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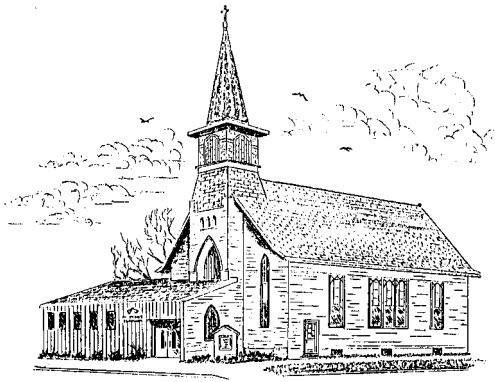
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of 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 5 *Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear*

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Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

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Epistle Lesson Romans 6:3-11 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:20-26 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and

offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

Hymn 370 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Sermon Habakkuk 1:2-6; 2:2-4 O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even cry out to You, “Violence!” And You will not save. Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; There is strife, and contention arises. Therefore the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore perverse judgment proceeds.

“Look among the nations and watch— Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you. 6 For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation Which marches through the breadth of the earth, To possess dwelling places that are not theirs. ...

Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

Faith Knows that God is in Control

Ministry by Mail
Pastor Michael Wilke

Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heaven and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory, To the King of Glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, power, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Quintet *It is Well With My Soul*

Hymn 396 *Oh, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 50 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

THANK YOU We wish to thank Phil and Luke Strike for handling the service in the pastor's absence. It is blessing that we have men in the congregation who are both capable and willing to do that. The pastor is preaching for Jonah's Installation today. He and Jolene will return later this week.

PARADE CANDY We plan to include our float in the Brewster parade on Saturday. If any of you is interested in contributing toward the purchase of candy for that event, there will be a basket in the entryway.

QUARTERLY MEETING St. John's Quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, July 23. Membership matters: The following have asked to be released from membership because they have joined a different church: Coleman and Valerie Ling (Caleb, Silas, Danika), Dalton Ling, Joshua Thaemlitz. In addition to the regular reports, the agenda includes the budget for the year. Other items should be presented to Chairman Strike.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS will be held the week of July 31 – August 4. If you are able to help in any way (doing prep work, working on crafts, teaching, supporting the program with gifts of money, etc.), please see the signup sheet in the entryway. Parents, please register your children online as soon as possible. Be sure to indicate T-shirt sizes when you register.

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USHERS 07/16 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
07/23 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.
07/30 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

CLEANING (Wk. 3) S. Aden, B. Dronen, L. Ferguson
The Boernsens and the Liepolds