

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:  
FOLLOW JESUS TO HEAVEN

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist**..... Pastor Jacob Hoff  
**Preacher**..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Organist** ..... Miss Heather Schmidt  
**Adult Choir Director** ..... Dr. David Brightsman

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
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**THE OPENING HYMN ..... “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”**  
*Christian Worship #173*

1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of  
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, Great gifts for  
 3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing

my as - cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled  
 me ob - tain - ing, My heart shall rest in him a - lone,  
 your as - cen - sion, That I may serve you faith - ful - ly,

All doubt and ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the  
 No oth - er rest re - main - ing, For where my  
 A - dorn - ing your re - demp - tion; And then, when

head is, there as well I know his mem - bers  
 trea - sure went be - fore, There all my thoughts shall  
 all my days will cease, Let me de - part in

are to dwell When Christ shall come and call them.  
 ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
 joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

*Please Stand*

**THE INVOCATION**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**OH, TASTE AND SEE**

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**THE WORD**

**THE FIRST LESSON ..... Acts 7:54-60**

<sup>54</sup> When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

<sup>57</sup> At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

<sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 8

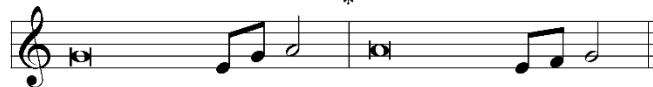
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*Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

*Psalm tone*



O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!\*  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,\*  
the work of your fingers,

what is man that you are mindful of him,\*  
the Son of Man that you care for him?

**Refrain**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

*Psalm continues on next page*

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;\*  
you put everything under his feet.

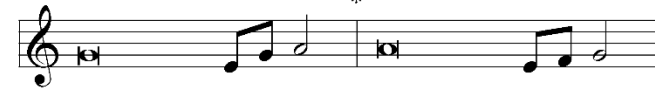
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

*Psalm tone*



THE SECOND LESSON..... Hebrews 7:11-27

<sup>11</sup> If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup> For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. <sup>13</sup> He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. <sup>14</sup> For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. <sup>15</sup> And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, <sup>16</sup> one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. <sup>17</sup> For it is declared:

“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>18</sup> The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless <sup>19</sup> (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

<sup>20</sup> And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, <sup>21</sup> but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him:

“The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind:  
‘You are a priest forever.’”

<sup>22</sup> Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.

<sup>23</sup> Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

<sup>26</sup> Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia. (*John 14:18*)

**ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM**.....**“All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice”**  
*arranged by Hal H. Hopson*

*All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice;  
now sing we alleluia.  
Praise the Lord. Rejoice, rejoice and sing.*

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*All earth rejoice with a gladsome voice;  
sing alleluia.*

*Praise the Lord, O praise the Lord.*

*Rejoice, rejoice and sing.*

*All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice;  
now sing we alleluia, alleluia.*

*Praise the Lord. Rejoice, rejoice and sing.*

*Sing alleluia, sing, for Christ is ris’n.*

*Sound the trumpet; sound the harp.*

*Praise the Lord.*

*Sing alleluia, sing, for Christ is ris’n.*

*Sound the trumpet; sound the harp.*

*Praise the Lord.*

*All earth rejoice with a gladsome voice;  
sing alleluia.*

*Praise the Lord, O praise the Lord.*

*Rejoice, rejoice and sing.*

*All earth rejoice with a gladsome voice;  
sing alleluia, alleluia.*

*O praise the Lord. Rejoice and sing.*

*All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice;  
now sing we alleluia, alleluia.*

*Praise the Lord. Rejoice, rejoice and sing.*

*Please Stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 17:11b-19**

<sup>11b</sup> Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.



*Please be Seated*

**CHILDREN'S TALK..... 10:30 AM**



**THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Jesus, My Great High Priest"**

*Christian Worship #359*



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and  
 2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my  
 3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on  
 4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -  
 cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's  
 high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his  
 known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



rice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -  
 bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom  
 thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can  
 mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne.  
 set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!  
 say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.  
 plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

**THE SERMON ..... Acts 7:54-60**

*Please Stand*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please be Seated*

## THANKSGIVING

### THE OFFERING

*(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)*

### THE OFFERING PRAYER

*Please Stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



*Please be Seated*



CLOSING HYMN ..... "Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You"

Christian Worship #380



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; That, I  
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my  
3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the



know, could nev - er be, For this heart would  
dark - ened heart and mind, Else the world had  
Fa - ther's bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our



still re - fuse you Had your grace not cho - sen me.  
yet en - thralled me, To your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind.  
ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and King en - throned a - bove.



You re - moved the sin that stained me, Cleans -  
Now I wor - ship none a - bove you; For  
Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion, Him



ing me to be your own; For this pur - pose  
your grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,  
by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



you or - dained me, That I live for you a - lone.  
if I love you, You, O Fa - ther, loved me first.  
ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Today after the 10:30 AM service Reagan Salerno will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Reagan is the daughter of Adam & Erin Salerno. Serving as her godparents are Tara Grode and Caleb Stern. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers are given by Jim & Rae Ann Bower in honor of their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Today will be our final Adult Bible Study & Sunday School classes for the year. Watch for more information on an adult summer class.

**PIANO & INSTRUMENT RECITAL:** Everyone is invited to join us this Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for our piano and instrument recital held here in church. Please come and support our young musicians!

**CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION:** The Confirmation Examination service will be this Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend!

**CONFIRMATION:** Our Confirmation service will be held on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM (please note the time change from the usual 10:30 AM service).

**LOOKING AHEAD:** On Memorial Day weekend we will begin our summer worship schedule – Sundays at 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM, and Mondays at 6:30 PM. Please note that we will not have worship on Memorial Day (Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>), but will move it to Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION:** It's time to register for Vacation Bible Camp, held July 9-13, 2018! Please see the registration form in today's bulletin. There are extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELP:** We can still use more help for our Vacation Bible Camp this summer! Please see the forms on the narthex counter for more information on how you can help. Vacation Bible Camp is July 9-13<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Our last Power Hour of the school year will be on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM.

**WLHS JOB OPENING:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking to hire an Administrative Assistant who will report to and support the President of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. This position will handle confidential correspondence, prepare reports for Board meetings, and be an integral part of central office and assist other administrative staff. Those applying should have attention to detail and experience with Microsoft Office and Google apps. This position is a full time, hourly position. Resumes should be sent to Jodi Lunow at [jodi.lunow@wlhs.org](mailto:jodi.lunow@wlhs.org). Resumes will be accepted through May 16, 2018.

**28TH ANNUAL WLHS CHARITY GOLF OUTING:** Register now for the Friends of Wisco Annual Charity Golf Outing set for Monday, June 18, at Hawk's View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, Wis. New this year—choose between two different golf courses. Main course is \$150 per person with shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Optional par 3 course is \$90 per person with shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. Price includes: green fees, golf cart, lunch and dinner, and two drink tickets. Sponsorships include a foursome of golf. For registration and sponsorship information visit [bidpal.net/wlhsgolf2018](http://bidpal.net/wlhsgolf2018). Register by Friday, May 25, to ensure the golf outing shirt will fit you. Contact Heidi Witz at [planner@wlhs.org](mailto:planner@wlhs.org) or 414-453-4567 ext. 2004 with any questions.

**WLHS JOB OPENING:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking for house parents for the 2018-19 school year. House parents will supervise up to 12 students in WLHS housing and will be responsible for creating a respectful culture in your “family,” monitoring schedules, hold weekly meetings, plan and execute fun activities, academically support students and other duties. The candidate must be a member in good standing of the WELS/ELS. This position will last from the beginning of August until the beginning of June. This position requires living on site in an apartment building with the students. A stipend as well as an apartment are included in the compensation package. Please submit resumes to Jodi Lunow at [jodi.lunow@wlhs.org](mailto:jodi.lunow@wlhs.org).

**WLHS PRISM CONCERTS:** WLHS Prism concerts will be held Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the WLHS gymnasium. Enjoy the God-given talents of our student ensembles, solos, duets, choirs and bands. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets will also be

available at the door, \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are assigned first come, first served in one of four separate sections. Purchase tickets in person at the WLHS front office to reserve a specific table within a section, or by mail-in registration or online at [www.wlhs.org/finearts](http://www.wlhs.org/finearts). For more information, please call 414-453-4567.

## VOLUNTEERS

### GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (May 13 & 14)

**8:00 AM** – Steve & Theresa Mess

**10:30 AM** – Jean Villwock

**6:30 PM** – Richard & Kathy Hinz

### GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (May 20 & 21)

**8:00 AM** – John & Barb Migacz

**10:00 AM** – Tony & Mary Tripoli

**6:30 PM** – Joan Shevey

### USHERS FOR MAY

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

**10:30 AM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

### USHERS FOR MAY SPECIAL SERVICES

**CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION (5/17 – 6:30 PM)** – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha

**CONFIRMATION (5/20 – 10:00 AM)** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

**GRADUATION (5/31 – 6:30 PM)** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

### ALTAR GUILD

May 9-15 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel

May 16-22 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel



**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

May 13: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug  
May 20: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Chris & Naomi Hathaway

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, May 13**

Worship Service .....8:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Information Class.....9:15 AM  
Worship Service .....10:30 AM

**Monday, May 14**

Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, May 15**

Piano/Instrument Recital..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 16**

Board of Education ..... 6:30 PM  
Men’s Open Gym ..... 7:30 PM

**Thursday, May 17**

Confirmation Examination ..... 6:30 PM

**Friday, May 18**

School Devotion ..... 1:00 PM

**Saturday, May 19**

School Cleaning.....9:00 AM

**Sunday, May 20**

Worship Service with Communion .....8:00 AM  
Confirmation Service.....10:00 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 114, Communed – 95  
10:30 AM – 126, Communed – 56  
6:30 PM – 54, Communed – 46  
Total Attendance – 294  
Total Communed – 197  
Sunday Bible Class – 31, Sunday School – 14  
Bible Information Class – 3