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Order of Service - Divine Service: Setting 3 LSB 184

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Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

Supporting the Ministry of Grace is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as our Facebook and website so you can give online.

As We Gather: In our readings today, we see not only where faith guides but also to whom it ultimately leads. In Ruth 1, we learn of Naomi's difficulties as she faced numerous instances of grief. Yet her faith remained in the Lord and His provision, which would lead her to Judah. Faithful to her mother-in-law, Ruth would be guided not only to a new land but also to the knowledge of the one true God. In 2 Timothy 2, even amid imprisonment and suffering, Paul points young Timothy and all hearers in faith to remember Jesus Christ, reminding of the One who remains faithful despite earthly troubles. In Luke 17, ten lepers encounter Jesus and beg for His mercy. Jesus heals them all and then affirms the faith of the cleansed Samaritan, making him well spiritually. As we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, who gives and sustains the gift of faith still, we are guided by Scripture and led through it to our Savior, Jesus, in whose name we worship in our prayer, praise, and thanksgiving for all He has done.

Mission of the Month... goes to missionaries, Chuck and Karen Tessaro. See their newsletter on the bulletin board in the entry. We support them as we follow God's desire that we... "Go therefore and make disciples of ALL NATIONS..." Matthew 28:19.

Greeting Cards for every occasion are on the table in the NE corner of the entry with an assortment for you to purchase for \$.50 each. Proceeds will be used for mission purposes. Check them out!

Portals of Prayer for the fourth quarter of 2025 are on the table in the narthex for you to take and use to enhance your daily devotion time. Please help yourself if this tool is a blessing to you or others.

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. You are invited to a special evening service at St. John Lutheran Church in Keystone on Monday, October 20th at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us, whether or not you have personally experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. We will turn to God's Word for comfort as we do a rite of remembrance for all who mourn.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Van Horne) - Beef & Pork Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 19th from 11:00 - 1:00. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Lutheran Living Communities Annual Meeting. As a supporting congregation, any member of the congregation is invited to the Davenport campus on October 23rd for lunch. If you are interested in attending, contact the corporate office at (319)472-4211.

Sr & Jr Youth Activity: All youth (6th – 12th grade) are invited to join St. John Youth at a bonfire and a hayrack ride, along with food and time in God's word on Sunday, October 19th from 5:00pm-7:00pm at Scott & Becky Thompson's farm -2469 - 71st St., Newhall.

CLS Fall Brunch will be Sunday, October 19th from 9 am to 1 pm. Come and enjoy pancakes, eggs, fruit, ham, sausage and donuts. Free will donation with supplemental funds provided by Thrivent. St. Stephens Nimble Fingers Quilters have donated a quilt for a raffle.

Students in our Lutheran schools need your help! The Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization is at 10% of its 2025 goal as of October 1. Do you pay \$500, \$1000 or \$10,000 in Iowa state tax? You can direct your tax dollars to benefit Lutheran school students. The financial benefit to a contributor is a 75% tax credit on Iowa income taxes and also a possible 25% charitable contribution on your federal form. For more information about ILSTO go online to www.iowalutheransto.com or call Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991.