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TRINITY LUTHERAN, KNIERIM, IOWA

CONGREGATIONS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

“CHURCHES IN THE COUNTRY”

**“UNITED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST IN THE
LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH AND HIS RESURRECTION.”**

[ROMANS 6:5]

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From Pastor Chadric A. Dietrich

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! With the resurrection from the grave of our Lord Jesus Christ, we speak those words boldly and confidently. But these words are more than a statement of truth. These words are more than a bold confession. These words actually shape us as “witnesses” of Jesus Christ. Jesus died and on the third day He rose again from the dead that we would have peace in our relationship with God and neighbor. A peace that surpasses all human understanding and keeps our hearts and minds focused upon Jesus Christ as we live out our “*life together*” in the church and the world, by loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves.

When we boldly and with thankful hearts confess the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we realize that He has taken a hold of us and has given us life, that we might live before God and neighbor in righteousness and purity forever. And as we live our “*life together*” we remember first and foremost whose we are and who we are, and secondly what we are to do.

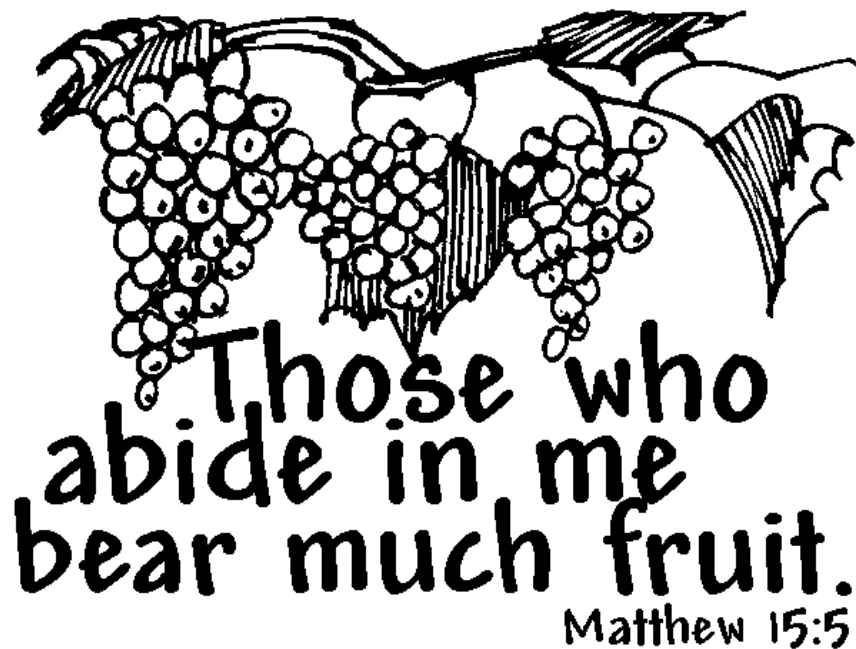
God has made us the male or the female that we are. We are the jewel of God’s creation, we are His beloved. He has placed us at this particular time and place for a purpose; He has a plan for us. He has given us a certain set of parents. This fact is beyond our control. We cannot undo our birth and start over. He richly and daily provides us with all that we need to support our body and life. Everything we have and are is a gift from God our Father; that includes the very breath that is in us. Because God our Father’s love toward us, we know that everything He gives us is for our good and so we have no need of starting our life over. It is good, no matter how bad it may appear. And as Baptized children of God, we are called to live as light to the world, revealing the light of Christ to the world; the light no darkness can overcome.

Martin Luther says, “The life that we live is a life of faith and love. A Christian lives not in himself, but in Christ and the neighbor. Otherwise he is not a Christian. He lives in Christ through faith and in the neighbor through love.” Life is not self-centered but Christ-centered (faith) and neighbor-centered (love). The gift of faith that we receive from God the Holy Ghost, in the waters of Holy Baptism is active in a life of loving service toward the neighbor, it is active in a life of “*mercy*” toward our neighbors needs. We do not live out our faith asking how much, or why or when, but giving thanks that we have neighbors and family

and those in need whom we can provide for, revealing the love of God our Father for us and for all creation. We serve and obey God when we serve our neighbor with love and “*mercy*” just as Christ obeyed His Father when He showed us love by dying on the cross.

In Christian love and “*mercy*” we give “*witness*” to Christ when we live our “*life together*” in service toward every needy person in general with all kinds of charitable deeds, such as feeding the hungry, providing drink to the thirsty, forgiving enemies, praying for all men, suffering all kinds of evil, for the sake of our neighbor. These are good and holy works; but none of these good works accomplish our salvation; only faith in Jesus Christ now saves us. But because we are saved and promised heaven, we are not called out of the world, separating ourselves from all evil, we are directed back into the world to serve God, to provide for our neighbor’s needs, that they might know the love that Jesus has for them. Jesus works through you and me to reveal His love for all creation. Jesus is the Light of the world and He uses us to reveal that light by the service we provide to the needy neighbor. It is when we serve our neighbor that we serve Christ (Matthew 25:31-46). God does not need our good works, our neighbor does. And it is through these works, that life is supported, protected and sustained among us.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! These words direct us to live as creatures who know that we are children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. We are to live in confidence of the gift of Holy Baptism. We have the promise of heaven. We are free to live the life of Christ, a life full of charity and love, as a blessing toward our neighbor and all of God’s creation. To God alone be the glory. Thanks be to God. In ✠ Jesus’ name. Amen.



MAY 2011 CALENDAR

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Sunday, May 1, 2011 - 8:45 a.m. Worship /Holy Communion at Immanuel
10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel
10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity

Monday, May 2, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. Working Women’s Group at Immanuel

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Immanuel
5:30 p.m. Trinity Midweek

Thursday, May 5, 2011 – 12:30 p.m.Trinity’s Ladies Aid Pizza Ranch in Manson

Saturday, May 7, 2011 – 5:00 p.m. Evening Service at Immanuel

Sunday, May 8, 2011 – 8:45 a.m. Worship /Holy Communion at Immanuel
10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel
10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity

Wednesday, May 11 – 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Trinity Midweek

Thursday, May 12 – 6:30 p.m. Elder’s Meeting at Immanuel
7:30 p.m. Council Meeting at Immanuel

Sunday, May 15 - 8:45 a.m. Worship /Holy Communion at Immanuel
10:00 a.m. Sunday School at Immanuel
10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity

Wednesday – May 18 – 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Immanuel
5:30 p.m. Trinity Midweek

Sunday – May 22 – 8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel
10:00 – Sunday School at Immanuel
10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion and at Trinity

Wednesday – May 25 – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel

Thursday, May 26 – 1:30 p.m. LWML at Immanuel

Sunday – May 29 - 8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel
10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion and at Trinity

IMMANUEL

Greeters: Joni Hepp and Eileen Ludwig
Altar Guild: Ruth Lange and Bonnie Schoepke
Ushers: Jeff Fistler and Trae Fistler

TRINITY

Kitchen Chairman: Joyce Vosberg Becker (April & May)
Altar Guild: Bess Deimel

OFFICIAL ACTS

Taylor Reiss, Confirmed April 17 at Immanuel
Sadie Swank, Confirmed April 17 at Immanuel
Hunter Ramthun, Confirmed April 23 at Immanuel
Libbie Lowry, Confirmed April 23 at Trinity
Eva Belle Files, Funeral March 28 at Immanuel
Dennis, Linda and Houston Ramthun, POF to Immanuel

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY

2 – Jonah 1:1-16	18 – Ezekiel 36:33-38
3 – Jonah 1:17-2:10	19 – Haggai 2:2-9
4 – Jonah 3:1-10	20 – Zech. 2:1-13
5 – Jonah 4:1-11	21 – Zech. 11:1-17
6 – Isaiah 33:2-6	
7 – Isaiah 42:10-1	23 – Zech. 12:1-14
	24 – Isaiah 65:1-7
9 – Micah 2:12, 13	25 – Isaiah 65:8-16
10 – Isaiah 30:19-26	26 – Jeremiah 8:4-13
11 – Jeremiah 3:11-19	27 – Zech. 8:18-23
12 – Ezekiel 34:1-11	28 – Isaiah 49:22-26
13 – Ezekiel 34:12-22	
14 – Ezekiel 34:23-31	30 – Amos 9:8-15
	31 – Isaiah 4:2-6
16 – Ezekiel 36:1-15	
17 – Ezekiel 36:16-32	

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 – Courtney Melohn	22 – Dawson Marine
4 – Douglas Marine	23 – Stephanie Rautanen
9 – Ryan Harman	24 – LAVern Gerth
11 – Denise Marine	25 – Paul Zimbeck
11 – Bethany Reiss	27 – Daniel Boysen
12 – David Swank	27 – Kathy Peterson
14 – Bess Deimel	27 – Philip Fistler
14 – Mason Wright	27 – Dolores Hartwig
14 – Lucia Jean Contreras-Valdez	28 – Ronald Ramthun
15 – Carson Shaver	29 – Rodney Carlson
18 – Linda Hindt	30 – Brenda Kaster
19 – Ruth Good	30 – Keith Kraft
21 – Megan Schofield	31 – Travis Ballstadt



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

4 – Adam and Bethany Reiss
13 – Jason and Gene Folsom
14 – Ronald and Marjorie Hepp
15 – Donald and Marilyn Stelling
20 – Ryan and Deedra Harman
25 – Richard and Beverly Klocko
29 – Kevin and Amanda Jones