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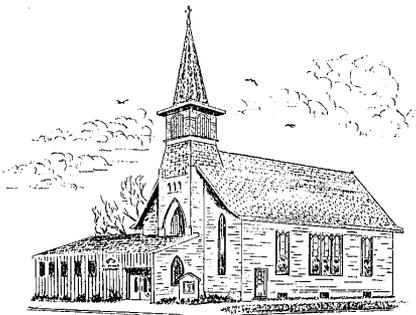
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of 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 17:1-3, 6 *Oh, Worship the King*

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Old Testament Amos 7:7-15 Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord stood on a wall *made* with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said: “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore. The high places of Isaac shall be desolate, And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste. I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam.” Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said: ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, And Israel shall surely be led away captive From their own land.’ ” Then Amaziah said to Amos: “Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There eat bread, And there prophesy. But never again prophesy at Bethel, For it is the king’s sanctuary, And it is the royal residence.” Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah: “I was no prophet, Nor was I a son of a prophet, But I was a sheep breeder And a tender of sycamore fruit. Then the Lord took me as I followed the flock, And the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’”

Epistle Ephesians 1:3-14 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Hymn 347:1-4, 6 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Sermon Mark 6:14-28 Now King Herod heard of *Him*, for His name had become well known. And he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.” Others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets.” But when Herod heard, he said, “This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!” For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her. Because John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; for Herod feared John, knowing that he *was* a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief *men* of Galilee. And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give *it* to you.” He also swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom.” So she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist!” Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” And the king was exceedingly sorry; *yet*, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

Learn to See Things as God Sees Them...

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 372 *Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 742 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

THANK YOU A very special thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Anniversary and Fourth of July a special day for our congregation. Your efforts and gifts were enjoyed and appreciated by all!

CONVENTION REPORT Phil Strike will be presenting part of the Convention report to the Bible Class today. Phil served on the Missions Committee and will explain the actions that were taken by the body.

HOSPITALIZED Sophie was released from the Children’s Hospital on Friday. Her family appreciates your prayers in her behalf.

BUDGET COMMITTEE One member from each Board should be present for the meeting after church today.

QUARTERLY MEETING The July meeting will be held next Sunday. In addition to the regular Board Reports, the agenda includes: the transfer of Doreen Iverson to Messiah, Eau Claire; adopting a budget for the new fiscal year, Mission Festival Date and Speaker, October meeting date.

SLIDESHOW It was not possible for everyone to view the slideshow of St. John’s history last Sunday. This will be posted online soon. We appreciate the work involved with putting it together.

VBS Volunteers are still needed for Vacation Bible School that starts on August 2. This year, sessions will run from 3:00 o’clock to 5:15. If that timeslot is problematic, please speak with Jolene. Posters are available to those who volunteered to distribute them.

BOOK STUDY GROUP Members of the group will meet on Tuesday night at 6:30. You may join the meeting online as well.

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The Boernsens and Liepolds