

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
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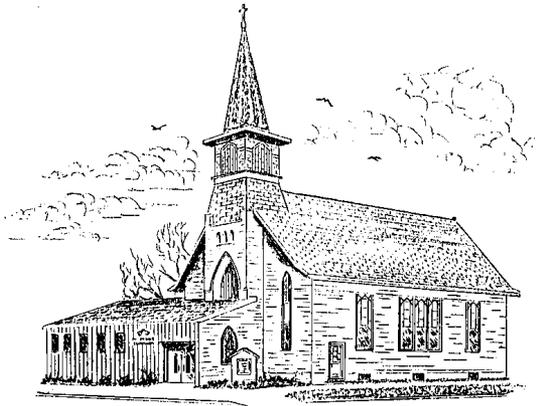
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

Prelude Mrs. Jennifer Dukleth

Hymn 27 *Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Liturgy Page 5ff. in the front of the Lutheran Hymnal

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light does send!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia without end.

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee who light does send!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia without end.
775:1,3 WS

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 54:7-13

“For a mere moment I have forsaken you,
But with great mercies I will gather you.
With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment;
But with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,”
Says the Lord, your Redeemer.
“For this *is* like the waters of Noah to Me;
For as I have sworn
That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth,
So have I sworn
That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.
For the mountains shall depart
And the hills be removed,
But My kindness shall not depart from you,
Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,”
Says the Lord, who has mercy on you.
“O you afflicted one,
Tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted,
Behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems,
And lay your foundations with sapphires.
I will make your pinnacles of rubies,
Your gates of crystal,
And all your walls of precious stones.
All your children *shall be* taught by the Lord,
And great *shall be* the peace of your children.

Gospel Lesson Mark 8:34-38 When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to

come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Hymn 425 *All Depends on Our Possessing*

Sermon Revelation 3:7-13 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

God's Certain Word...

From the cross Thy wisdom shining; Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee who light does send!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia without end.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 427 *How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 50 *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

LADIES AID The Nov. meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE The recitation parts and songs have been printed and are in your mailbox. The first practice will be held on Sunday, December 3, immediately after lunch.

BIRTHDAY We join the family of Alice DeWall in praising God for blessing her with 85 years in this time of grace. May the Lord continue to be with her and bless her. Alice's birthday is today!

CHURCH DECORATING We normally decorate the church for Christmas on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It has been suggested that we move this to a different day, possibly a Saturday. Decorators could join in a potluck lunch or supper. We would like to see how many are interested in making a change. A signup sheet will be placed in the entryway.

DINNER THEATER The students of Immanuel, Mankato High School will be hosting a dinner theater from November 17-19. See the bulletin board for more information.

NIGHT OUT The sign up sheet for the next Ladies Night Out (Nov. 16) is on the entryway table.

BABY SHOWER A baby shower is planned for Lauren Albrecht on Saturday, November 24 at 10 a.m. at church.

CLC NEWS Pastor Andy Schaller, Marquette, MI has the call to Mankato.

UPCOMING EVENTS Please plan accordingly:

- Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 9:30 a.m.
- Election Meeting, December 3, after the service (the Nominating Committee meets at least two weeks prior to establish a slate of candidates)

CLEANING (Wk 2) D. Voit, N. Voit
The Ruthenbecks