

20th Weekend After Pentecost October 22 & 23, 2017

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:
GOD’S INCREDIBLE GRACE!

Worship Participants

- Liturgist** Pastor Jacob Hoff
- Preacher** Pastor Brian Adams
- Organist** Miss Heather Schmidt
- Adult Choir Director** Dr. David Brightsman
- Grades K-2 Teachers** Mrs. Rachel Manske, Mrs. Kristine Riel & Mrs. Marie Becker

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN “I Walk in Danger All the Way”
Christian Worship #431



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un - a - wares If e'er I fail to watch and
 where to flee When storms of woe my soul dis -
 grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni - ty to -
 sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do what they
 safe - ly tread. In spite of ills that threat - en

pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.
 may; I pass through tri - als all the way.
 day. Grim death pur - sues me all the way.
 may, I walk with an - gels all the way.
 may, I walk with Je - sus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;
 Await, my soul, the morrow,
 When you farewell can gladly say
 To all your sin and sorrow.
 All worldly pomp, begone!
 To heav'n I now press on.
 For all the world I would not stay;
 My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 21:1-15

^{21:1} Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. His mother's name was Hephzibah. ² He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, following the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites. ³ He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had destroyed; he also erected altars to Baal and made an Asherah pole, as Ahab king of Israel had done. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them. ⁴ He built altars in the temple of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my Name." ⁵ In the two courts of the temple of the Lord, he built altars to all the starry hosts. ⁶ He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced divination, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the Lord, arousing his anger.

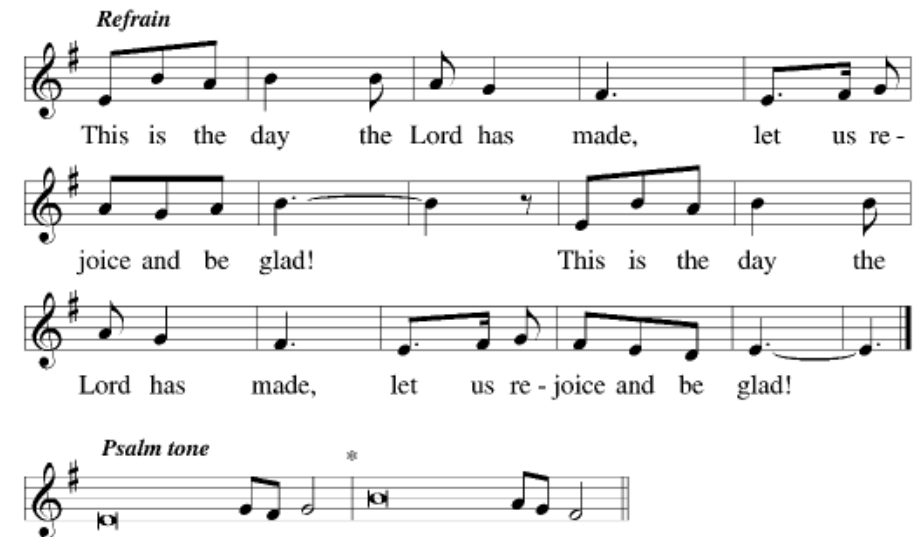
⁷ He took the carved Asherah pole he had made and put it in the temple, of which the Lord had said to David and to his son Solomon, "In this temple and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my Name forever. ⁸ I will not again make the feet of the Israelites wander from the land I gave their ancestors, if only they will be careful to do everything I commanded them and will keep the

whole Law that my servant Moses gave them." ⁹ But the people did not listen. Manasseh led them astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the Lord had destroyed before the Israelites.

¹⁰ The Lord said through his servants the prophets: ¹¹ "Manasseh king of Judah has committed these detestable sins. He has done more evil than the Amorites who preceded him and has led Judah into sin with his idols. ¹² Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I am going to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle. ¹³ I will stretch out over Jerusalem the measuring line used against Samaria and the plumb line used against the house of Ahab. I will wipe out Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. ¹⁴ I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance and give them into the hands of enemies. They will be looted and plundered by all their enemies; ¹⁵ they have done evil in my eyes and have aroused my anger from the day their ancestors came out of Egypt until this day."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 118

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The LORD is my strength and my song;*
he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad!

Psalm tone

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**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

THE SECOND LESSON..... 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

^{6:1} As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

³ We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you.

¹² We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. ¹³ As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

VERSE OF THE DAY (SUNG BY CHOIR IN 8:00 AM SERVICE)

P: Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. (*Hebrews 2:12 cf. RSV*)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 21:33-43

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00 AM ONLY) “God’s Peace”

*by Marva J. Dawn & B.F. White
arranged by C.J. Adams*

*Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God’s peace;
from our vain ambition’s worry,
come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,
life’s demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God’s grace, God’s grace.*

*In the pastures of God’s goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God’s mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God’s presence
all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God’s anointing
into service we are led.*

*Come, then, children, with your burdens,
life’s confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus,
take instead his kingdom’s reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them,
he alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.*

*Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God’s peace.*

GRADES K-2 ANTHEM (10:30 AM ONLY)“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
The star of my life is Jesus.*

*Refrain:
In him there is no darkness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father. {Refrain}*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of the Jesus. {Refrain}*

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

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Christian Worship #203



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.
we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife, And lead us out of death to life.

THE SERMON 2 Kings 21:1-15

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.

Please be Seated

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made"

Christian Worship #481



1 O God, your hand the heav - ens made And
2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine; All
3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims; True



all that they con - tain; The world ap - peared at
tal - ents you have sent. In - spire us now to
stew - ards we would be. En - dow us with a

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your com - mand, And in it now you reign.
use them well Your king - dom to ex - tend.
deep de - sire To live un - self - ish - ly.



The rest - less sea, the land, the sky Your
We hold each gift a trust from you Nor
A full ac - count - ing we must give And



hand - i - work de - clare; The touch of your cre -
claim it as our own; We grate - ful - ly ac -
see you face to face; Let us ap - proach your



a - tive pow'r Is pres - ent ev - 'ry - where.
knowl - edge, Lord, All things are yours a - lone.
throne with joy, Sup - port - ed by your grace.

Please 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.

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 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Christian Worship #319



On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,



King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no



pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:



Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my



hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Tony & Mary Tripoli in thanksgiving for their 33rd wedding anniversary.

BAPTISM: After the 10:30 AM service today Jackson Robert Roland will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Jackson is the son of Jacob and Stacy Roland. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT BIBLE CLASS: There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class this Sunday due to the Fellowship Breakfast in between services. There will be Bible Information Class.

FALL FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST: Please join us today in between services for a family breakfast hosted by the Board of Outreach. It will be held in the main school hallway. A free will offering will be gathered and all funds will go toward making the church greeting area a welcoming space for members and visitors.

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL: Christian funeral services were held on Saturday, October 21st for Henrietta Jakubowski. The Lord called Henrietta home to heaven on Sunday, October 15th. May the Lord comfort her family with his eternal peace.

NEW MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE: While Martin Luther never set out to change the world, his quest for answers to burning questions of life and faith began a new era in church history: the Reformation. On Sunday, November 12th at 4pm, we will be watching the new Martin Luther movie at St. Paul's. Please come and join us that afternoon.

MARY AND MARTHA NEEDS YOUR HELP! WELS Kingdom Workers Clean Water Project wants to help eliminate many sanitation issues in the villages of Southeast Asia by constructing toilets and showers with filtration systems. They hope to begin by being able to build one unit in each of 10 villages. A complete toilet and shower unit will cost \$750. Mary and Martha, with the help of St. Paul's congregation, would like to be able to send a gift to Kingdom Workers for the purchase of a complete unit. If you'd like to make a donation toward this gift, envelopes will be available on the counter in the narthex and can be placed in the offering plate. Make checks payable to Mary and Martha Society. Thank you for joining with us in this project.

SOLES FOR JESUS: Thank you, thank you, thank you! Our shoe drive for Soles for Jesus has wrapped up and we are so thankful for the amount of shoes you have brought in! We helped sort and pack over 1,200 pairs of shoes, and between our church and school offerings, we have collected \$907.66 to ship shoes to Africa! We are thankful for your generosity!

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: We all worship. We all worship something or someone every day. Functionally, these are our gods. Our next bible class will be Saturday, October 28th at 8:00 AM with the theme, "Idols we never knew we had – are we really idolaters?"

ATTENTION USHERS: The completed usher schedule is in your church mailbox. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com.

GREETING CARDS: Did you know that we have a variety of Christian-themed greeting cards for sale in the multi-purpose room? Cards are \$.50 each. We will also have boxed holiday cards for sale soon.

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.

NATURAL DISASTER 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".

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 Thursdays 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: October 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!

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.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL WORK DAYS: Do you have yard work, painting, cleaning, or tasks that you don't have time to do? Have WLHS student council members to do it for you! Donate and help support their 2017-18 mission project for Zambia, Africa. Available dates are as follows: October 21-22, October 28-29, and November 4-5. Please contact Student Council Vice President Faith Loberg with jobs you have or questions at workday@wlhs.org or 414-852-6455.

WLHS VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE: Wisconsin Lutheran High School will hold its annual Veterans Day observance on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Service men and women are invited to a complimentary plated breakfast that will be served in the WLHS cafeteria at 7:00 a.m. RSVP for the breakfast by Friday, November 3 by either completing the mail-in form (available on the narthex counter) or by going online to www.wlhs.org/veterans. For additional questions, contact Heidi Witz at planner@wlhs.org or 414-453-4567 ext. 2004. Everyone is invited to the special Veterans Day presentation in the main gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. entitled "The Vietnam War: A Hero's Homecoming." The presentation will also be streamed live online the day of the event at www.wlhs.org.

WLHS DRAMA PRODUCTION: Enjoy the thrilling production of "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller presented by Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Friday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, November 7 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Monday, October 16, and cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Seating is general admission. To order tickets, go online to wlhs.org/drama or stop in at the high school's Central Office. Tickets will also be sold at the door before each performance. Before the Friday, November 6 performance, everyone is invited to the Choir Associates Spaghetti Dinner served in the cafeteria from 4:30-7:00 p.m. For questions call 414-453-4567.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (October 22 & 23)

- 8:00 AM – Dave & Dawn Brightsman
- 10:30 AM – {Insert your name here – sign up to be a Greeter}
- 6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (October 29 & 30)

- 8:00 AM – Larry & Marion Klug
- 10:30 AM – Bob & Sue Dittrich
- 6:30 PM – Water & Laurie Falkowski

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

- 8:00 AM – Bob Goelz, Larry McKee, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess
- 10:30 AM – Nick Derouin, Mark Derouin, Connor Henry, Bob Duchesneau
- 6:30 PM – Dave Long, Terry Plant, John Kiesow, Curt Stellwagen

ALTAR GUILD

- Oct 18-24 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen Hille
- Oct 25-31 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- Oct 22: Join us for breakfast in between services!
- Oct 29: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

GRASS CUTTING:

- Oct 25-28 – TEAM #2 – Frank Krajewski

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 22

- Worship Service 8:00 AM
- Fall Fellowship Breakfast 9:15 AM
- Bible Information Class 9:15 AM
- Worship Service 10:30 AM

Monday, October 23

- Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 24

- PSCIC 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 25

- School Devotion 9:00 AM
- NO Men's Open Gym

Thursday, October 26

- NO SCHOOL
- Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM

Friday, October 27

- NO SCHOOL

Saturday, October 28

Bible Class8:00 AM

Sunday, October 29

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 – 106, Communed – 92

10:30 AM – 140, Communed – NA

6:30 PM – 63, Communed – 49

Total Attendance – 309

Total Communed – 141+

Sunday Bible Class – 28, Sunday School – 15

Bible Information Class – 3