

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

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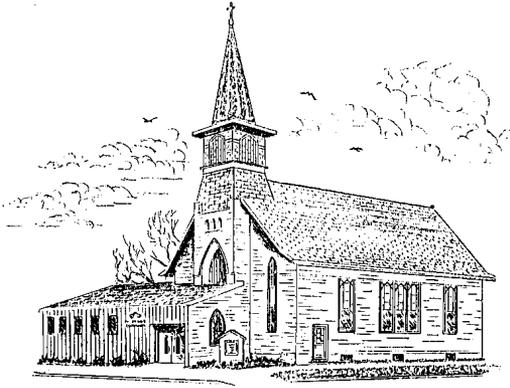
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Prelude Mrs. Lana Strike

Hymn 250 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Liturgy page 12 ff. in the front of the Worship Supplement

Epistle Lesson Revelation 12:7-12 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

Gospel Lesson Luke 10:17-20 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”

And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

Hymn 448 *Brief Life Here is Our Portion*

Sermon Matthew 9:1-8 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.”

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!”

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on

earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw *it*, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

The Best News You’ll Ever Hear...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 358 *Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee*

The Benediction

Hymn 399:2-4 *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

VOTERS MEETING Our 3rd Quarterly meeting will be held next Sunday after the potluck meal at noon. If you have items to add to the agenda, please speak with chairman Ron Strike as soon as possible. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

CHOIR Practices for the Fall season started this morning and will be held each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Any new choir members are welcome! Please see Phil Strike for more information.

CHAIRS It appears that some of the kitchen chairs are missing. If you borrowed and forgot to return them, please do so at your convenience.

CLC NEWS Pastor David Ude, Appleton, WI has the call to Tacoma, WA. Pastor Tom Schuetze, Lakewood, CO has the call to St. Louis. Mr. Philip A. “Tony” Bolen, formerly a LC-MS pastor, has requested a colloquy. He is currently a member of Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD.

2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip – Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa.

Nominations for ILC President The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2022. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to

nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2022. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 15, 2021 (letters post-marked December 1, 2021) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

MINNESOTA AREA REFORMATION FESTIVAL – All are invited to attend a Reformation Festival Service at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN on **Sunday, October 31 at 4pm**. A meal after the service will be provided by the Ladies of Berea. Children in attendance are invited to participate in a Joint Children's Choir, singing an arrangement of "Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (using the translation from Christian Worship #203). Children are asked to be at Berea by 3:30 on the 31st for warm-up and practice. Our service will be streamed live and archived on Berea's YouTube page www.YouTube.com/c/BereaLutheranChurch. If you plan to attend the meal, please help the Ladies of Berea by registering online at www.tinyurl.com/MNARF21 or by contacting Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer – [pas-tor@BereaCLC.org](mailto:pastor@BereaCLC.org) / 651-432-0101.

Matters of Health and Science At a recent CLC pastoral conference, a paper was presented by Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, who serves our sister congregation in Winter Haven, FL. The title is "Approaching Matters of Health & Science without Divisiveness." We all know people who have very strong opinions on both sides of current debates concerning medical issues. This paper provides a valuable reminder about our unity concerning the things that are objectively true and life-saving from the Word of God, and our obligation to bear with each other in all other matters, in Christian love. With the author's permission, hard copies are available on the entryway table, and may also be accessed at www.tinyurl.com/SR-health-science.

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USHERS 10/10 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.
10/17 Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F.
10/24 Trevor B., Tim Z., Austin F., Christian K., David R.

CLEANING (Wk. 5) The Boernsens and Liepolds
The Luecks, P. Strike