

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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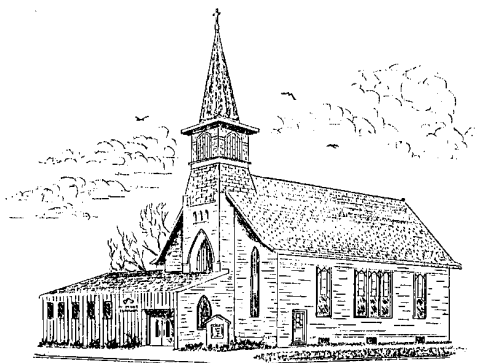
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of 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 19:1-4 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

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Epistle Lesson Acts 12:1-11 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:24-34 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I

say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, *will He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.

Hymn 17:1-5 *Oh, Worship the King*

Sermon Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

Laugh More. Worry Less.

The Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 779 *Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 19:5-6 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

LADIES NIGHT OUT The September gathering will be at the Corner Pocket on Tuesday at 5:45. Please sign the sheet if you plan to attend.

A Ladies sign-making party will be held on Sunday, October 9th at 1 PM in the church basement. This will take place of the Ladies Night Out for the month of October. All women are invited.

MISSION FESTIVAL Pastor Johnathan Schnose, Morris, MN will be our Mission Festival speaker on Sunday, November 6. Pastor Schnose was formerly a pastor in the Wisconsin Synod. He will also be conducting the Bible Class that morning.

READABILITY Last week's experiment of using white text on a black background for the projection seems to be easier to read. If this is not the case, please let the Elders or pastor know. If the print is still too small, it is possible that an enlarged printout could be made as an alternative.

CHRISTMAS EVE We will soon be looking for volunteers to help with our Christmas Eve service this year. A signup sheet will be posted to indicate the areas where help is needed.

CLC NEWS Pastor James Naumann, Jamestown, ND has the call to Tacoma. Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Sleepy Eye, has the call to Winter Haven. Pastor Rob Sauers, Fond du lac, WI has the call to Lynnwood, WA.

MAN UP The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is scheduled on Thursday and will run through Sunday. The extended weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Registration (\$150) includes lodging and meals. Register at: www.manup.clclutheran.org.

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09/25 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
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CLEANING (Wk. 4) The Luecks and the Strikes
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