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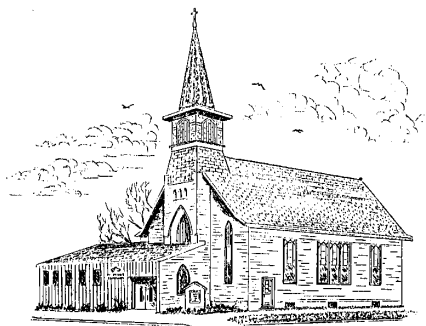
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Hymn 17 *Oh, Worship the King*

Liturgy Page 5 ff. in The Lutheran Hymnal

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious is His faithfulness.
+ WS 742:1-2 +

Epistle Lesson Romans 9:30-10:4 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness. Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone. As it is written:

“Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense,
And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Gospel Lesson Luke 19:41-48 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house is a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’” And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people

sought to destroy Him, and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

Hymn 353:1-6 *Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest*

Sermon Jeremiah 8:4-9 “Moreover you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord:

“Will they fall and not rise?
Will one turn away and not return?
Why has this people slidden back,
Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding?
They hold fast to deceit,
They refuse to return.
I listened and heard,
But they do not speak aright.
No man repented of his wickedness,
Saying, ‘What have I done?’
Everyone turned to his own course,
As the horse rushes into the battle.

“Even the stork in the heavens
Knows her appointed times;
And the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow
Observe the time of their coming.
But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord.

“How can you say, ‘We *are* wise,
And the law of the Lord *is* with us’?
Look, the false pen of the scribe certainly works falsehood.
The wise men are ashamed,
They are dismayed and taken.
Behold, they have rejected the word of the Lord;
So what wisdom do they have?

What God’s Judgment Looks Like in the Church...

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 759 *These are the Facts*

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer
The Benediction

Hymn 378 *All That I Was, My Sin, My Guilt*

LADIES AID A special thanks to our ladies for their deep-cleaning of the kitchen and downstairs closets. We all benefit from and appreciate their hard work.

PAPER We just received a fresh load of paper that includes a variety of different colors, sizes, and shapes. Also, there are items on the table in the middle room downstairs. Please help yourself.

VBS Parents should pick up their child's photos today from the bulletin board downstairs. Any craft items should be picked up as well.

CDS The first day of school will be August 22. 10 students are currently enrolled.

We will have three students attending Immanuel Lutheran High School, and one student attending Immanuel Lutheran College. Classes begin on August 21.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS The Board of Education is looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School this year. The Sunday School season does not begin until the Sunday after Labor Day.

CLC NEWS Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Manchester, MO has returned the call to be the third pastor in Eau Claire. Missionary Peter Evenson has returned the call to Corpus Christi, TX.

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08/20 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
08/27 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.

CLEANING (Wk. 3) D. Ling, C. Rovere, S. Sumeay

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