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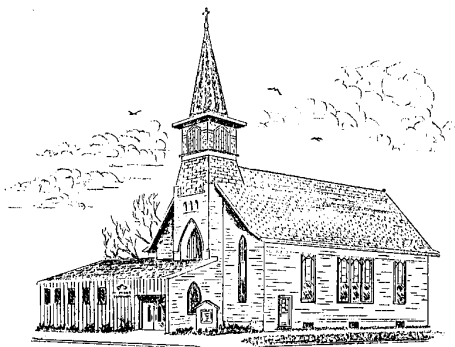
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified for the sins of the world.

Thanks for coming today. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with the pastor and he will be glad to call on you.

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 156 *Not All the Blood of Beasts*

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Old Testament Lesson Exodus 17:1-7 Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped in Rephidim; but *there was* no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the Lord?"

And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!" And the Lord said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink."

And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Gospel Lesson John 4:5-26 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.”

Hymn 723 *What Wondrous Love is This*

The Sermon John 4:5-26

The Quest for Miracle Water...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Choir “*The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me*”

Hymn 165 *Behold the Lamb of God!*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 151:6-7 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

LENT We've passed the half-way point of our midweek Lenten services for the year. The series is entitled, "*The Crucial Hours of Lent.*" The hours were crucial when they first occurred, they are still crucial today. Be sure to join us on Wednesday evening at 7. A finger-food potluck follows.

LADIES DAY Sunday, March 19th after church downstairs. Racheal Marie Designs from Lakefield will guide us in making a Cross Door Hanger. \$27/person. More information and sign up is in the entryway. Any questions, contact Mary Albrecht.

REPAIR We appreciate having the hole in the basement ceiling (by bathrooms) repaired. This had been cut open when the electrical fire occurred last summer. The wiring has since been updated and the area patched. Thanks to the individual who did this.

TOUR CHOIR Information about the schedule is available at: tourchoir.org

CLC NEWS Pastor Luke Bernthal, Mt. View, CA has the call to be the third pastor in Eau Claire. His father Mark, who recently retired, serves as a part-time chaplain, in Eau Claire.

Basketball Camp ILC will be hosting a summer BB camp for girls in grades 5-12 at the campus from June 8-10. Cost, including a t-shirt, meals and lodging is \$35 per attendee. The CLC Youth camp begins on June 11. More at: <https://ilc.edu/athletics/summer-skills-camps/girls-basketball-camp/>

ILC After Banquet Committee If you are interested in donating to this project, please speak with the pastor.

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USHERS 03/12 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
03/19 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.
03/26 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

CLEANING (Wk. 1) The Eigenbergs, R. Gustaf
C. Ahrens, The Fogelmans