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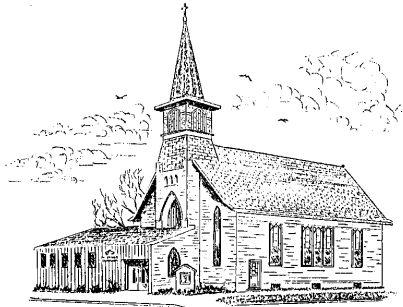
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of 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 445 *Am I a Soldier of the Cross*

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

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 6:10-17 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Gospel Lesson John 4:46-54 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, "Your son lives!" Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household. This again *is* the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

Hymn 444:1-3 *Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You*

Sermon Psalm 34 (selected verses) By David. When he pretended to be insane in the presence of Abimelek, who drove him away, and David left.

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise will always be in my mouth.
I sought the Lord, and He answered me. From all my terrors He delivered me.
His people look to Him and are radiant, and their faces will never blush.
This poor man called, and the Lord heard. From all his distress the Lord saved him.
The Angel of the Lord camps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in Him.
Fear the Lord, you His saints, since those who fear Him lack nothing.
Young lions may lack food and be hungry,

but those who seek the Lord do not lack any good thing.
Come, children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who wants to find pleasure in life?
Who would love to experience many good days?
Guard your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord watch over the righteous. His ears listen to their cry.
The face of the Lord is set against those who do evil,
to cut off memory of them from the earth.
The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears. From all their distress He delivers them.
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.
He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.
Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him from them all.
He watches over all his bones; not one of them will be broken.
The Lord redeems the soul of His servants.
Anyone who takes refuge in Him will not be found guilty. [EHV]

The Strongest Person in the World...

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 393:1-4 *From God Shall Naught Divide Me*

The Benediction

Hymn *Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old*

VOTERS MEETING The Elders reported that Mission Festival will be held in November with Pastor Luke Willitz as the guest speaker. Dates for the following were adopted: Election Meeting – December 5; Nominating Committee – November 21; Installation – January 2; Annual Meeting – January 16. Several other items were discussed. The Trustees will look into repairing the sidewalk approach on the southeast corner of the property.

CALL The pastor was notified on Sunday evening that he has been called to serve the joint-parish of Bowdle/Ipswich, SD. He would appreciate your prayers for clarity in determining the Lord's will.

HOSPITALIZED Herman Eigenberg was admitted to the Windom Area Hospital on Friday evening. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY The group will meet on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 in the home of Phil and Lana Strike.

BABY SHOWER A baby shower will be held for Shelby (Ling) Rovere and Megan Sumey, here on Saturday, November 6, at 1:30 p.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

REFORMATION SERVICE The MN joint-Reformation service will be held next Sunday at 4 p.m. at Berea in Inver Grove Heights. Please RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/MNARF21.

COLLEGE VISITORS DAY will be held on Friday, November 12. The day will be capped off with ILC's fall theatrical production, *The Music Man* (7:30 – with the band performing at 7:00). Speak with the pastor if you're interested in attending.

ANNIVERSARIES Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye will celebrate its anniversary on Sunday, November 14th with a special service at 3:00. This will be followed by a presentation of the congregation's history at 4:15 p.m. and will conclude with a fellowship meal at 5:15pm. Please RSVP by going to this link: <https://forms.gle/GDtxkryii4CrTm7e8> or by contacting Pastor Mayhew (404-729-4602 or nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com).

Faith Lutheran Church in New Ulm will celebrate its 60th+ anniversary on Sunday, November 7th. A special service will be held at 11:00am with a fellowship meal to follow. Please RSVP to Pastor Mayhew.

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

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USHERS 10/24 Trevor B., Tim Z., Austin F., Christian K., David R.
10/31 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.
11/07 Phil S., Zachary S., Nathan V., Anthony F.

CLEANING (Wk. 2) D. Ling, C. Rovere, S. Sumey
J. Albrecht, N. Albrecht, C. Ling