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Order of Service - Divine Service: Setting 1 LSB 151

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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: How strong is your faith? Jesus says in the Gospel that a tiny amount could do great deeds. We surely cannot trust ourselves, for we will certainly fail. Faith means trusting the giver, our gracious God. In today's Epistle, Paul notes that Timothy's faith came through his mother and grandmother. But Paul's trust is not in Timothy, but in "the power of God, who saved us . . . in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:8-9). Habakkuk didn't know that God would keep His Word in Christ but was told that God's promises were sure. The good news, which echoes throughout Scripture, is that "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). Today we hear that gracious Gospel again, the news that Christ "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light" (2 Timothy 1:10). Hearing that, we are enlivened to respond in word and song, energized to serve our gracious God in "power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7).

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.

"Survive & Thrive" Bible Study: Pastor hopes to begin this online study again in late October. Stay tuned!

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!

Midweek & Sunday School classes have begun. Students will have the opportunity to study God's Word, learn the contents of the Small Catechism and grow in their faith. All children are welcome!

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.

Singles are invited to join Zion Lutheran in Hiawatha on **Sunday, October 12th**, to see the movie "Soul on Fire". Please meet us at the theatre for the show time that starts after 2pm and be in the lobby 30 minutes before it starts to buy tickets together. Please RSVP to either 319/393-2013 or 319/929-3077.

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. If you would like to serve as a delegate from this congregation, speak to Pastor.

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.