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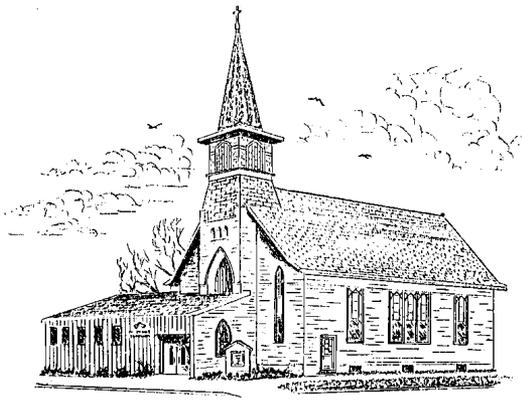
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home, and would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, the pastor will be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

Organist Mrs. Jennifer Dukleth

CDS *How Great Thou Art!*

Hymn 203 *Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb*

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.

Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 2:11-20 Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God.

Gospel Lesson John 16:16-23 “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.” Then *some* of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?” They said therefore, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is saying.” Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little

while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

Hymn 732 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Sermon Psalm 23:4-6

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The LORD is My _____.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Choir *A Joyful Song*

Hymn 736 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 625:1-3 *Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall*

MUSICAL The students from our CDS will be performing a musical at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening in the SSC High School cafeteria. Be sure to invite your family and friends. The school year ends at noon on Thursday. Luke Strike is our one graduate this year.

MEDITATIONS Subscriptions to Meditations will soon be renewed. The cost is \$15 per year. The current subscription expires in June. Please use the signup sheet in the entryway table to indicate if you plan to order it.

JUSTIN LEE As some of you know, the husband of Abi Fossum was called from this life on May 4. Condolences to the Lee family can be sent to: Abi Lee, 815 Reynord Circle, West Columbia, SC 29172.

The funeral service is posted at: <http://lexingtonlutheran.org/stream/>

NIGHT OUT The next Ladies Night Out is planned for May 21 in Spirit Lake.

The Branches is a CLC Christian Women's magazine which is published quarterly. Subscriptions are available for the 2019-2020 subscription year (July through June). The publication is:

- to encourage you in your personal and family Bible study
- to edify you in your daily walk with Christ
- to provide a means to use and share your God-given gifts
- to celebrate and reflect upon God's gift of Christian sisters

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CLC NEWS Retired Pastor Art Schulz was taken to heaven on May 8. Pastor Paul Krause, Watertown/Hidewood, SD has the call to Loveland, CO. Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, Sleepy Eye, has returned the call to West Columbia, SC.

USHERS Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Ryan D.
Bruce E., Steve R., Joe L., Nathan A., Josh T.

CLEANING (Wk 1) The Voits
The Ruthenbecks