

**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,

- ƒ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ƒ 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.
- ƒ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ƒ If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- ƒ For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:  
**“I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE”**

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist** ..... Pastor Jacob Hoff  
**Preacher** ..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Organist** ..... Miss Heather Schmidt

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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**THE OPENING HYMN ..... “You Are the Way; through You Alone”**

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1 You are the way; through you a - lone Can  
 2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone True  
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant

we the Fa - ther find; In you, O Christ, has  
 wis - dom can im - part. You on - ly can in -  
 claims your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that

God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.  
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

*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 OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

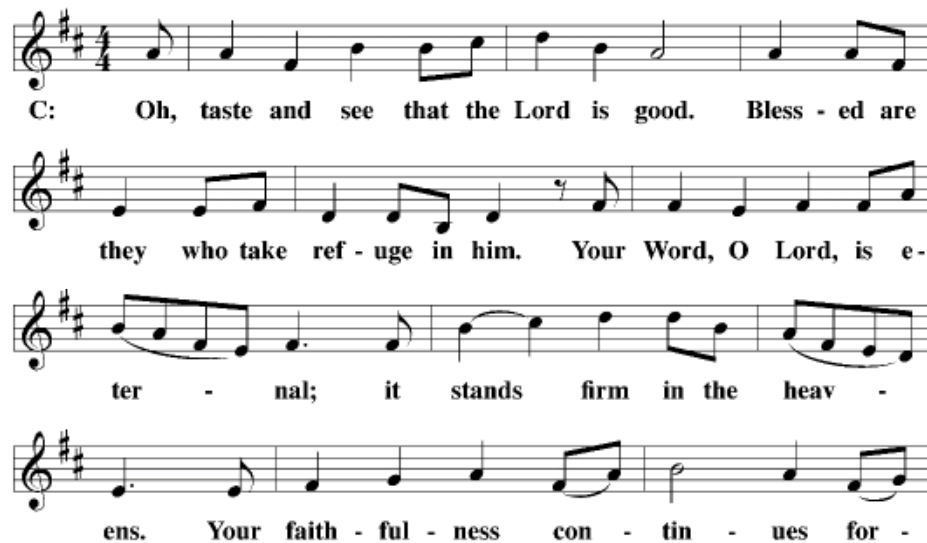
O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### OH, TASTE AND SEE



*Please be Seated*

## THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON ..... 1 Kings 18:16-45

<sup>16</sup> So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. <sup>17</sup> When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?"

<sup>18</sup> "I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals. <sup>19</sup> Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

<sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing.

<sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the Lord’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. <sup>23</sup> Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. <sup>24</sup> Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.”

<sup>25</sup> Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” <sup>26</sup> So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. <sup>27</sup> At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” <sup>28</sup> So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. <sup>29</sup> Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

<sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which had been torn down. <sup>31</sup> Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” <sup>32</sup> With the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. <sup>33</sup> He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.”

<sup>34</sup> “Do it again,” he said, and they did it again. “Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. <sup>35</sup> The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. <sup>36</sup> At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” <sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

<sup>39</sup> When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!” <sup>40</sup> Then Elijah commanded them, “Seize the prophets of Baal. Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there. <sup>41</sup> And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.”

<sup>42</sup> So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. <sup>43</sup> “Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said. Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.” <sup>44</sup> The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.” So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’” <sup>45</sup> Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain started falling and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 33

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*Refrain*

The earth is full of the good-ness of  
God, the good-ness of our God.

*Psalm tone*

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;<sup>\*</sup>  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.  
For the Word of the LORD is right and true;<sup>\*</sup>  
he is faithful in all he does.  
By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,<sup>\*</sup>  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.  
For he spoke, and it came to be;<sup>\*</sup>  
he commanded, and it stood firm.

**Refrain**

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;<sup>\*</sup>  
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.  
But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,<sup>\*</sup>  
the purposes of his heart through all generations.  
The LORD loves righteousness and justice;<sup>\*</sup>  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

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

**Refrain**

THE SECOND LESSON..... 1 Peter 2:4-10

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia. (John 14:6)

*Please Stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 14:1-12**

14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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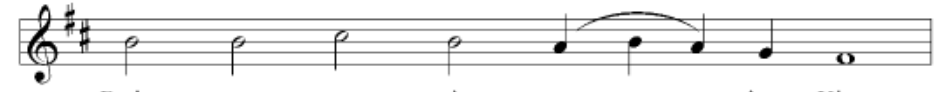
**CHILDREN'S TALK..... 10:30 AM**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,  
3 Now no more can death ap - pall,  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!  
5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.  
Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
This a - lone can sin de - stroy;  
Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing  
You have con - quered in the fight; You have  
You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born  
Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

**THE SERMON ..... 1 Kings 18:16-45**

*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.



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CLOSING HYMN ..... "There Is a Redeemer"

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1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own  
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all  
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his



Son, Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
names, Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
face; There I'll serve my King for - ev - er

*Refrain*



Ho - ly One.  
Hope for sin - ners slain. Thank you, O my  
In that ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers are given by Larry, Vanessa & Savanha McKee in honor of all the mothers in the congregation. Happy Mother's Day!

**CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION SERVICE:** On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> the Confirmands for this year will have the opportunity to share their Christian faith during the Examination Service. The service begins at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come.

**CONFIRMATION:** Next week Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> is Confirmation. The service begins at 10:00 AM. (Please note the time change for the 2nd service next Sunday.) Everyone is invited to join us.

**LIBRARY TYPEWRITER:** Our typewriter in the Library has died. If anyone knows where we can find a used electric typewriter, please let the office know!

**USHER COORDINATOR:** The Board of Elders has asked Kyle Brightsman to be the new usher coordinator/head usher. We will begin to evaluate where there are vacancies on the crews and give an opportunity for new people to assist in ushering here at St. Paul's. As that happens, it may be helpful to have the usher crews realigned. Stay tuned for further details in the future. If you have any questions please contact Kyle at (414) 335-2906 or [kbg5217@gmail.com](mailto:kbg5217@gmail.com). If you are interested in ushering, there are sign-up sheets on the narthex counter.

**SERVICE TIME CHANGE:** We will begin our summer Worship schedule on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Service times are Sunday at 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM and Mondays at 6:30 PM.

**"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS:** Our next bible class will be Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "No Ordinary Man".

**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: May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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. Vacation Bible Camp is July 10-14<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC):** We are looking for donation of a few items for craft projects for VBC. If there's anything you'd like to donate, please label it and leave it in the multi-purpose room. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Adams at 423-1445 or [njadams86@yahoo.com](mailto:njadams86@yahoo.com). If you would like to help with a monetary donation, it would also be appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts to one of the pastors. The items needed are:

- Brown paper grocery bags
- Wood Clothespins with springs
- White pipe cleaners

**CHURCH/SCHOOL DOOR LOCKS:** Our school has recently installed electronic card readers on the exterior doors to allow access to our church/school. Last week the existing key locks on the exterior doors were replaced with new locks. At this point, the only way to gain access to the building is to visit during normal business hours or by using an electronic card supplied by Building and Grounds. Electronic cards have been supplied to Faculty and Church council members. If there is a need for someone to acquire an electronic card, please contact Jeff Graetz at 414-748-2656 or [maintenance@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:maintenance@stpaulsfranklin.org)

**27TH ANNUAL WLHS CHARITY GOLF OUTING:** Register now for the Friends of Wisco Annual Charity Golf Outing on Monday, June 19, at this year's new location at Hawk's View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, Wis. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. with shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Special pricing for sponsorships include a foursome of golf. \$150 single registration includes: green fees, cart, 2 beverage tickets, lunch, and dinner. Registration and sponsorship information can be found at [wlhs.ejoinme.org/Golf2017](http://wlhs.ejoinme.org/Golf2017). **Register by May 26**, to ensure the golf outing pullover will fit you. For questions, contact Heidi Witz at [planner@wlhs.org](mailto:planner@wlhs.org) or [414-453-4567 ext. 2004](tel:414-453-4567).

**REELING IN THE FUTURE:** Reeling in the Future (taking the place of WLHS' Fishers of Men tournament) fishing tournament will be held June 3, 2017 on Pewaukee Lake, at the boat launch by Curly's Waterfront and Smokey's West Baitshop. Registration deadline is May 31, 2017. For more information, visit [www.reelinginthefuture.com](http://www.reelinginthefuture.com).

**WLHS PRISM CONCERT:** The WLHS Prism concerts will be held Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 20 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 online at [www.wlhs.org/finearts](http://www.wlhs.org/finearts) or in person at the WLHS front office to reserve a specific table within a section. Mail-in registration forms can be found online at [www.wlhs.org/finearts](http://www.wlhs.org/finearts). For more information, please call [414-453-4567](tel:414-453-4567). Tickets go on sale Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## VOLUNTEERS

### GREETERS THIS WEEK (May 14 & 15)

8:00 AM – Randy & Nancy Willms

10:30 AM – Andy & Christine Backus

6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

### GREETERS NEXT WEEK (May 21 & 22)

8:00 AM – Larry & Lucille Ellenberger

10:30 AM – Jack & Kathie Klunder

6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

### 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, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

### ALTAR GUILD

May 10-16 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade

May 17-23 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade

### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

May 14: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Connie Myer

May 21: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli



**GRASS CUTTING:**

May 17-20 – TEAM #3 – Jerry Lehtinen & Gary Tomic

May 24-27 – TEAM #4 – Dave Qualmann

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 117, Communed – 101

10:30 AM – 115, Communed – 75

6:30 PM – 48, Communed – 36

Total Attendance – 280

Total Communed – 212

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, May 14**

Worship Service .....8:00 AM

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

Worship Service .....10:30 AM

**Monday, May 15**

Worship Service .....6:30 PM

**Tuesday, May 16**

Mary Martha.....6:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 17**

Adult Choir Rehearsal .....6:30 PM

**Thursday, May 18**

Preschool Power Hour .....10:45 AM

Confirmation Examination .....6:30 PM

**Friday, May 19**

School Devotion .....8:30 AM

**Saturday, May 20**

Bible Class .....8:00 AM

School Cleaning.....9:00 AM

**Sunday, May 21**

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

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