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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 449 *My Soul, Be on Thy Guard*

Liturgy Page 15 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.

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 23:16-24 Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" for who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear His word, or who has paid attention to His word and listened? Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until He has executed and accomplished the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My council, then they would have proclaimed My words to My people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. "Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 7:15-23 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your

name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

Hymn 446 *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

Sermon John 7:14-24 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied?” Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?” The people answered and said, “You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?”

Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel. Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

The Danger of Shallow Theology...

The Offering

The Communion Liturgy

Distribution Hymns 755, 736, 315

COMMUNION If you are visiting our service today, please note that we practice “close-communion,” which means that participation in Communion is restricted to communicant members in good standing. This is not a judgment upon your personal faith or standing with God. This is simply a practice that expresses the principles of Scripture. Communing together is an outward expression of inner unity in doctrine and belief. Paul wrote,

“For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.” (1 Cor. 10:17) Please see the pastor with any questions.

LADIES AID The August meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:30.

CLEANING The kitchen area was professionally cleaned this past week. This should eliminate any residuals from the electrical fire.

BRIDAL SHOWER A shower will be held for Suraya Williams (fiancé of Zachary Strike) today at 1:30. The couple is registered at Walmart. An October 1 wedding is planned.

CLEANING LIST Connie DeWall has begun working on the new cleaning list. If you'd like to have your name added or removed, please see her as soon as possible. She would like to have it finalized before August 21. The new list will go into effect in September.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS If you are willing to serve the congregation as a Teacher this year, please speak with a member of the School Board.

LADIES NIGHT OUT The next gathering will be at The Channel in Fairmont on August 16 at 5:45. The sign-up sheet should be on the entryway table.

CLC NEWS Pastor Neal Radichel, Mankato, has the call to Lynnwood, WA. Congregations in Lynnwood and Tacoma have called Pastor Drew Naumann (Spokane) to serve as their vacancy pastor.

The opening service for Immanuel Lutheran High School/College will be held on Sunday, August 21 at 3 p.m.

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08/14 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
08/21 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.

CLEANING (Wk. 3) The Ruthenbecks
J. Appel, E. Bass, S. Winters, J. Zuehlke