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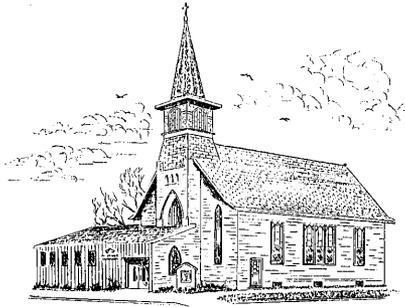
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of 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 466 *Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation*

Liturgy Page 5ff. in the front of the Lutheran Hymnal

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious is His faithfulness.

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 5:15-21 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:1-14 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding." ' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated *them* spitefully, and killed *them*. But when the king heard *about it*, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

Hymn 509 *There Still is Room*

Sermon Matthew 22:33-43 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'? "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

The Rent is Due...

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 760 *Oh, Love, How Deep*

The Benediction

Hymn 779 *Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven*

VOTERS MEETING Our 3rd Quarterly meeting will be held after today's potluck meal at noon. In addition to regular reports: Election meeting date, Nominating Committee meeting date, Annual Meeting date. If you would like to have the holiday schedule changed (Thanksgiving 9:30,

midweek Advent 7:00, Christmas Eve 6:30, Christmas Day 9:30, New Year's Eve 7:00) or you have other items for the agenda, please speak with chairman Ron Strike as soon as possible.

HOSPITALIZED Herman Eigenberg was admitted to the Windom Area Hospital on Wednesday evening. He was discharged on Friday morning. Please remember him and his wife in your prayers.

Please pray, as well, for our members who live in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes. Many of them are under strict lockdowns, making visitations impossible.

TEACHERS CONFERENCE The annual CLC Teachers Conference will be held in Milwaukee from Wednesday through Friday. May the Lord grant safe travel to all. May the fellowship around His Word give them all a new zeal for the work they do in our schools.

LADIES NIGHT OUT The October outing is scheduled for Tuesday evening. The sign-up sheet is in the entryway.

CARDS An order form for Christmas cards is in the entryway. If you are interested, please make your selection as soon as possible.

CLC NEWS Pastor David Ude, Appleton, WI has the call to Tacoma, WA. Pastor Tom Schuetze, Lakewood, CO has the call to St. Louis.

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.

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10/24 Trevor B., Tim Z., Austin F., Christian K., David R.
10/31 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathon L.

CLEANING (Wk. 1) The Luecks, P. Strike
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