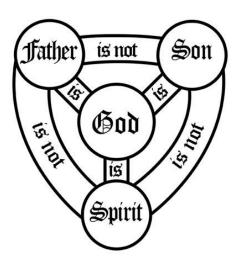
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of 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 239 Come, Thou Almighty King

Liturgy As projected on the wall

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 6:1-9 [EHV] In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. One called to another and said,

> Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies! The whole earth is full of His glory!

The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Armies!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?"

Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

He said:

Go! You are to tell this people, "Keep listening, but you will never understand. Keep looking, but you will never get it."

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-15 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hymn 246 Holy, Holy, Holy

Sermon Romans 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out! *"For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" " Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?"* For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.

The Extreme Greatness of God...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Distribution Hymns 755, 744, 26, 245

<u>COMMUNION</u> The Bible tells us to be "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." One way that unity is expressed is by communing together. For that reason, we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation, speak with the pastor or one of the Elders before coming to the Lord's Table. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God. This is by no means a judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

<u>NEW ADDRESS</u> Mary Durst, 1620 Clary St. Apt. 215, Worthington, MN 56187

DELEGATE CONFERENCE Craig Ahrens and Phil Strike, together with the Pastor, will represent us at the MN Delegate Conference in Fridley, on Saturday, June 8. The meeting's objective is to go through the Prospectus so that everyone understands what will be decided at this year's Convention. If you'd like a hard copy of the Prospectus, and there are none available in the entryway, please mention it to the pastor. If you'd rather read it online: <u>tinyurl.com/2024CLCProspectus</u>

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<u>CLC NEWS</u> Pastor David Ude has returned the call to Sleepy Eye.

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