

Welcome! 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:
BEING YOUR BROTHER’S KEEPER

Worship Participants

- Liturgist**..... Pastor Jacob Hoff
- Preacher**..... Pastor Brian Adams
- Organist** Miss Heather Schmidt
- Grades 7-8 Teacher**..... Mr. Nathan Schulmeister

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

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1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing,
 2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing,
 3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er,

Bind - ing faith - ful hearts in one;
 Clothed in Christ's hu - mil - i - ty,
 Faint - ing not when ills at - tend;

Love in Christ is true and giv - ing—
 Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
 Love, for - giv - ing, and for - giv - en,

May his will in us be done!
 Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
 Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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.

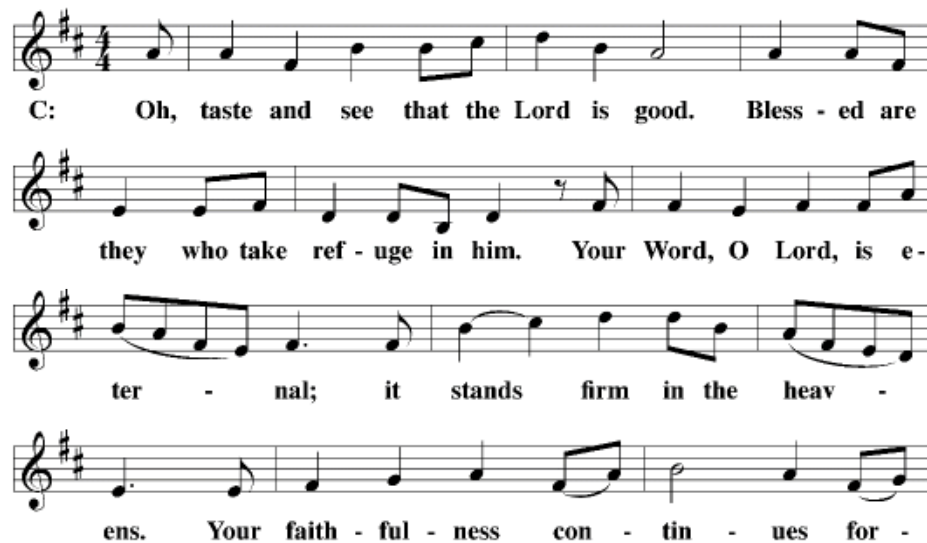


PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSONEzekiel 33:7-11

⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

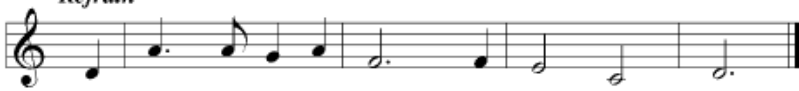
¹⁰ “Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we

live?"¹¹ Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 51a

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Refrain



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm tone



Have mercy on me, O God,*
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,*
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

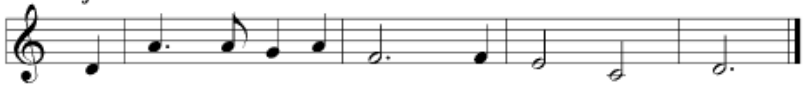
Hide your face from my sins,*
and blot out all my iniquity.

Psalm continues on next page

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.


**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



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm tone



THE SECOND LESSON.....Galatians 2:11-21

¹¹ When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³ The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴ When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵ "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶ know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ “But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

¹⁹ “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

**ANTHEM (8:00 AM ONLY)“You Are My All in All”
 Grades 7 & 8**

*You are my strength when I am weak,
 You are the treasure that I seek;
 You are my all in all.
 Seeking You as a precious jewel,
 Lord, to give up, I’d be a fool;
 You are my all in all.*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!
 Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!*

*Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
 Rising again I bless Your name;
 You are my all in all.
 When I fall down, You pick me up,
 When I am dry, You fill my cup;
 You are my all in all.*

*Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!
 Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”
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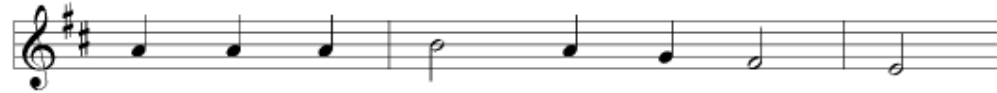
Please Stand



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred
4 Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak
5 With your own love may I be filled



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race,
Your chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
By love - less act and thought - less word.
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.
And by your Ho - ly Spir - it willed,



And in each per - son help me view
My neigh - bors' good let me pur - sue;
Make me to see the wrong I do
And should I be a vic - tim, too,
That all I touch, what - e'er I do,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by you.
Bind them to me and all to you.
Will hurt my neigh - bor, Lord, and you.
Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring you.
May be di - vine - ly touched by you.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "In Christ Alone"

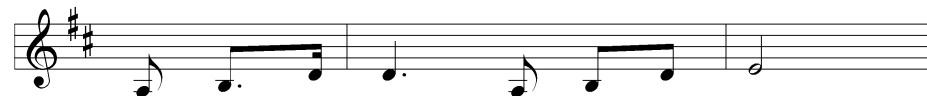
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1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



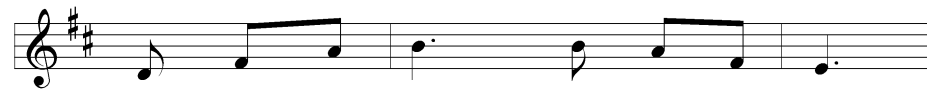
He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



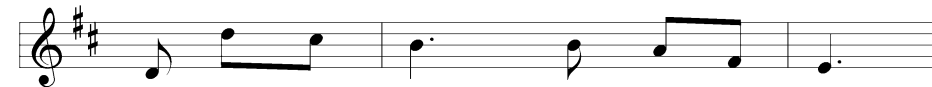
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



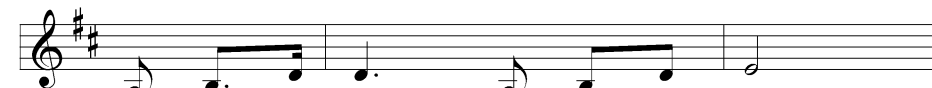
Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



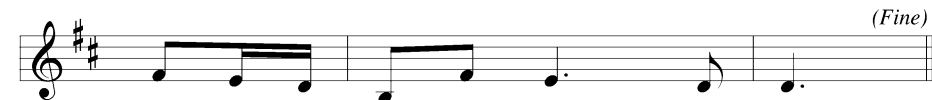
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



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.



C: A - - men.

Hymn continues on next page

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.

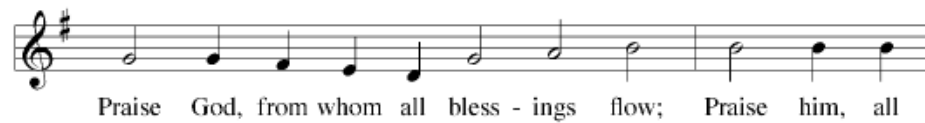


C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be Seated

CLOSING HYMN "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all



crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -



ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM: After the 10:30 AM service today Mila Ann Mohelnitzky will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Mila is the daughter of Justin and Kayli Mohelnitzky. Serving as her godparents are Leah Burns and Jenna Mohelnitzky. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

SUMMER APPEAL UPDATE: We give thanks to the Lord that we have received \$31,415.00 in offerings to date for our Summer Appeal.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP: Our Youth Group will have their first get-together tonight from 6:00-8:00 PM here at St. Paul's. We will have a bonfire and enjoy pizza and s'mores – please bring a chair. It's not too late to sign up! If you have any questions please contact Kyle Brightsman ([414-335-2906](tel:414-335-2906); kgb5217@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

GALA INFORMATIONAL MEETING: If you are interesting in helping with our school's Gala, or curious about what we're doing this time around, please join us in the Bible Study room tonight at 7:00 PM for an hour long informational meeting. We will also be taste- testing a recipe for the evening's signature drink – Sangria!

USHER MEETING: We are thankful to all who are willing to give of their time to serve on an usher crew in the Lord's house. On Thursday, September 28, we would like to have a meeting with all the ushers and captains. The purpose of the meeting will be twofold: 1. Review our current practices with the usher crews; 2. Give an opportunity to discuss any improvements that someone may have. We will meet at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com.

BARGAIN CENTERS OPEN HOUSE: The WELS Bargain Centers are celebrating their 50th anniversary in the Milwaukee area. Over the years, they have provided millions of dollars to assist the ministries of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Wisconsin Lutheran Christian Family Solutions, Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries, and the Point of Grace Campus Ministry.

As part of their 50th Anniversary, they will be having an Open House at both of their locations. The North Store (8401 W. Lisbon Avenue) will have an Open House on Saturday, October 28th, from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. The South Store (5005 W. Howard Avenue) will

open their doors on Sunday, October 29th from 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm. There will be gift store coupons, refreshments, and the opportunity for visitors to see the store in action. While celebrating 50 years, we continue to recruit volunteers at both stores to provide store operations for years to come. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about volunteering, please call Mr. Bill Bartholomew at 414.248.4767 or email at bnkdbart95@gmail.com.

SOLES FOR JESUS: St. Paul's is excited to be working with Soles For Jesus for our first quarter mission project. SFJ is a non-profit organization that exists to share the love of Christ by distributing shoes to the underserved in sub Saharan Africa. We will be hosting a shoe drive, raising funds to cover shipping costs, and volunteering at the SFJ facility cleaning and packing donated shoes.

SHOE DRIVE: Our shoe drive will run September 18th through October 21st. Donate new or gently used shoes and make a life-changing difference in the life of adults and children in Africa. Sizes needed: Toddler - Adult 12. Collection bins will be located in the back of church and in the school hallway.

RAISING FUNDS: Monetary donations to ship shoes to Africa may be turned into the office.

VOLUNTEERING: On Saturday, October 7th from 9:00-11:00am, St. Paul's church and school adults have been invited to volunteer cleaning and packaging shoes at the SFJ distribution center. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of church. This event is capped at the first 25 volunteers to sign up.

For more information or questions contact Rachel Manske at rmanske@stpaulsfranklin.org.

OUTREACH TRAINING SEMINAR: We all know that the good news about Jesus needs to be shared. We all know and interact with people on a daily basis that need to know about Jesus. One seemingly large obstacle remains... how?

Partnering with Victory of the Lamb (our sister church just down Loomis Rd), you are invited to an outreach training seminar. The goal is to teach you a simple and practical way to share your faith - to show you that the obstacle is not as big or intimidating as it seems.

Where: Victory of the Lamb - 11120 W Loomis Rd., Franklin, WI 53132

When: Friday, October 13th, 5pm (light dinner), 6-8:30pm Seminar (Childcare provided!)

Put it on your calendar. More information and registration will be available soon.

HURRICANE DONATIONS: One of the blessings of being a part of the WELS is the work that Christian Aid and Relief (the humanitarian arm of the WELS) is doing on our behalf. Most of us aren't able to leave our lives behind to travel to the areas in need and help those who are hurting, but that doesn't mean we can't help. You can give funds that go directly to those people in two ways.

1) Online: www.wels.net - Under the "Giving" tab select "Donate Now." On the right side of the screen you can choose to give directly to "Christian Aid and Relief" designating the funds for "Hurricane Disaster Relief"

2) Mail: Send a check made out to "WELS Christian Aid and Relief" to the WELS Center of Mission and Ministry: N16W23377 Stone Ridge Dr, Waukesha, WI 53188

If you want to stay updated on the work Christian Aid and Relief is doing find them on Facebook, or visit www.wels.net/christian-aid-relief.

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Fridays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: September 28th, October 12th & 26th, November 9th, December 14th, January 11th & 25th, February 8th & 22nd, March 8th & 22nd, April 12th & 26th and May 10th & 24th. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. There are also extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, October 14th at 8:00 AM. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "The End of Time".

THE HYMNS OF MARTIN LUTHER CHOIRS CONCERT: In this 500th year of the Lutheran Reformation, three choirs of our Synod are joining together to celebrate Martin Luther's legacy as a poet and composer. Please join the choirs of Wisconsin Lutheran College, the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee, and the Seminary Chorus - a total of more than 200 voices and accompanied by organist Aaron Christie and instruments - to sing and rejoice in 15 of Luther's greatest enduring hymns. The concert will be at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon on October 1, 2017 beginning at 7:30 pm.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT REFORMATION 500 WORSHIP SERVICE: Join us for a festival worship service, on Sunday, November 5th, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. We gather to thank God for preserving the gospel of Jesus our Savior among us, recognizing the role of Martin Luther

and the momentous event of 500 years ago. The joint service will be at The Miller High Life Theater (formerly the Milwaukee Theater) located at 500 W. Kilbourn Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. This will be an opportunity for members of many different WELS congregations to enjoy Christian fellowship and to encourage one another to proudly, lovingly, and gently proclaim the saving truths of Scripture.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE GETAWAY WEEKEND: Bethany Lutheran College invites all high school juniors and seniors to join us for a free weekend October 26-28, 2017. Meet professors, directors and coaches, experience life in the residence hall and tour the campus and the city of Mankato. To reserve a seat or obtain more information, call Bethany's Admissions Office at (800) 944-3066. Please sign up by October 16th.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (September 24 & 25)

8:00 AM – Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry

9:30 AM – Richard & Betty Patin

6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (October 1 & 2)

8:00 AM – Roger Buntrock

9:30 AM – Andy & Christine Backus

6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8:00 AM – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

9:30/10:30 AM – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

6:30 PM – Dave Long, Terry Plant, John Kiesow, Curt Stellwagen

ALTAR GUILD

Sept 20-26 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

Setp 27-Oct 3 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Sept 24: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

Oct 1: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Herson

GRASS CUTTING:

Sept 27-30 – TEAM #2 – Frank Krajewski

Oct 4-7 – TEAM #3 – Jerry Lehtinen & Gary Tonic

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 24

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM

Bible Information Class9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM

Monday, September 25

Worship Service with Communion6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 26

PSCIC6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 27

Men's Open Gym7:30 PM

Friday, September 29

School Devotion1:00 PM

Sunday, October 1

Worship Service8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM

Bible Information Class9:15 AM

Worship Service10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 116, Communed – 96

9:30 AM – 114, Communed – 71

6:30 PM – 55, Communed – 50

Total Attendance – 285, Total Communed – 217

Adult Bible Class – 26, Sunday School – 16

Bible Information Class – 3