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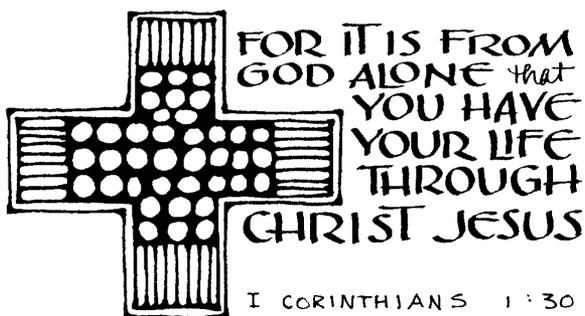
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Organist Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn *9 O Day of Rest and Gladness*

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Old Testament Lesson Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 [EHV] Anyone who loves money is never satisfied with money, and anyone who loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is vanishing vapor.

When goods increase, so do those who eat them. What profit, then, does the owner get, except to see these things with his eyes?

The worker's sleep is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but a rich person's abundant possessions allow him no sleep.

I have seen a sickening evil under the sun—wealth hoarded by its owner to his own harm, or wealth that is lost in a bad investment. Or a man fathers a son, but he has nothing left in his hand to give him. As he came out from his mother's womb, so he will go again, naked as he came. From his hard work he can pick up nothing that he can carry away in his hand. This too is a sickening evil: Just as he came, so he will go. So what does he gain, he who works for the wind? Besides this, during all his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, sickness, and anger.

So then, here is what I have seen to be good: It is beautiful to eat, to drink, and to look for good in all a person's hard work which he has done under the sun, during the few days of his life that God has given him, for that is his reward. Likewise, for everyone to whom God has given wealth and riches, if God has also given him ability to eat from it, to enjoy his reward, and to rejoice in the results of his hard work—this is a gift of God, for the man seldom reflects on the days of his life, since God keeps him busy with the joy in his heart.

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:23-31 Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You."

So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Hymn 420 *My Jesus, as Thou Wilt*

Sermon Luke 10:38-42 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Divine Potlatch

The Offering

Hymn 789 *Consider How the Birds Above*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer + The Benediction

Hymn 660:1-2 *I’m But a Stranger Here*

TEACHERS CONFERENCE A special thanks to all who gave of their time, talents, and/or treasures that made it possible to host the synodical Conference last week. Those who attended were very appreciative of the kindness that was shown to them. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless them with a new zeal for His work in their classrooms. A total of 54 teachers attended.

VOTERS MEETING Our Quarterly meeting will be held after the potluck meal today. Membership matters: The release of Mike DeWall, Scott Olson, and the Kent Rozell family at their request. The release of Christine Bass. Also: update after hosting the CLC Teachers’ Conference, adjourning

our Call Meeting, pastoral transition and installation, Fall Worship Schedule, Election Meeting Date plus installation of officers, Annual Meeting Date. Other Agenda items should be given to Chairman Phil Strike as soon as possible.

NEXT SUNDAY The children will be singing God Loves Me Dearly.

PANTRY SHOWER There will be a table in the basement where you can drop off items for the Rodebaughs. They will arrive on November 2. He will be installed in a 4 p.m. service on November 10.

REFORMATION Our CDS will present their service on Sunday, November 3.

OCTOBER 27 All are invited to a chili/soup meal that will be served after the service. This is NOT a potluck. For planning purposes, it would be helpful to know how many are likely to attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the entryway table. No name is needed, just the projected number of attendees from your family.

CLC NEWS Pastor Matthew Hanel, Dallas, TX has returned the call to Hayward, CA. Pastor Frank Gantt, Atlanta, GA has the call to Manchester, MO.

A joint-Reformation Service will be held at Immanuel, Mankato on October 27 at 4 p.m. All are invited.

Pastor Timothy Daub, Hecla, SD was enroute to Pakistan with Missionary Ohlmann, when an unexpected, life-threatening medical issue forced them to land in Dubai. He was to be discharged on Saturday, but will need to remain in Dubai for at least 5 days.

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USHERS 10/20 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
10/27 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
11/03 Kendall B., Larry B.

CLEANING (Wk. 1) The Boernsens
The Luecks and The Liepolds