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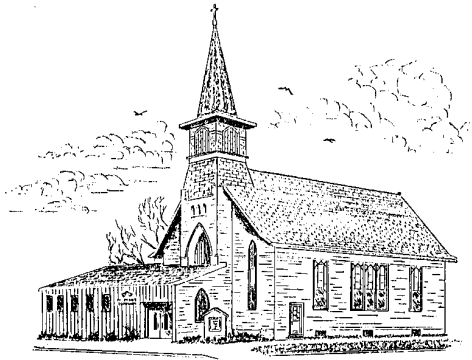
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Hymn 728 *Christ is Living*

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Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Gospel Lesson John 16:5-15 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

Hymn 742 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Sermon Psalm 148

Praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
 praise Him in the heights above.
Praise Him, all His angels;
 praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.

Praise Him, sun and moon;
praise Him, all you shining stars.
Praise Him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.
Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at His command they were created,
and He established them for ever and ever—
He issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do His bidding,
you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,
young men and women,
old men and children.
Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for His name alone is exalted;
His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
And He has raised up for His people a horn,
the praise of all His faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to His heart.
Praise the LORD.

The Biggest Hallelujah Chorus Ever...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 39 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 15 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

MEDITATIONS Subscriptions to Meditations are due. The cost is \$15 per year. The current subscription expires in June. Please use the sign up sheet in the entryway table to indicate if you plan to order it.

FLOWERS The altar arrangements are in memory of the mothers of Dale and Sue Aden. The arrangement by the pulpit is in memory of Dale Eigenberg.

SUMMER SCHEDULE The summer schedule (9:30 worship with Family Bible Class following) goes into effect on the first Sunday in June.

EDWARD GADE Some time ago, Ed Gade moved to Spirit Lake and asked to be placed under our spiritual care. He clearly professed saving faith in Jesus. Ed was taken to heaven on Tuesday, May 14. His ashes will be buried in our cemetery at a future date.

BIRTHDAY Our most senior member, Alva Morrison, will be 103 on May 21. Alva lives in the nursing home across the street (east) from the Sibley Hospital. She loves to have company. If she doesn't recognize you, she will appreciate your visit nevertheless.

CLEANING LIST Changes to the Cleaning List should be in the hands of Connie DeWall before June 2.

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

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CLC NEWS Pastor Michael Wilke, Saginaw, MI has the call to Morris, MN. Graduate June Schmid has returned the call to Markesan, WI.

USHERS Bruce E., Steve R., Joe L., Nathan A., Josh T.
Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B., Jonathen L., Jonah A.

CLEANING (Wk 2) The Ruthenbecks
M. DeWall, S. DeWall, J. Jensen