

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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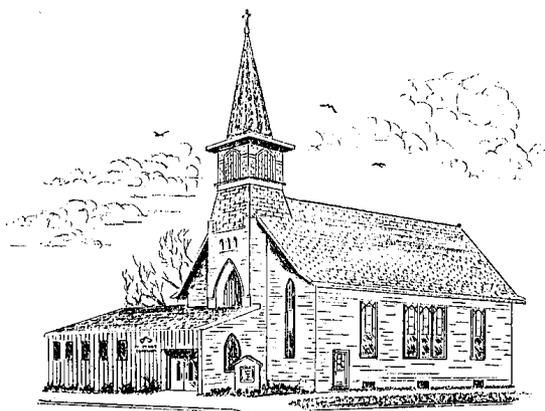
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

If you are looking for a church home and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience.

Organist Mrs. Jennifer Dukleth

Hymn 19:1-5 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Liturgy page 5ff. in the front of The Lutheran Hymnal

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

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the Holy Trinity!

Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:15-21 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in *His* talk. And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, *you* hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription *is* this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Hymn 743 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Sermon Isaiah 45:1-7 Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut: “I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel. For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, that they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the Lord, do all these things.”

THE LORD GOD IS IN CHARGE!

Ministry by Mail, Michael Eichstadt

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, Alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 341:1-4 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 341:5 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

THANK YOU We owe a special thanks to Dr. Sumey for handling the service today in the pastor’s absence. This saves us both the trouble of lining up a guest speaker and the expense of paying mileage, etc. It is a blessing that he is willing to serve in this way.

The pastor and Jolene are in WI visiting family.

VOTERS St. John's 3rd Quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, October 28. There will be a potluck meal at noon. In addition to the regular Board reports, the Agenda will include: Fall worship schedule, Election meeting date, Nominating Committee meeting date, Annual Meeting date. Please give any additional agenda items to Chairman Ron Strike as soon as possible.

LADIES NIGHT OUT The October night out will be held at the Horse and Hunt Club between Lakefield and Windom on October 24. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Please sign the sheet on the table in the entryway.

REFORMATION SERVICE The students of St. John's CDS will present a special service on Sunday, November 4. A potluck meal will follow.

FAVORITE HYMNS If there are hymns you'd like to sing in our Sunday services, please put a note in the pastor's mailbox. Be sure to include your favorite Reformation hymns.

BOXTOPS If you've been saving Boxtops for Schools, please bring them by November 1 when they will be sent it.

COKE REWARDS The Coke Rewards program for schools runs year-'round. On the bottles, the code is under the cap. On refrigerator packs it is under the flap. On a case it is inside the back-flap. If you leave them at church, the codes will be entered for you.

DEVOTION BOOK Pastor Mark Weis, Lemmon, SD, recently published Volume 2 of, "One Thing Needful." It is available on Amazon for \$9.75. If you don't have access to Amazon but are interested in a copy, please see the pastor.

MHT Plans are underway for the 2019 Mission Helper Trip to India. The deadline for registering is in January. See the bulletin board for more information.

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