

The Second Sunday after Trinity

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LOVE

*surrounds those
who trust in the*

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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 19:1-5 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

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Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious, now we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee who light does send!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia without end.

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,

Broke the light of Thy salvation,

Breathed Thine own life giving breath:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light does send!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia without end.

Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:13-18 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Gospel Lesson Luke 14:16-24 Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be

filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’ ”

Hymn 509 *There Still is Room*

Sermon Hebrews 13:1-9 Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also. Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?” Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

Four Deadly Temptations... One Living Solution

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, Alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 764 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 785 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

MISSION SOCIETY The group will meet after today’s service in order to make plans for the Fourth of July.

HOSPITALIZED Loren Marschel was released from the Worthington Hospital on Thursday. Please remember him in your prayers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS will be held the week of July 24. If you are able to help, please see the signup sheet in the entryway.

MISSION HELPER TRIP Beth Sorensen will be among the 12 volunteers who leave for Nepal one week from tomorrow. She will be teaching an estimated 1,500 children during their time in Kathmandu and the surrounding villages. Follow along at: <http://2023clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com/>

BOOK STUDY The group meets tomorrow evening at 6:30. All women are welcome to attend in person or online.

GENERAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE Lord willing, the pastor will be leaving for Eau Claire tomorrow afternoon to attend the biennial meetings that run from Tuesday morning through Thursday. The conference includes all of the pastors and seminary trained professors.

DELEGATE CONFERENCE Craig Ahrens and Larry Boernsen will be asked to report on the highlights at some point soon.

CLC NEWS Pastor James Naumann, Jamestown, ND has returned the call to Marquette MI. Pastor Sam Naumann, Corpus Christi, TX has resigned from the ministry for personal reasons. Pastor Michael Roehl, Bismarck, ND has the call to Eau Claire.

Please pay careful attention to the notes that are part of the CLC Financial Report. These indicate the kinds of challenges that we are facing on a synodical level, and present an opportunity for us to respond.

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06/25 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
07/02 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.

CLEANING (Wk. 3) The Ruthenbecks
J. Appel, E. Bass, S. Winters, J. Zuehlke