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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.

Please note that we wish to practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge, and reserve socializing for the outdoors. Thank you.

Prelude Mrs. Jennifer Dukleth

Hymn 239 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Liturgy Please follow the projection on the wall.

Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:13-18 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love *his* brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Gospel Lesson Luke 14:1-15 Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

But they kept silent. And He took *him* and healed him, and let him go. Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" And they could not answer Him regarding these things. So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite *the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind*. And you will

be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, “Blessed *is* he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

Hymn 279 *Today Thy Mercy Calls Us*

Sermon Luke 14:16-24 Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

There Can be Only One Most Important Thing

Hymn 425 *All Depends on Our Possessing*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 753:1-2 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

COMMUNION Lord willing, the pastor and Jolene plan to be out of town next Sunday. For this reason, our celebration of the Lord's Supper has been moved from June 28 to July 5. If anyone wishes to receive private Communion after today's service, please speak with the pastor.

Please note that there will only be one service next Sunday, at 9:30.

CLC MISSIONS The Treasurer reminds us that the end of June is the end of the fiscal year for our church body. As of last Sunday, our Mission offerings totaled \$41,198.50. Our goal was to submit \$43,000.00. Please keep this in mind as June draws to a close.

CONFIRMATION Our plan is to hold Confirmation on Sunday, July 12. More details will be coming soon.

FLOWERS The altar flowers were given in loving memory of Dale Aden (Dale and Sue's anniversary – June 22) and for all faithful fathers, here and in heaven, who sought to follow the Lord's will in the way they led and provided for their families.

INVITATION "We are hosting an open house graduation celebration for Jonathen Lueck on June 27th from 2pm to 5pm at our home at 37468 870th Street, Okabena. All of the congregation is invited to come and wish him well on his future plans to attend North Dakota State University at Fargo and enjoy food and refreshments at our home." The Lueck family

SPOKESMAN June is the month when subscriptions are due for the Lutheran Spokesman and Meditations. The cost for the Spokesman is \$14 per year. The cost for Meditations is \$15 per year. Please see the list in the entryway and indicate if you would like to renew/cancel, or add a subscription to the list. The Treasurer will send one check to cover the full amount.

CLEANING LIST Ever since the lockdown went into effect, we have not been publishing a weekly Cleaning List. As the number of attendees increased, so did the need to resume the regular schedule. We owe a special thanks to Connie DeWall for drafting the new list.

If you did not receive a copy, please take what you need from the stack on the entryway table.

CLC NEWS Pastor Chad Seybt, Cheyenne, WY has returned the call to Morris. Pastor Paul Tiefel, Eau Claire, has returned the call to Bowdle/Ipswich, SD. Professor John Ude has returned the call to Lemmon, SD.

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