

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAY CREEK  
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**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 15, 2007**

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**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  
Ringing of the Bell  
Opening Hymn: #484, "Make Songs of Joy"

Dialog  
P: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty.  
**C: He was, He is, and He is to come.**  
P: He is worthy of glory and honor and power.

**Senior High Youth Event, Exploring Careers**

A youth event for senior high students will be held at Concordia University, St. Paul, on April 20th and 21st. Exploring Careers is a free overnight event for 9th through 12th graders. The Exploring Careers retreat is designed to help high school students discover their calling in God's world. During the weekend, students will have the opportunity to learn about different types of careers, stay overnight with current CSP students, worship with and meet high school students around the country, explore the Concordia campus, and meet Concordia Alumni serving God in a variety of careers. To reserve your spot or learn more about the event, please see the Exploring Careers website [www.csp.edu/exploringcareers](http://www.csp.edu/exploringcareers). You may also call Emily Heine in the admissions office at 651-603-6288.

**Junior High Youth Gathering**

Concordia University, St. Paul presents the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Jr. High Youth Gathering. The event is scheduled for April 20th and 21st at the Concordia campus. The theme for this year is "True Love," based on John 21:15-19. Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy great music and worship, participate in team building activities, join in Bible studies and service projects, participate in presentations for both youth and adult leaders, and so much more. Registration is \$42 per participant and is limited to 7th and 8th graders. Forms are available online at [www.csp.edu/JHYG](http://www.csp.edu/JHYG). Or, you may contact Dr. Jeffrey Burkart at [jburkart@csp.edu](mailto:jburkart@csp.edu) or 651-641-8426.

**Hiawatha Zone Spring Rally**

The Spring Rally of the Hiawatha LWML will be held on Thursday, April 26th, beginning at 12:30PM. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Plainview will be hosting the event. The guest speaker is Rev. Biar of Family of Christ Rochester and the theme is "Catch, Equip, and Release." Rev. Frederickson will lead the Bible study. Gifts of the heart will go to Family of Christ and will include the following: pocket crosses, bookmarks, stickers, family movies, crayons, pencils, animal puppets, and activity books. Cost is \$5. Questions? Call Doreen Hoffman at 507-876-2806.

**Ever Considered Church Work?**

Me, a Pastor? Me, a Deaconess? If you have found yourself asking such a question or have ever considered studying to be a pastor, now is the time to do something about it! Rev. Tom Zimmerman of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana is going to be at Campus Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 1st from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Come and explore the possibility of entering the ministry. Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, children, or fiancées. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal. Reservations are not needed. Campus Lutheran Church is located at 329 Ellis Avenue in Mankato.

### Work Days and Spring Cleaning

The Trustees have set Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> as work days for cleaning up the church grounds and spring cleaning inside the church. Circles 1, 6 and 7 are the circles scheduled for church cleaning.

### Baked Items for New Community Members

Pastor will again call on new members of our community on the morning and afternoon of Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. If you signed up to bring baked items (cookies, brownies, bars, etc.) for Pastor to deliver on these visits, or if you would like to provide a baked item for just this one time, please bring your treat to the church this coming Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, between 9AM and 9PM. Thank you!

### Quarterly Voters' Meeting – Mark Your Calendars

The quarterly meeting of the voters' assembly will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Come hear reports and ask questions about our building project progress, the current constitution reform effort, the financial status of Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School, and our church's current budget situation. If you have not yet joined the voters' assembly and would like some more information about joining, please speak with Pastor or one of the church's elders (Eddie Kassen, Jim Dicke, or Chuck Bremer).

### Life Quote – April 15

"It says on my records that I was born after a saline abortion [April 6, 1977]." *Gianna Jessen, whose mother was seven-and-a-half months pregnant when she decided to have an abortion. From "I Survived An Abortion Attempt," BBC, December 9, 2005. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

### "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" – Sunday, April 22

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

#### "Comfort-ability"

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

There are any number of ways to react to the Savior's resurrection. Simon Peter suggested one: "I'm going fishing." Is that the best reaction to the message of salvation? (John 21:3)

### New Beginnings March For Life

Show your support for the unborn by participating in the annual New Beginnings March for Life on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The event will start at 9:00 AM at Bay Point Park. Bring the whole family as we demonstrate that Red Wing citizens support the unborn!

**C: He created all things. By His will they came to be.**

P: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain;

**C: worthy to take the scroll and break its seals.**

P: By His blood He purchased for God

**C: people of every race and tongue, of every folk and nation.**

P: Christ made of them a kingdom

**C: and priests to serve our God.**

P: And they shall reign forever.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Nicene Creed ..... back cover of the hymnal

Hymn of Praise: #822, "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"

Collect of the Day

First Lesson ..... Revelation 1:4-18

Second Lesson/Holy Gospel ..... John 20:19-31

Hymn of the Day: "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

Text: James E. Seddon #646

Tune: In Babilone #650

1)

Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;  
Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace;  
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.

2)

God has called you out of darkness Into His most marv'lous light;  
Brought His truth to life within you, Turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose In Christ Jesus crucified.

3)

Once you were an alien people, Strangers to God's heart of love;  
But He brought you home in mercy, Citizens of heav'n above.  
Let His love flow out to others, Let them feel a Father's care;  
That they too may know His welcome And His countless blessings share.

4)

Church of God, elect and holy, Be the people He intends;  
Strong in faith and swift to answer Each command your Master sends:  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling Through your sacrifice and prayer;  
Give your lives in joyful service - Sing His praise, His love declare.

Sermon: "A Kingdom and Priesthood" Rev. 1:6

1. What is Kingly about Christians?  
A) Our Royal Birth B) Our Royal Power C) Our Royal Servants  
D) Our Royal Victories
2. What is Priestly about Christians?  
A) Our Priestly Anointing B) Our Priestly Purification  
C) Our Priestly Sacrifice

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Almighty God:

**C: Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: The Lord in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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: And also with you.**

Distribution

#487, "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

#549, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

#475, "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #465, "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Announcements

### DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Today:	3:30PM	LLL Spring Rally – Immanuel, Lewiston
Monday:	1:00PM	Ladies Mission Project
Tuesday:	7:00PM	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday:	5:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	6:30PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
	7:30PM	Choir – All are Welcome!
Thursday:	10:00AM	Seminary Plaza Worship led by Pastor Sorenson
	2:00PM	Ladies Aid Meeting
	7:00PM	CILS Board of Education – Immanuel
Saturday:	1PM-6PM	Youth Room Open
Sunday:	9:15AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- M/M Jerry Kohn
Monday	- Willard Holst, LaVonne Schafer
Tuesday	- Chad Callstrom
Wednesday	- Lyle Dicke, Betty Von Bargaen
Friday	- Kelvin Hoffman
Saturday	- Joshua Arndt

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Lyle Kath (undergoing cancer treatment); Elaine Roschen (undergoing chemotherapy); Howard Vieths (diagnosed with cancer); Margie Stumpf (healing); Marilyn Kromminga (healing); Irene Pasche (recovering from heart surgery).

### LLL Spring Rally

The Lutheran Laymen's League Spring Rally of the Hiawatha/Winona Zone will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2007 at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Silo) in Lewiston. The program begins at 3:30 p.m. and the guest speaker is Jolene Erpestad. Jolene was born and raised in Marshall, MN. She and her husband and their two children now reside in Plainview. She will be speaking about her foreign missionary journeys to Latvia, Russia and Estonia. She has also done mission work in the southwestern United States and in Alabama helping Hurricane Katrina victims rebuild their homes. It is her wish to share her experiences and to motivate others to support these missions with gifts and prayers. A potluck supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a silent auction at 6:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken to defray the costs of the Rally. Any excess funds will be added to the auction proceeds.