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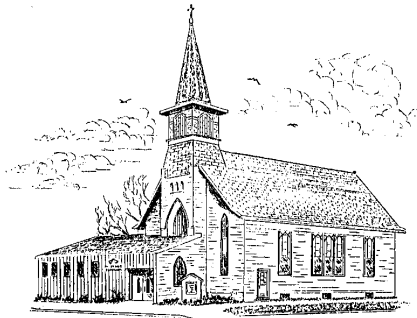
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of 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 296 *Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth*

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Epistle Lesson Romans 6:1-11 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 10:34-42 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Hymn 759 *These Are the Facts*

Sermon Jeremiah 28:5-9 Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said,

“Amen! The Lord do so; the Lord perform your words which you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the Lord’s house and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place. Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms—of war and disaster and pestilence. As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the Lord has truly sent.”

What We Want to Hear Is not Always What We Need to Hear

**Ministry by Mail
Pastor Michael Eichstadt**

The Offering

Hymn 417:1-5 *How Can I Thank Thee, Lord*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 50 *Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

THANK YOU A special thanks to Dr. Sumeey for handling today’s service. It’s a blessing to have laymen who are willing and able to do this. The pastor and Jolene are at a family gathering in WI.

FOURTH OF JULY There is a list on the entryway table that shows the items needed for the Ice Cream Social. A freezer will be set up in the shed on Wednesday. Please indicate what you would like to contribute.

COMMUNION Due to scheduling conflicts, our celebration of the Lord’s Supper has been moved to July 7.

FLOODING The historic flooding has impacted our members in a variety of ways: most of our farmers will incur significant losses, as much as 2/3rds of their normal yield, while others have suffered the loss of personal property and/or are dealing with damage to their home. Scripture tells us, “There-

fore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)

There are places where people can donate items for distribution. Above all, your prayers are needed as we lift up these needs to the Lord.

SUBSCRIPTIONS Please indicate your wishes: The Lutheran Spokesman, Daily Rest, Meditations. The orders will be placed tomorrow.

CLOTHING The order deadline has been backed off to July 7.

ENGAGEMENT Congratulations to Lydia Strike and Noah Buck who have announced their engagement to be married. May the Lord richly bless them in their life together.

A/C UNIT The central air conditioner in the parsonage was replaced last Monday. The previous unit was installed in 1984.

CLEANING SCHEDULE The current schedule winds down after July 21. If you'd like to be added or removed from the list, please let Connie DeWall know as soon as possible: (507) 841-0689. We very much appreciate the work she does with this each year.

VBS Registration for Bible School (July 22-26) is now open on our website. Anyone interested in assembling, riding, or driving the St. John's parade float on the Fourth please talk to Ruth Eigenberg.

CLC NEWS Pastor Aaron Ude, Rapid City, SD has the call to Sleepy Eye. Pastor Luke Bernthal, Mountain View/Hayward, CA has the call to Hales Corners, WI.

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07/23 Kendall B., Larry B.

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