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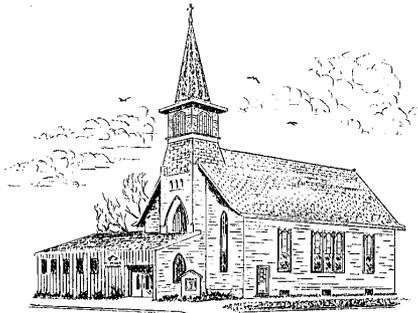
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 538 *Now the Shades of Night are Gone*

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Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Gospel Lesson Luke 5:1-11 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Hymn 408 *Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory*

Sermon Lamentations 3:22-32 *Through* the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. *They are* new every morning; Great *is* Your faithfulness. “The Lord *is* my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I hope in Him!” The Lord *is* good to those who wait for Him, To the

soul *who* seeks Him. *It is* good that *one* should hope and wait quietly For the salvation of the Lord. *It is* good for a man to bear The yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone and keep silent, Because *God* has laid *it* on him; Let him put his mouth in the dust— There may yet be hope. Let him give *his* cheek to the one who strikes him, *And* be full of reproach. For the Lord will not cast off forever. Though He causes grief, Yet He will show compassion According to the multitude of His mercies.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN WAITER?

Ministry by Mail, Professor Paul Naumann

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 776 *Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 47 *Savior, Again, to Thy Dear Name, We Raise*

THANK YOU A special thanks to Dr. Sumei for taking the service this morning. The pastor, Mr. Hansen, and Delegates Phil Strike and Jonah Albrecht are at the Convention in Eau Claire.

HEALTH UPDATE Dave Ahrens was released from Sioux Falls Sanford Hospital on Tuesday and is recovering at home. Sophie's heart catheterization revealed a number of complications that will require further treatment and prayer. Please remember your fellow Christians as you bring your petitions before the Lord, the Great Physician of soul and body.

ANNIVERSARY BOOKS The anniversary books are available, one copy for each family. The cost has been paid anonymously. We appreciate the fine and thorough work that was done, as well as the gift that was given.

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY Herman and Lylas Eigenberg will be celebrating their 68th Wedding Anniversary and Lylas' 86th birthday on July 5. You are welcome to join them on July 11 at the Cottonwood County Historical Society in Windom (from 2-4 p.m.). Cards can be sent c/o Lakeview Assisted Living, 941 10th Street, Heron Lake, 56137.

ENGAGEMENT Kristin Liepold and James Zipperlin Jr. have announced their intentions to be married on August 14, 2021. We offer them our congratulations and prayers for the Lord's blessing upon their life together.

125th ANNIVERSARY We're in the final stretch as we prepare for next Sunday's celebration. Pastor Seybt will be handling the liturgy and Pastor Fossum will deliver the sermon. A slideshow has been prepared and letters of greeting will be read. A roasted hog, salads, and chips will be served for the meal to follow. Weather-permitting, the plan is to have seating inside and outside. Please check the lists if you'd like to bring food items or volunteer to help. The Ice Cream Social will be held after the parade, as normal.

PROPERTY WORK We wish to thank all of those who've put many hours of work into the teacherage (main floor repainted, fixtures replaced, pews moved from garage, blinds hung, a deep cleaning was done, etc.), the painting of the church (power-washed and primed ahead of the workdays), and the many items needed to prepare the properties for next weekend! Their time, talents, and hard work are a huge blessing to us all.

PANTRY SHOWER A pantry shower for our new teacher is underway. Please place the items on the table in the basement.

INSTALLATION Mr. Hansen will be installed on Sunday, July 18. A potluck dinner will follow.

CLEANING SCHEDULE The new schedules have been printed and are available. Some of the cleaning groups have changed. Special thanks to Connie DeWall for her work with this.

WOMEN'S RETREAT WEST The retreat is scheduled for Sept. 17-19 in Chadron, NE. More information is on the entryway table.

CLC NEWS Pastor Tim Daub, Hecla, SD has the call to Cheyenne. Teacher David Bernthal (retired) has a one year call to Valentine, NE.

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