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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.

As with other public buildings in MN, masks are now required for churches. We also 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

276 *Come Unto Me, Ye Weary*

Liturgy Page 12ff. in the Worship Supplement

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 3:7-15 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
In the day of trial in the wilderness,
Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,
And saw My works forty years.
Therefore I was angry with that generation,
And said, ‘They always go astray in *their* heart,
And they have not known My ways.’
So I swore in My wrath,
‘They shall not enter My rest.’ ”

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Gospel Lesson Luke 19:41-48 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.” Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, saying to them, “It is written, ‘*My house is a house of prayer,*’ but you have made it a ‘*den of thieves.*’” And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

Hymn 352 *O Savior, Precious Savior*

Sermon Ezekiel 33:30-33 What about you, son of man? Your countrymen, who are talking with each other about you beside the walls and in the doorways of the houses, say to one another, each one to a neighbor, “Come now and hear what the word is that is coming from the Lord.” They come to you as a group on behalf of the people, and they sit in front of you as if they were My people. They listen to your words but refuse to act on them, because they prefer to use their mouths for obscene talk, and their hearts pursue their wrongful gain. You see, to them you are like someone who sings erotic songs with a beautiful voice, who is an excellent musician. So they listen to your words, but they are not obeying them. But when this comes—and come it will—they will know that a prophet has been among them. [EHV]

Ears to Hear...

Hymn 759 *These Are the Facts*

The Benediction

Hymn 376 *Rock of Ages*

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FREE VASES A special thanks to the ladies who came to clean the kitchen last week. They also sorted through the vase collection in the cabinets and are offering a variety of them to anyone who could use them. They will be on the table in the basement.

ORGAN Thanks to Les Ruthenbeck for ordering and installing the part for the organ last week. This not only saved us the cost of a service call, but saved the long wait for a service person to be available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL The new Sunday School season begins, Lord-willing, on Sunday, September 13. If you are interested in serving as a Sunday School Teacher this year, please speak with a member of the School Board.

CDS PLANS Our Christian Day School is planning to hold in-school classes starting on Tuesday, August 25. We are planning for 11 students. The opening service will be held at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

FAMILY BIBLE CLASS The class will not be meeting this morning. Lord willing we will resume the class next Sunday.

SATURDAY SERVICE Our regular service will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday. This service is held for all, but especially those who are at risk for COVID.

FINANCIAL REPORT The most recent quarterly report has on a typo on the line for Parsonage Repair & Maintenance. The number should be \$726.99 instead of \$5,726.99.

FALL BIBLE CLASS Our first Adult Bible Class will be held on the Sunday after Labor Day. If there are topics of special interest to you, please let the pastor know as soon as possible.

CDS STUDENTS Those who attended our Day School last year are asked to meet here at church on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. If this won't work with your schedule, please text the pastor as soon as possible.

MISSION FESTIVAL Pastor Corey Drehle from Sioux Falls will serve as our Guest Speaker this year. The date has yet to be determined.

ILC Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will hold their opening service next Sunday afternoon at 3. In-person attendance will be limited according to local COVID requirements, but the service will be viewable on online.

Our congregation will have six young people attending: High School – Faith and Hannah Kazemba, Luke Strike; College – Christian Kazemba, Zachary Strike; Seminary – Jonah Albrecht. We wish them, and all of our students, the Lord's blessing on the new school year. We pray that the Lord will allow for in-person classes throughout the academic year.

CLC NEWS Pastor Luke Bernthal, Mountain View, CA has the call to Eden Prairie. Pastor Ben Libby, Tacoma, WA has the call to Bowdle/Ipswich, SD.

PRAYER LIST Missionary Todd Ohlmann has prepared a new prayer list for our missionaries and their work overseas. Copies are available on the entryway table.

CLEANING (Wk 1) S. Aden, B. Dronen, J. Thaemlitz
The Boernsens and the Liepolds