a time to remember the sacrifices made to preserve our freedom. Today is also the Lord's Day; we remember our Savior Who gave Himself to free us from sin. (Ezekiel 37:3)

St. John's End of Year Bible Drama

The kids of St. John's Lutheran School will appear at the Sheldon in Red Wing with their production of: "It's Cool in the Furnace!" Two shows are available to you on Friday, May 25th: 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. If you would like tickets in advance, please see Sue Domagala. There is no cost for tickets, but a free-will offering will be taken at the event. Come and see parochial school Christian education at work in the lives of students and families!

Schedule Change

On May 27th, we will begin our summer schedule with worship at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Next week is the Day of Pentecost and also the day we give quilts to our high school graduates. We have two this year: Kelvin Hoffman and Tyson Smith.

Like to Plant?

Karen Stemmann has for many years planted the two pots in front of the church building. She's willing to let you have a try this year! Plant these pots with whatever annuals you would like. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. One person or family can do both pots, or we can split it up. Have fun and be creative!