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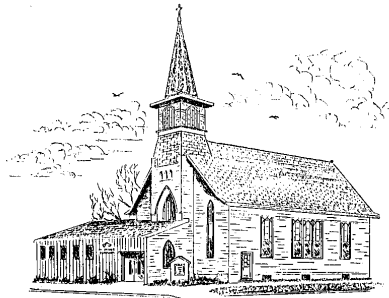
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of 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 9 *O Day of Rest and Gladness*

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Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5, 12 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. ... Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 20:1-16 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.’

“So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, ‘These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them and said, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish

with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”

Hymn 409 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Sermon Jeremiah 1:4-10 The word of the Lord came to me. Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.

But I said, “Ah, Lord God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!”

The Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the Lord.” Then the Lord stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The Lord said to me: There! I have now placed my words in your mouth. Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. [EHV]

The Toughest Job You’ll Love Forever...

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 507 *Spread, Oh Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 800 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

ANNUAL REPORT If you have items for the Annual Report, please direct them to the pastor.

ART FAIR All are invited to the CDS Art Fair on February 8 at 6:00 pm. There will be displays, refreshments, and a silent auction of student’s artwork.

HOSPITALIZED We rejoice with Tonya Wendland over her successful cataract surgery. Pastor Corey Drehle was released from the Sanford Heart Hospital on Friday.

CLC NEWS Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Spokane, has returned the call to Eau Claire. Pastor Michael Gurath, Phoenix, has returned the call to Tacoma/Lynnwood, WA. Pastor Del Maas, Fargo, was appointed to fulfill the term of CLC Vice President, formerly held by President Wilke.

Arts Camp Registration opens Monday February 6th. Camp will run March 24-26 and is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more for students in grades 5th-8th. Register at: <https://www.immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/> Registration ends March 13! Email artscamp@immanuelmankato.org with any questions!

The CLC Tourney Band will perform at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire On Saturday, March 11. Register band players (grades 5-8) at clctourneyband.weebly.com Music is available on the website. Please send questions to: music@thelaus.com

Have You Considered ILC? Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, **check out our academic and registration information at ILC.edu**, or contact our Academic Dean, paul.naumann@ilc.edu, phone (715) 836-6636.

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USHERS 02/05 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.
02/12 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
02/19 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

CLEANING (Wk. 4) J. Kazemba, J. Thaemlitz
The Boernsens and Liepolds