

# ***Announcements***

◆ A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests, friends both old and new. We pray that God has blessed your time among us with His Word and Holy Spirit. We cordially invite you to join us this morning for coffee and other refreshments downstairs following the Divine Service; and we ask that you please sign the guest book at the back of the church.

◆ Following coffee & refreshments this morning, our Family Bible Class will continue a study of Second Samuel. Parents and children, youth and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in this class together.

Care for the younger children (under four years of age) is provided in the nursery downstairs, so their parents and families are able to attend.

◆ **There will be Children's Choir Rehearsal this morning (29 August) from 10:45 until 11:45 a.m.**

◆ As we are gathered for the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist this afternoon (29 August), in the Divine Service beginning at 4:00 p.m., Mrs. Sandra K. Rhein will be consecrated and installed to the Office of Deaconess at Emmaus. We anticipate a number of guests for the occasion, and of course all members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. There will be a reception downstairs following the Divine Service.

Personal cards and gifts of congratulation to Sandra will certainly be appropriate. However, as a congregation, it has been suggested that designated gifts be gathered for the Kenyan Hymnal Project, in honor of Sandra's consecration and installation. If you would like to contribute in that way, simply place such a gift in the offering, in a separate envelope marked for the Kenyan Hymnal Project. Thank you.

◆ Those who may be interested, willing and able, are invited to designate funds toward the purchase and installation of Air Conditioning in the Emmaus sanctuary, nave and narthex. A very reasonable estimate has been received (under \$8000 total), which gives us something to work toward for next spring and summer (2011).

◆ Even non-golfers still have a chance to make a "hole in one" for R.L.A. by participating in a "virtual golf outing." Linda Levine will be collecting donations for a Resurrection Lutheran Academy scholarship fund over the next couple of weeks. For more info, please call Linda at 233-3462.

- ◆ The flowers on the Altar this morning are provided by Emmaus to the glory of God, in honor of Sandra Rhein's Consecration and Installation.
- ◆ COLLECTIONS FOR 22 AUGUST 2010: \$1006.61  
In order to meet our financial obligations and commitments, an average of \$1940 is needed each week.
- ◆ IN THE LORD'S SERVICE TODAY: (ELDER) Dave Smith; (USHERS) Nathaniel Rhein & Rick Saenz; (ACOLYTE) Jesse Smith; (ORGANIST) Sandra Rhein; (GREETERS) Dorothy Rummel & Marilyn Dulmatch.
- ◆ Rev. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Pastor      Home Phone: (574) 233 – 0574
- ◆ Rev. Gifford Grobien, Assistant Pastor      Home Phone: (574) 231 – 9572

## ***From the Lutheran Confessions***

### THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

*Thus far, in the first twenty-one articles, we have summarized our teaching. "As can be seen, there is nothing here that departs from the Scriptures or the catholic church or the church of Rome, in so far as the ancient church is known to us from its writers. Since this is so, those who insist that our teachers are to be regarded as heretics judge too harshly.*

*"The whole dissension is concerned with a certain few abuses which have crept into the churches without proper authority. Even if there were some differences in these, the bishops should have been so lenient as to bear with us on account of the confession which we have now drawn up, for even the canons are not so severe as to demand that rites should be the same everywhere, nor have the rites of all the churches ever been the same.*

*"Among us the ancient rites are for the most part diligently observed, for it is false and malicious to charge that all ceremonies and all old ordinances are abolished in our churches. But it has been a common complaint that certain abuses were connected with ordinary rites. Because these could not be approved with a good conscience, they have to some extent been corrected."*

ARTICLES ABOUT MATTERS IN DISPUTE, IN WHICH  
AN ACCOUNT IS GIVEN OF THE ABUSES WHICH HAVE BEEN CORRECTED

*“Inasmuch as our churches dissent from the church catholic in no article of faith but only omit some few abuses which are new and have been adopted by the fault of the times although contrary to the intent of the canons, we pray that Your Imperial Majesty [Charles V] will graciously hear both what has been changed and what our reasons for such changes are in order that the people may not be compelled to observe these abuses against their conscience.*

*“Your Imperial Majesty should not believe those who disseminate astonishing slanders among the people in order to inflame the hatred of men against us. By thus exciting the minds of good men, they first gave occasion to this controversy, and now they are trying by the same method to increase the discord.*

*“Your Imperial Majesty will undoubtedly discover that the forms of teaching and of ceremonies observed among us are not so intolerable as those ungodly and malicious men represent. The truth cannot be gathered from common rumors or the accusations of our enemies. However, it can readily be judged that **nothing contributes so much to the maintenance of dignity in public worship and the cultivation of reverence and devotion among the people as the proper observance of ceremonies in the churches.***

***“XXII. Both Kinds in the Sacrament.** Among us both kinds [that is, both the bread which is the Body of Christ and the wine which is the Blood of Christ] are given to laymen in the Sacrament. The reason is that there is a clear command and order of Christ, ‘Drink of it, all of you’ (Matt. 26:27). Concerning the Chalice, Christ here commands with clear words that all should drink of it.*

*“In order that no one might question these words and interpret them as if they apply only to priests, Paul shows in I Cor. 11:20ff. that the whole assembly of the congregation in Corinth received both kinds. This usage continued in the church for a long time, as can be demonstrated from history and from writings of the Fathers. In several places Cyprian mentions that the cup was given to laymen in his time. St. Jerome also states that the priests who administered the Sacrament distributed the Blood of Christ to the people. Pope Gelasius himself ordered that the Sacrament was not to be divided. Not a single canon can be found which requires the reception of only one kind. Nobody knows when or through whom this custom of receiving only one kind was introduced, although Cardinal Cusanus mentions when the use was approved. It is evident that such a custom, introduced contrary to God’s command and also contrary to the ancient canons, is unjust. Accordingly it is not proper to burden the consciences of those who desire to observe the Sacrament according to Christ’s institution or to compel them to act contrary to the arrangement of our Lord Christ.”*

*(From the Augsburg Confession, 1530)*

