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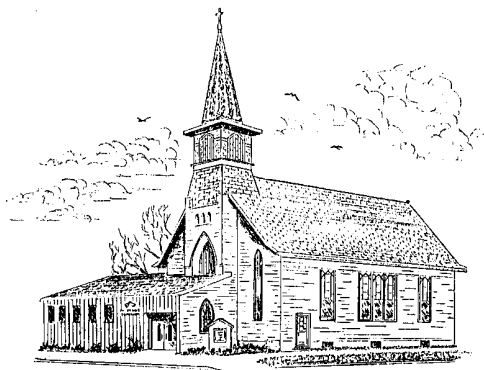
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

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

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Order of Service Page 5 ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious is His faithfulness.

+ WS 742:1-2 +

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me.

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:9-14 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Hymn 777 *Amazing Grace!*

Sermon Matthew 11:16-24 “But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, and saying:

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
We mourned to you, and you did not lament.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by her children.”

Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.

Too Late Smart...

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

The Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 598:1-3, 6, 10-11 *Who Knows When Death May Overtake Me*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 19:1-3 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

UNITED IN MARRIAGE Kristin Liepold and James Zipperlen, Jr. were united in marriage in a private service yesterday. We thank the Lord for bringing them together and blessing them in this way. We ask His continued grace upon them. The couple will reside at: 2015 NW 81st St. Clive, IA 50325

KITALE The Ladies Aid donated \$200 to the group in Kitale, Kenya. We have met our goal in helping them purchase a portable tent and chairs to use for their weekly worship. Thanks to all who contributed!

TEACHER HOME VISITS CDS parents are asked to schedule a home visit between now and the start of the school year, if possible.

PAPER AVAILABLE A new shipment of paper arrived last week. There are boxes in the basement. Please help yourself to anything you can use, or pass it along to those who could use it. Please do so as soon as possible.

CLC NEWS Recently retired Professor John Reim has withdrawn his membership from Messiah congregation in Hales Corners and from the CLC. He disagreed with the Convention's action on the Joint Statement. Due to confusion in our own midst, and hoping to get more clarity on some items in the statement, the Convention had deferred action until next summer.

Pastor Aaron Ude, Rapid City, SD has the call to St. Louis.

Man Up! Retreat The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held on the weekend of September 30 - October 3. The cost is \$75 before September 1, and includes lodging and meals. More information is available at the website: www.manup.clclutheran.org.

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