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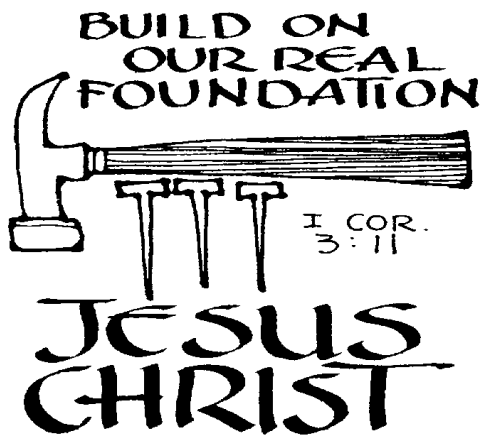
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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of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

Hymn 176 *Behold the Savior of Mankind*

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Epistle Lesson Hebrews 5:1-10 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him:

“You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.”

As He also says in another place:

“You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek;”

who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Lesson Luke 20:9-20 Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast him out.

“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect him when they see him.’ But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.’ So they

cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others.”

And when they heard it they said, “Certainly not!”

Then He looked at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone’?

Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”

And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had spoken this parable against them.

So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

Hymn 421 *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake*

Sermon Luke 20:9-20

Jesus Christ: Cornerstone

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Hymn 477 *Lord Jesus, Thou the Church’s Head*

Prayer + The Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

Hymn 751 *God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

LENT This will be the final Wednesday evening Lenten Service of the year. Be sure to set aside time this Wednesday evening at 7. A fellowship, finger-food luncheon follows.

BOOK STUDY The Book Study Group meets tomorrow evening at 6:30. Join in person or via phone.

BREAKFAST A sign-up sheet for Easter Breakfast will be available in the entryway. Serving will begin at 8 o'clock. Our Easter Festival Service will be held at 9:30.

THANK YOU Allen Jensen would like to express his appreciation for the cards, well-wishes, and prayers during his recent surgery. He is very grateful for them.

HANDICRAFT ITEMS Due to vision loss, Alice DeWall is offering her tools and supplies (crocheting, embroidery, etc.) to members of the congregation. Please stop by at her house if you are interested.

CLC NEWS Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Sleepy Eye is considering the call to Mankato. Teacher Levi Schaller, Fridley, has accepted the call to Hales Corners, WI. Pastor Chad Seybt has received and returned the call to Marquette / Iron River, MI. Teacher Josh Ohlmann, W. Columbia, SC has the call to Saginaw, MI. Teacher Neil Bernthal, Winter Haven, FL has returned the call to Fond du lac, WI. Messiah Eau Claire has called Mr. Caleb Noeldner to teacher grades 5-6.

The Tour choir will perform its final concert in St. Louis this morning and will be driving back to Eau Claire. They appreciate all of the support they have received from all across the church body.

Retired Pastor Dan Fleischer has a new address:

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USHERS 03/17 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.
03/24 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.
03/31 Kendall B., Larry B.

CLEANING (Wk. 2) The Ruthenbecks
J. Appel, S. Winters, J. Zuehlke