

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this weekend. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We 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 no matter how much noise they make. 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.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:

THE WISDOM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist..... Pastor Jacob Hoff
Preacher..... Pastor Brian Adams
Organ/Piano..... Miss Heather Schmidt

THE OPENING HYMN

“O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand”

Christian Worship #511



1 O Lord, our God, your gra - cious hand Has
2 For ev - 'ry earth - ly grace and gift We
3 We thank you, Lord, and sing your praise For
4 Your Word a - lone, great God of pow'r, Can



crowned our lives with bless - ing; Your
thank you, dear - est Fa - ther. Now
bless - ings you have giv - en; Be
feed our soul and spir - it. Christ's



good - ness has en - riched our land With gifts
teach us, Lord; our thoughts up - lift That heav'n -
with us still in fu - ture days To guide
love gives strength for ev - 'ry hour With - out



for our pos - sess - ing. Our homes, our
ly fruit we gath - er. Our fa - thers
our youth to heav - en. Lord, grant that
our deeds or mer - it. Grant schools that



food, And ev - 'ry good For earth - ly
knew And kept in view True wis - dom's
we May clear - ly see The worth - of
teach And men who preach True Chris - tian



work and liv - ing, A - bun - dant wealth And
worth and plea - sure; They prized as jewels Their
Chris - tian train - ing That youth may grow Your
ed - u - ca - tion. Let youth grow strong By



life and health Your faith - ful love is giv - ing.
Chris - tian schools And left a last - ing trea - sure.
love to know, E - ter - nal rich - es gain - ing.
Word and song In ev - 'ry land and na - tion.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: *(Spoken)* Amen.

THE CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: God invites us to come and worship Him. But we are not worthy to stand before the Holy God. Let us confess our sins and plead for His mercy.

C: Lord Jesus, You call us to repentance. Against you, we often have sinned. Therefore, we come to you for grace. Have mercy on us.

M: Lord Jesus, we have failed to follow you. We have not done what you asked of us. We have gone against Your Father’s will. Lord Jesus, we admit that we have sinned.

C: We know that you are a merciful God. Rejoicing in Your love and promised mercy, we boldly ask: Lord, have mercy.

M: We know that the Lord has mercy. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for all sins. Therefore, on Christ’s command, I proclaim to you the good news: You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, You have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

Please be Seated. As the next hymn is sung, the children will come forward.

CONGREGATION HYMN

“God’s Word is our Great Heritage”

God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

Christian Worship #293

ANTHEM

“O Church, Arise”

10:30 am service – see directions below

8:00 am & 6:30 pm – verses 1-2 staff; verses 3-4 congregation joins



Faculty & Staff: 1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the
Students: 2. Our call to war - to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the
Students & Cong.: 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick - en; Then see His
Congregation: 4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may



weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the
run with faith to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -
trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died - an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

Following the Anthem at 10:30 am, the students will return to their seats.

1. WISDOM COMES FROM THE LORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

¹² "But where can wisdom be found?

Where does understanding dwell?

¹³ Man does not comprehend its worth;
it cannot be found in the land of the living.

¹⁴ The deep says, 'It is not in me';
the sea says, 'It is not with me.'

¹⁵ It cannot be bought with the finest gold,
nor can its price be weighed in silver.

¹⁶ It cannot be bought with the gold of Ophir,
with precious onyx or sapphires.

¹⁷ Neither gold nor crystal can compare with it,
nor can it be had for jewels of gold.

¹⁸ Coral and jasper are not worthy of mention;
the price of wisdom is beyond rubies.

¹⁹ The topaz of Cush cannot compare with it;
it cannot be bought with pure gold.

²⁰ "Where then does wisdom come from?
Where does understanding dwell?

²¹ It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing,
concealed even from the birds of the air.

²² Destruction and Death say,
'Only a rumor of it has reached our ears.'

²³ God understands the way to it
and he alone knows where it dwells,

²⁴ for he views the ends of the earth
and sees everything under the heavens.

Job 28:12-28

²⁵ When he established the force of the wind
and measured out the waters,

²⁶ when he made a decree for the rain
and a path for the thunderstorm,

²⁷ then he looked at wisdom and appraised it;
he confirmed it and tested it.

²⁸ And he said to man,
'The fear of the Lord — that is wisdom,
and to shun evil is understanding.'"

CONGREGATION HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation" *Christian Worship #538, verses 1-2*

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.

2. WISDOM GROWS IN THE LORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26-32

²⁶ He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain — first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."


³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

PSALM OF THE DAY


Psalm 98

Christian Worship, page 103

Refrain



Psalm tone



Sing to the LORD a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known*
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness
to the house of Israel;*
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Refrain



Psalm tone



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,*
burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,*
with the harp and the sound of singing.

Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.*
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

**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

3. WISDOM TRUSTS IN THE LORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

^{37:1} Do not fret because of evil men
or be envious of those who do wrong;
² for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

³ Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴ Delight yourself in the Lord
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:

⁶ He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when men succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret — it leads only to evil.

⁹ For evil men will be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.

¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy great peace.

CONGREGATION HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation” *Christian Worship #538, verses 3-5*

3. The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.
4. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
5. Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

SERMON

Joshua 1:1-9

The Wisdom of Christian Education: “Be Strong & Courageous”

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: ² "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them — to the Israelites. ³ I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. ⁴ Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates — all the Hittite country — to the Great Sea on the west. ⁵ No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. ⁶ "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

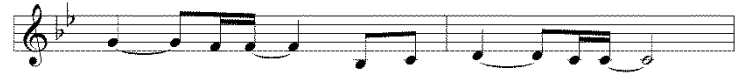
CONGREGATION HYMN

“Speak, O Lord”

Christian Worship Supplement #735



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re-
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



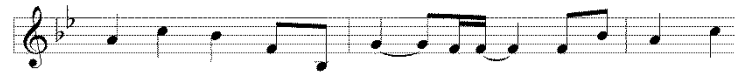
ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



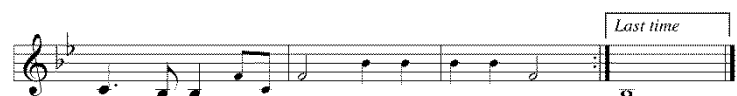
light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your
nev - er fail. Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
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glo - ry.

THE OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

As our offering is gathered, we invite everyone to sign the Friendship Registers in the pews.

Please Stand

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

M: O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

C: Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.

M: Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.

C: Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.

M: As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, colleges, and seminaries to train those who proclaim your presence among us in Word and sacrament.

C: Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.

M: God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

C: Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

M: Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

C: May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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.

THE BLESSING

M: 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: *(Spoken)* Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me!"

1. Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so. Lit - tle ones to
2. Je - sus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long a - go, Tak - ing chil - dren
3. Je - sus loves me! He will stay Close be - side me on my way. He's pre - pared a

Refrain

Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
on His knee, Say - ing, "Let them come to Me." Yes, Je - sus loves me!
home for me, And some - day His face I'll see.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Announcements

LWMS THANK YOU: We would like to thank everyone for supporting the free-will door offering for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). \$506.00 was collected to support their work.

NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BANNER: The Christian Education banner was donated by Caleb and Rachel Manske in loving memory of Caleb's grandparents, Pastor Richard and Delores Werner.

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP SERVICE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL: As part of our ongoing 150th Anniversary Celebration – please join us for an old fashioned ice cream social after Ascension Service on Thursday, May 5th. The worship service begins at 6:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our many blessings and enjoy some fellowship. Hope you will join us!

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Join us today for our school Open House following the 10:30 AM service. There will be refreshments and activities for all! You can tour the school and teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE: Kindergarten will be holding their Open House on Friday, April 22nd beginning at 10:00 AM. Parents and potential students will spend some time in the classroom learning about our Kindergarten program and then watch our current Kindergarteners perform their play, "Snoozy Snowflake". Lunch will be served following the play. If anyone is interested in Kindergarten for next school year, please contact us.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL PLAYS: All are invited to come and watch this year's school plays. On Friday, April 22nd at 6:30pm the Upper Grade students will perform in the play – "Kids From Camelot." On Saturday, April 23rd at 4:30 pm the Kindergarten Class will perform their play – "Snoozy Snowflake." A light supper will be served following their play. After supper, the Upper Grade students will perform their play – "Kids from Camelot." Please come and watch these performances from our school students!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELP: We are looking for help for our Vacation Bible Camp this summer! Please see today's insert for more information on how you can help, and sign up! Vacation Bible Camp is July 25-29th.

150TH UPDATE: What a difference the new organ makes as we worship and celebrate what the Lord has given us! We are very close to our goal – only \$2,852.00 to go! There are contribution envelopes in the Narthex. Any contribution is welcome and needed!

EASTER CELEBRATION CHOIR: The Easter Celebration choir will begin soon. The first rehearsal was April 6, it's not too late to join! Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God is welcome to join the choir! New and past members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule. The Easter Celebration choir is from April 6 -May 22. Rehearsals are 45 - 60 minutes and take place on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Any questions please contact the choir director, Marie Becker at (262) 623-4145 or email her at mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS PICTURES WANTED: As part of St. Paul's 150th Anniversary Celebration, we would like to collect as many confirmation class pictures as possible. If we are able to get most or many of them, they may be framed for permanent display. We already have pictures from 1994 to present. We need almost all from 1993 and as far back as possible. Pictures will be scanned and returned to you. Please label pictures with your name and confirmation class year. We would like to begin collecting these immediately. Pictures can be passed on to the pastors or turned into the church/school office. Thank you for your help.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY: All ladies are invited to attend the LWMS Spring Rally – which will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8:00am - 12:30pm at Christ Lutheran Church – S89 W22970 Maple Ave., Big Bend, WI. Our presentation speaker will be Pastor Pheng Moua of Hmong Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN. Pastor Pheng is one of our 'Befriend A Mission' missionaries assigned to our congregation and circuit. The rally will also include an opening devotion, bible study, and business meeting. We will be voting on 5 new officers at this rally and voting on which of the following missions we will fund this next year (these are WELS missions but are NOT funded through the WELS budget): WELS Home Missions: 'Equipment Fund' or 'Tools for Outreach' and WELS World Missions: 'Thailand Projects' or 'Nepal Projects'. Attend our rally and have a say (vote) on which mission projects our donations will fund this next year! For more information, flyers are located in our church narthex.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY 2016 CONVENTION: Hosted by the LWMS Chicago Area Circuit, our 53rd Annual LWMS convention, under the theme: 'Christ Alone - Our Cornerstone', will be held June 23-26, 2016 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. Besides many missionary presentations, you can renew your faith through worship, devotions,

workshops, and Christian fellowship. Registrations are still being accepted. Convention informational booklets, agendas, and registration forms are located in our church narthex. You may also get more information on the LWMS Website at: www.lwms.org – then click onto the: '2016 Annual Convention' box in the center of that webpage. If you have never been to an LWMS Convention before, NOW IS THE TIME – as it is just over Wisconsin's southern border!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: St. Paul's is collecting box tops for our school. There is a container on the counter in the narthex to put them in. So far our church members have brought in 1,043 box tops! We have collected 8,045 tops since September. Our goal is 10,000 for the school year, so keep bringing them in! This is a great program for our school to earn money. Thank you for your help!

THE LUTHERAN CHORALE OF MILWAUKEE: The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee under the direction of Mary Prange will present its spring concert entitled "All Praise to God" on Sunday, April 24, at 2:00 PM at Atonement – Milwaukee (4500 N. Sherman Blvd.) & 6:00 PM at Trinity – Waukesha (1052 White Rock Ave.). The organ prelude presented by Lynn Kozlowski begins twenty minutes prior to the concerts. The concert will include music for choir, brass, strings, organ and congregational singing.

WLHS WORK DAYS: The student body from WLHS is here to help with any yard work or outdoor spring cleaning. A team of 4-6 students will be available on either a Saturday or Sunday throughout the day, whatever works for you. Work Day weekends are from Saturday, April 9 until Sunday, May 15. Work may include: window washing, yard work, cleaning, painting, etc. Donations will be given to the WLHS mission project for the year "Generating Pure Love." Please e-mail workday@wlhs.org or call [262-385-4811](tel:262-385-4811) with the details of the job you would like completed and the dates you are available.

CRAFTERS WANTED: The "Colors of Christmas" Craft Fair will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Interested crafters may contact Sandy Krueger at [414-870-8304](tel:414-870-8304) or at craft.fair@wlhs.org for information. Applications and more information available at wlhs.org/news.

REELING IN THE FUTURE: Reeling in the Future (formerly WLHS' Fishers of Men tournament) is hosting a fishing tournament June 4, 2016 on Pewaukee Lake, at the boat launch by Curly's Waterfront and Smokey's West Baitshop. Registration deadline is May 31, 2016. For more information, please check out Reeling in the Future Co. Facebook page or send an e-mail to ReelingintheFuture@earthlink.net.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (April 17 & 18)

8:00 AM – Nancy Adams

10:30 AM –

6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (April 24 & 25)

8:00 AM – Randy & Nancy Willms

10:30 AM – Andy Backus

6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR APRIL

8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser

10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Nolan Romeis, Kyle Brightsman

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

Apr 13-19 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms

Apr 20-26 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 17

Worship Service 8:00 AM

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

Bible 101 Class 9:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

School Open House..... 11:30 AM

Monday, April 18

Worship Service6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 19

PSCIC6:00 PM

Mary Martha.....6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 20

Adult Choir Rehearsal6:30 PM

Thursday, April 21

Bible 101 Class6:30 PM

Board of Outreach.....7:30 PM

Friday, April 22

School Devotion 8:30 AM

Kindergarten Open House 10:00 AM

Upper Grade Play6:30 PM

Saturday, April 23

Bible Class 8:00 AM

Kindergarten/Upper Grade Plays.....4:30 PM

Sunday, April 24

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM

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

Bible 101 Class 9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 86, 10:30 AM – 142, 6:30 PM – 52

Total Attendance – 280

Sunday Bible Class – 22, Sunday School – 7

Saturday Bible Class – 14

Bible 101 Class – 6