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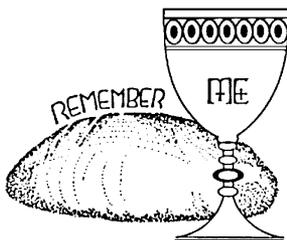
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of 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 285 *How Precious is the Book Divine*

Order of Service Page 15ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal, substituting Hymn 742:1-2 for the Gloria in Excelsis. The words will be projected on the wall in front.

Epistle Lesson Galatians 3:15-22 “Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man’s covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ. And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”

Gospel Lesson Matthew 20:20-28 Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She said to Him, “Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.” But Jesus answered and said, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” So He said to them, “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared by My Father.” And when the ten heard *it*, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Hymn 371:1-6 *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

Sermon Luke 10:23-37 Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to

hear what you hear, and did not hear it." And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

What Mercy Looks Like...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Distribution Hymns 755 (add stanzas below), 778, 387

6. How shall I live For Him who fully doth forgive My sinful ways?
Through all my days I'll strive to honor Him with praise;
Until the end, my life amend.

7. What shall I fear Though dangers threaten and be near?
His promise sure, Makes me secure, He guides my life from year to year.
So faithfully, God is with me.

8. I, too, shall rise To join my Savior in the skies; When trumpets blast,
And life is past -- He will from death awaken me.
Eternally, with Him I'll be.

9. What can I say To ever thank Him for His grace? I'll take my place
Among His saints, And join my tongue in word and song. O taste and see,
Praise God with me.

HOLY COMMUNION The Bible exhorts us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*" Holy Communion is both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. We therefore ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS We are looking for teachers for the upcoming year. Even if you are only available to serve as a Substitute, please speak with a member of the School Board.

VBS PICTURES Parents are welcome to take their children's pictures from the large bulletin board in the basement (also the black table). There are many duplicates. Please help yourself.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY The group will meet on Wednesday afternoons (vs. Tuesdays) at 1:00. This week: Exodus 29.

CLC NEWS Pastor Caleb Schaller, Eau Claire, has the call to St. Louis.

Man Up! Retreat - The 2021 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 30 - October 3, 2021. The Early-registration discount ends on September 1. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. www.manup.clclutheran.org.

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CLEANING (Wk. 4) The Voits
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