

The First Sunday after Trinity

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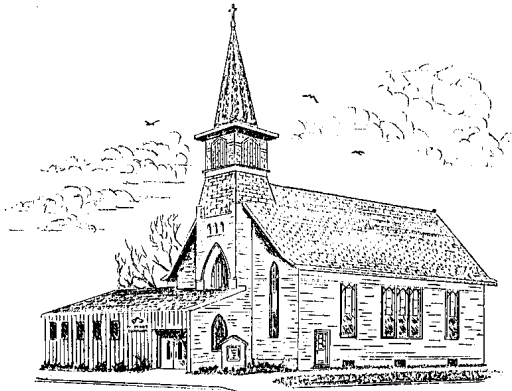
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins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

**Hymn** 19:1-5 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

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**Old Testament Lesson** Genesis 15:1-6 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

And behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

**Epistle Lesson** 1 John 4:16-21 We also have come to know and trust the love that God has for us. God is love. Whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. In this way His love has been brought to its goal among us, so that we may have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are just like Jesus. There is no fear in love, but complete love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who continues to be afraid has not been brought to the goal in love.

We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? This then is the command we have from Him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.

**Hymn** 278 *Delay Not, Delay Not*

**Sermon Lesson** Luke 16:19-31 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar

died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

"Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

## **Five Things You "Need to Know" Before You Die**

### **The Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Hymn** 770 *I Hear the Savior Calling*

### **Prayer + The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

**Hymn** 769 *Lift High the Cross*

**LUNCHEON** The annual Ladies Aid Luncheon will be held on Tuesday evening at 6. The book study will follow. All women of the congregation are invited.

**DELEGATE CONFERENCE** Craig Ahrens and Phil Strike will serve as our delegates at the Convention in Eau Claire at the end of this month. The MN

Delegate Conference met in Mankato yesterday. A report will be given at Family Bible Class.

Due to its length (109 pages) we have not run off extra copies of the Prospectus as in previous years. If you would like one, please see the pastor. If you prefer a digital version, that is available as well.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT** Please sign up if you are interested joining the ladies in a monthly night out at a variety of area restaurants. The sheet can be found in the entryway.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** The Lutheran Spokesman and Daily Rest subscriptions are due. Please see the sheet in the entryway.

**CLC NEWS** Caleb Noeldner, a member of Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has returned the call from Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston, WA. They have now called Mrs. Michaela (Kenny) Winters, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI. Pastor Tom Naumann, Detroit, has the call to Eden Prairie.

**KINSHIP COVID Aid** - With the recent surge of COVID infections in Asia, our brothers and sisters in Christ in India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh are suffering as they struggle to stay healthy and provide for daily necessities due to the lockdown measures that are being strictly enforced. Both the CLCI and BELC report deaths of pastors and members. Also, Pastor Jyothi in India was hospitalized and was very near death. He was able to receive care in an ICU bed for a few weeks where he received lifesaving treatments while he was unconscious for several days. We thank our Savior that Jyothi has recently been released from the hospital and is staying with a relative near the hospital. He is currently receiving oxygen and injections to prevent blood clots. With all of this and more, the CLC Board of Missions and the KINSHIP Committee have decided to provide financial help to assist with humanitarian efforts and medical bills. Offerings to the KINSHIP General Fund will help with this effort to help those who are suffering in Asia at this time. Please remember our brethren in your prayers!

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