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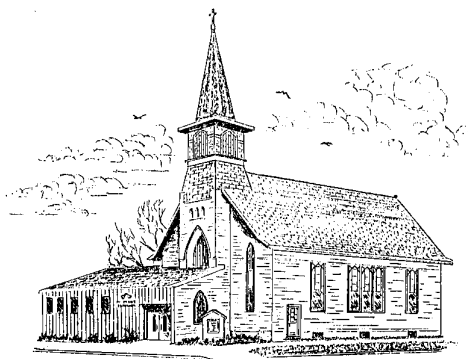
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of 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 4 *God Himself is Present*

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Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

VBS STUDENTS “Jesus said, ‘Come, Follow Me’”

Gospel Lesson Luke 16:1-9 He also said to His disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. So he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’

“Then the steward said within himself, ‘What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.’

“So he called every one of his master’s debtors to him, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ So he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ So he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

“And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home.

Hymn 764 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Sermon Luke 5:1-11 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Fishermen Who Got Hooked on Fishing for Men...

Offertory

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 496 *Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 505 *O’er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness*

VBS An average of 17 students gathered each day to grow in faith, participate in craft work, and enjoy time together on the playground. “Gone Fishing” served as the overall theme. Each biblical account dealt with fishing for something of importance to a Christian: fishing for hope, fishing for forgiveness, fishing for the Word of God, fishing for love, and fishing for people.

A special thanks to our VBS coordinator, teachers, and volunteers. We especially thank the Lord for blessing us with a good week.

PICNIC Our annual Sunday School Picnic will be held in the kitchen after a shortened family Bible Class. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

CALL The pastor returned the Marquette call. He appreciates your prayers and encouragement. May the Lord provide for their vacancy soon.

LADIES AID The Ladies will meet on Tuesday evening at 6 (come when you are able) for a cleaning bee with the business meeting to follow. If you have any questions, please see Lori Ruthenbeck.

ADDRESS Ben Hansen’s address: 715 Center St., Eau Claire, WI 54701.

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

OPENING SERVICE The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will take place on Sun. Aug. 20, 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. For more details about the opening weekend schedule, see ilc.edu.

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USHERS 08/06 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
08/13 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.
08/20 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

CLEANING (Wk. 2) The Strikes
D. Ling, C. Rovere, S. Sumey