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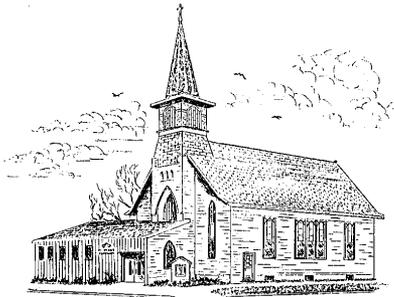
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Hymn 250 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Liturgy Page 5 ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal / Projection on the wall

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 3:8-15 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. “And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.” But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

Gospel Lesson Luke 5:1-11 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Hymn 347 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Sermon 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The Cross is Wisdom and Power...

The Offering

Hymn 354 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 769 *Lift High the Cross*

VOTERS MEETING The full report will appear in next week's bulletin.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE Josh Thaemlitz and Allison Seeman were united in marriage yesterday afternoon. May the Lord bless them richly in their life together.

MEMBERSHIP We welcome the following by transfer: Beth Sorensen, from Grace, Fridley, and Carl and Kaylah Strike and their daughters, Cassie, and Amelia., from Messiah, Eau Claire.

VBS Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow. Sessions will run from 3-5:15. Please remember this work in your prayers this week.

COMMUNION Lord willing, the pastor will be vacationing with family over the weekend of July 31. The Lord's Supper will be held on August 7.

BRIDAL SHOWER A shower will be held for Suraya Williams (fiancé of Zachary Strike) on Sunday, August 7, here at church. The couple is registered at Walmart. An October 1 wedding is planned.

CLC NEWS Pastor Aaron Ude, Rapid City, has calls to Lynnwood and Tacoma, WA. Pastor Sam Naumann, Corpus Christi, has the call to Winter Haven.

2022 CLC Mission Helpers to Zambia Facebook is not allowing team members to post the link for the CLC Mission Helper blog because it "goes against their community standards."

If you'd like to follow along with the Mission Helper Trip, please go to: <https://2022clcmhtzambia.blogspot.com>

Also, Pastors Mike Gurath and Luke Bernthal are serving in Kenya right now and you can read their blog at... <https://clckenyauganda.blogspot.com>

National Women's Retreat (Virtual) A women's event is planned for two hours on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Time), via Zoom. The event theme is: "Press Pause: God's Daily Encouragement in the Moments of Life." The two hours will include speakers from CLC congregations around the country in a panel session focused on personal devotions for all types of schedules. Breakout groups will be included for discussion and sharing. <https://tinyurl.com/Gethsemane-Lutheran> This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom. Not good with Zoom? Help is available!

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07/31 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.

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