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Order of Service - Printed Order of Service

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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: Though it sounds like a contradiction, the "poor rich man" in today's parable of Jesus apparently never really heard or just ignored the dire warning of God's prophets like Amos against trusting in earthly gain and riches to the exclusion of trusting faith in the merciful promises of God. The temptation of earthly wealth infects all people throughout history to this day, regardless of outward circumstances, rich and poor alike. Paul sums up the challenge for faith as he contrasts the "great gain" (or profit) of godly faithfulness and the temptations (or pitfalls) of temporary riches. We all know the sentence of Paul, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10), which is so often misquoted as only "money is the root of all evil." Money is not the problem. There's no sin in possessing earthly riches. The deeper question is what or who is the object of our love and trust. The Christian's true riches are in Christ Jesus, namely, the new life we have been given through our baptismal faith. It is the life we can take with us through and beyond the grave and gate of death. "Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live" (Psalm 146:1-2), which will be forever!

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

GOES Committee Meeting on October 1st. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. to plan for the annual "Trunk or Treat" event as well as discuss ways to reach the community with the Gospel.

Mission of the Month...is support for the scholarship fund that provides financial assistance to those training for professional church work in our LCMS institutions. "The harvest is great but the workers are few. Pray therefore earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send our laborers into the harvest." Matthew 9:37-38.

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. Please encourage your children to attend!

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.

Donations Needed: Central Lutheran 7th & 8th graders are taking another load of donations to the Orphan Grain Train on Tuesday, September 30th. Please drop off any donations of gently used or new items to CLS Main Entry or Activity Entrance between now and Monday morning, September 29th. There is a list of accepted items to donate on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Singles: You are invited to join Zion Lutheran in Hiawatha for their **September** church singles event on **Sunday, September 28th**. Join them for a picnic at Ellis Park (NW Cedar Rapids by Cedar River) to enjoy the scenery with a short walk. Please meet by the Horseshoe courts/pavilion (south/main entrance) at 12:30pm. Bring a sack lunch and a chair in case we cannot find an available picnic table. Also, on **Sunday, October 12th**, a true story movie will show at the Collins Road Theatre in Cedar Rapids called "Soul on Fire" about a kid that survived an explosion. 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 Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event.