

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
October 18, 2015

Prayer upon entering and leaving God's house: In the front of the hymnal and pages 308-309. Welcome one and all. We pray and trust that you will be enriched as you hear the Word of the Lord, our risen Savior, Jesus, and worship Him. Guests, sign our guest book (providing your complete mailing address), and come again soon. Have a great day and week in the Lord, enjoy the peace He has won, and tell someone about Him this week.

"The body and the blood of Jesus, given and shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins, will be distributed and received during our worship service this morning. Since those who commune at the altar are joined together in Christ as well as together in the teachings of the congregation (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:17-30; 1 Cor. 1:10; 1 Cor. 10:16-18), Immanuel Lutheran Church observes the historical and biblical practice of Closed Communion so that no one would receive the holy sacrament to their damnation and so that they may give a proper witness to their faith. Visitors from congregations of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod are invited to commune. Others are invited to visit with the pastor concerning our Communion practices."

IN HIS SERVICE TODAY ARE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

September Altar Guild: Teresa Fortsch & Cheryl Larson
8:15 A.M. Ushers – Kevin Jacob, Noah Jacob, & Theodore Tews.
Greeters: Jerry & Cheryl Larson. 10:30 A.M. Ushers – Don Thompson, Jake Schultz, and Rick Fredrickson. Greeters: The Fredrickson Family. Elder on Duty: Kevin Jacob

Liturgy: Divine Service 4 page 203
Lessons: Isaiah 55:1-9, Ephesians 5:15-21, Matthew 22:1-14
Hymns: 791 - "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
651 - "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"
Distribution: 560, 620, 633
919 - "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

THIS WEEK AT SILO

Today 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. - Communion
9:30 A.M. - Bible Study & Sunday School
Wednesday 8:10 A.M. – Chapel
Monday Scroll items due
Scrip orders due
7:00 P.M. – Board of Elders

Tuesday VB – Lake City @ Silo
Wednesday 8:10 A.M. – Chapel
3:30 P.M. - PSC
Saturday LWML Rally at St. Martins
Volleyball Jamboree @ Plainview
Sunday 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. – Worship
9:30 A.M. – Bible Study & Sunday School

Looking ahead:

October 31 – Time change – move clocks back one hour
November 8 – Mission Fest – ONE SERVICE ONLY @ 11:00 A.M. followed by potluck dinner at noon and program when people are done eating. (No Sunday School on November 8)
November 14 – Hope LHS Auction

The LWML Whitewater Conference Fall Rally will be held Saturday, October 24 at St. Martin's in Winona. Registration starts at 8:30 A.M. and will cost \$10.00. The guest speaker will be Karen Carter of Bethesda Auxiliary. "Gifts from the Heart" are kitchen and bathroom linens for Bethesda group homes or food shelf items for Winona. You do not have to be an LWML member to attend. To ride together - LEAVE at Silo at 8:00 A.M. Questions – talk to Dottie or Rae.

A host family is needed for Noah Auger. He is currently a college student at Concordia University Chicago. Hope LHS has agreed to Noah doing his student teaching at Hope. The dates for housing would be approximately from January 12 to May 4, 2016. One of Noah's goals is to start up a Lutheran School and thus he explored the possibility of student teaching at Hope LHS.

The state of the church's finances continues to be in desperate need of funds. As of September 30, we are about \$27,185.18 behind in our bills. Please with prayers and thoughtfulness whatever you can give from the heart will be appreciated. Mark Swenson

Preschool registration for 2015-2016 remains open. Preschool is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Morning session is from 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Afternoon session is from 12:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Call the school (523-3143) or e-mail Miss Steinberg to register. Please include the student's name and whether you prefer AM or PM session. There is a \$30 registration fee due at the time of registration.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Church Attendance for Sunday, October 11: 127+99=226
Bible Study attendance for Sunday, October 11: 42
Offering for Sunday, October 4: \$10,459.00 (Home),
\$170.00 (Missions), \$155.42 (Loose), \$185.00 (Building)
Total Offering for Sunday, October 4, 2015: \$10,969.42
Offering for Sunday, October 11: \$9,942.00 (Home),
\$231.00 (Missions), \$256.38 (Loose), \$425.00 (Building)
Total Offering for Sunday, October 11: \$10,854.38
2014 Budget required contributions / week: \$11,686
PRAISE THE LORD FOR THESE GIFTS!

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2015-2016 Circuit Visits Pre-Survey

Each triennium, district staff members visit a gathering of each circuit that includes pastors, commissioned workers and lay leaders. The purpose of these gatherings is to listen to what joys, challenges, and opportunities lay before our congregations and workers. During last triennium's visits, the most prominent issues that were identified included, but were not limited to, aging membership, declining worship attendance, and financial stresses.

To help address these issues, and to further the conversation at the upcoming circuit gatherings, we have created a confidential survey to find out more about these concerns. The results of the survey will be shared at the upcoming circuit gatherings.

This survey is open to all members of LCMS churches in the Minnesota South District. Please share the link below and take the survey yourself. We would like as many responses as possible so that we can serve you more effectively as we visit your circuit. The survey closes on Monday, November 9.

The survey can be taken at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mns2015>.

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