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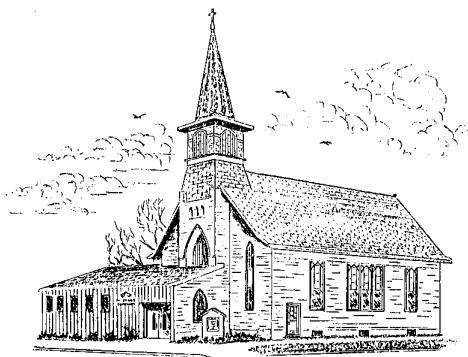
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 428 *I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

Epistle Lesson Romans 8:18-25 “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.”

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:36-42 “Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” And He spoke a parable to them: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. “And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? “Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother’s eye.”

Hymn 613 *Jerusalem the Golden*

Sermon Mark 11:27-33 Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him. And they said to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?” But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one question; then answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men? Answer Me.” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you

not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘From men’ ”—they feared the people, for all counted John to have been a prophet indeed. So they answered and said to Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus answered and said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

The Ultimate Authority...

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Quintet *“It is Well With My Soul”*

Hymn 290 *We Have a Sure Prophetic Word*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 49 *Almighty God, Thy Seed is Cast*

BAPTISM Adalyn Faith Albrecht was born to Nathan Albrecht and Mary nee Lack on July 6. She was reborn into the kingdom of Christ through holy Baptism later that day. We praise the Lord for blessing them with a healthy daughter and ask His continued blessing upon her throughout her life.

FOURTH OF JULY Thanks to all who helped with the Ice Cream Social and float.

PARADE CANDY We plan to include our float in the Brewster parade on July 22. If any of you is interested in contributing toward the purchase of candy for that event, there will be a basket in the entryway.

BUDGET COMMITTEE The Budget Committee will be meeting after church this morning.

VACATION Lord willing, Pastor and Jolene will be traveling with Jonah to his new home in Lynnwood, WA and will be there for his ordination/installation next Sunday. In the event of an emergency, please feel free to call the pastor’s cell phone. The Elders will be handling matters in his absence.

CLEANING LIST The new list for 2023-2024 has been completed. A special thanks to Connie DeWall for her work in taking care of this important project. The list goes into effect on July 30.

QUARTERLY MEETING St. John’s Quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, July 23. If you have items for consideration, please be sure to mention them to Chairman Strike. There are several membership matters that will be addressed. This is also the time when the annual budget is adopted. There is no potluck meal.

CLC NEWS Pastor Michael Roehl, Bismarck, ND has returned the call to be the third pastor in Eau Claire. Mr. Levi Schaller has accepted the call to serve as the part-time Kindergarten Teacher at Fridley. Missionary Peter Evenson has the call to Marquette, MI.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL Horatio Spafford was a successful attorney and real estate investor who lost a fortune in the great Chicago fire of 1871. He also lost his four-year-old son to scarlet fever.

Thinking a vacation would do his family some good, he sent his wife and four daughters on a ship to England. While crossing the Atlantic, the ship was involved in a terrible collision and sank. 200 people lost their lives, including all four of Horatio Spafford’s daughters. His wife, Anna, survived the tragedy. Upon arriving in England, she sent the famous telegram to her husband: “Saved alone. What shall I do?”

Horatio immediately set sail for England. When he was told that they were passing the place where his daughters died, he wrote the words of this famous hymn of faith.

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07/16 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
07/23 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.

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