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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. Kathy Lueck

Hymn 204 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

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Epistle Lesson James 1:16-20 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Gospel Lesson John 16:5-15 “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Hymn 294 *O Word of God Incarnate*

Sermon Isaiah 12:1-6 You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that You might comfort me.

“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation.”

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.

“Sing praises to the Lord, for e has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Your Life is Drawn from The Water of Salvation

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 742 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 758 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

THANK YOU We wish to thank Jonah for preaching this morning. Lord willing, he will be leaving for western Washington after the service next Sunday. If you are ever in the Seattle area, be sure to stop by or give him a call.

FOURTH OF JULY If you are willing to help with set up, serving, or take down, please sign the sheet in the entryway.

BUDGET COMMITTEE The Budget Committee will be meeting after church on Sunday, July 9. One member from each Board is invited to attend, plus the Treasurer and Chairman. Please check with your Board to choose one representative. We will help prepare the proposed budget for consideration at our July Quarterly Meeting on the 23rd. Please contact Chairman Phil Strike with any questions.

CLEANING LIST The new list for 2023-2024 has been completed. A special thanks to Connie DeWall for her work in taking care of this important project.

~~**DELEGATE CONFERENCE** —Craig Ahrens and Larry Boernsen will report on the MN Delegate Conference after the service to~~ **QUARTERLY MEETING**
Chairman Strike has rescheduled the meeting from July 16 to July 23. The pastor will be installing Jonah in Lynnwood/Tacoma on the 16th. We hope this will not be an inconvenience to anyone.

CLC NEWS Pastor Michael Roehl, Bismarck, ND has the call to be the third pastor in Eau Claire. Mr. Levi Schaller (recent graduate) has the call to serve as the part-time Kindergarten Teacher at Fridley.

HARVEST FESTIVAL Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Hecla, SD, welcomes you to our annual Harvest Festival: 4 pm, Sunday, Aug. 13. An outdoor service of first-fruits thanksgiving will be held on the grounds of the historic Guelph School, followed by a turkey barbecue dinner. Guelph, ND, is between Ellendale and Oakes, ND, one mile off ND-11 at the sign which directs you north. Turn right into Guelph, and you will find the school grounds just east of the three houses in town. You will see plenty of parked cars. Please let us know if you plan on traveling from a distance to join us for the evening. Please contact pastor_daub@hotmail.com or (605) 994-2145.

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07/09 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
07/16 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

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