

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 WANTS REPENTANT HEARTS AND LIVES

Worship Participants

Liturgist Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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THE OPENING HYMN “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

Christian Worship #385



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me. All my wants to him are known;
 and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
 won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



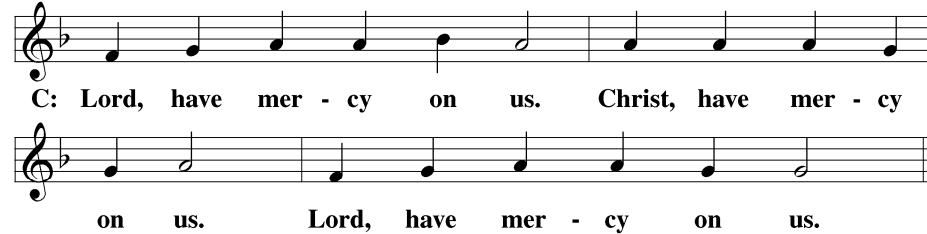
THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

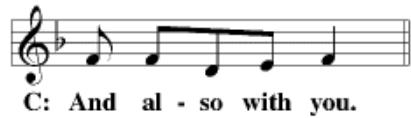




you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“The parents eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?”

³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 25
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Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone



Psalm continues on next page

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone



Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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 13:5-8

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? ⁶ And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. ⁷ Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. ⁸ For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia! At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia! (*Philippians 2:10,11*)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 21:28-32



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹ “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the

way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.



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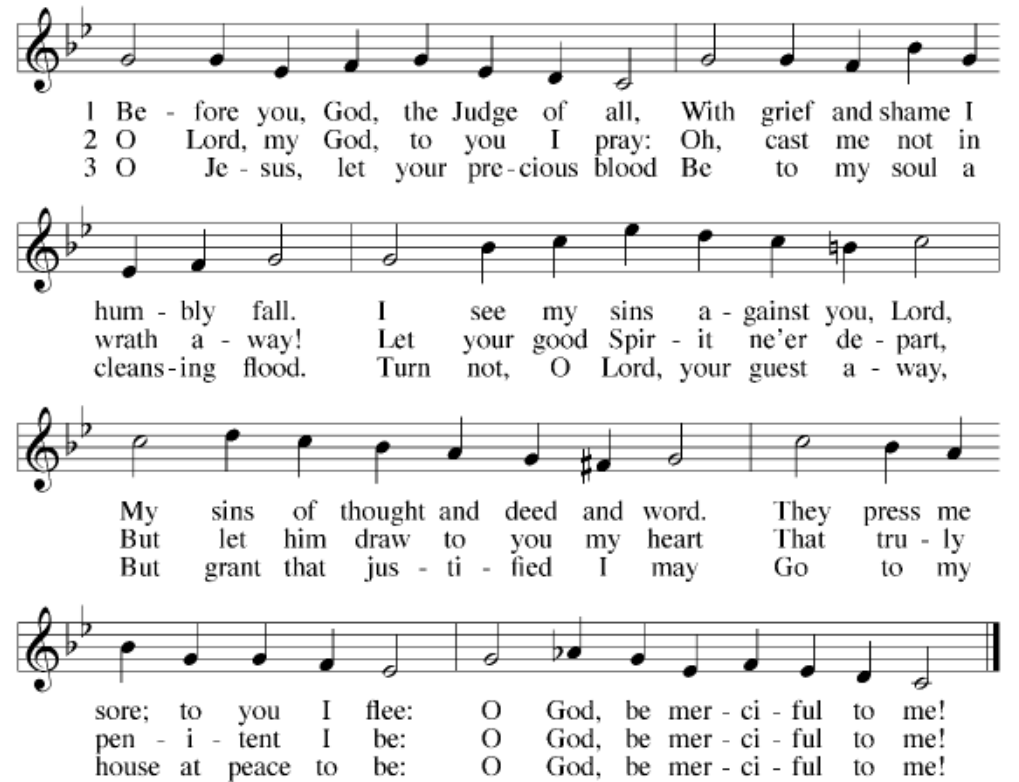
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Before You, God, the Judge of All"
Christian Worship #306



THE SERMON 2 Corinthians 13:5-8

Test Yourselves!

Please Stand

THE SACRAMENT



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Please be Seated

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, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.


PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



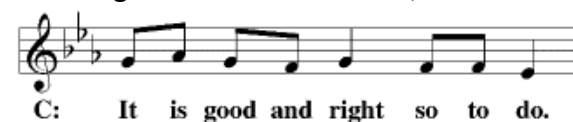
C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

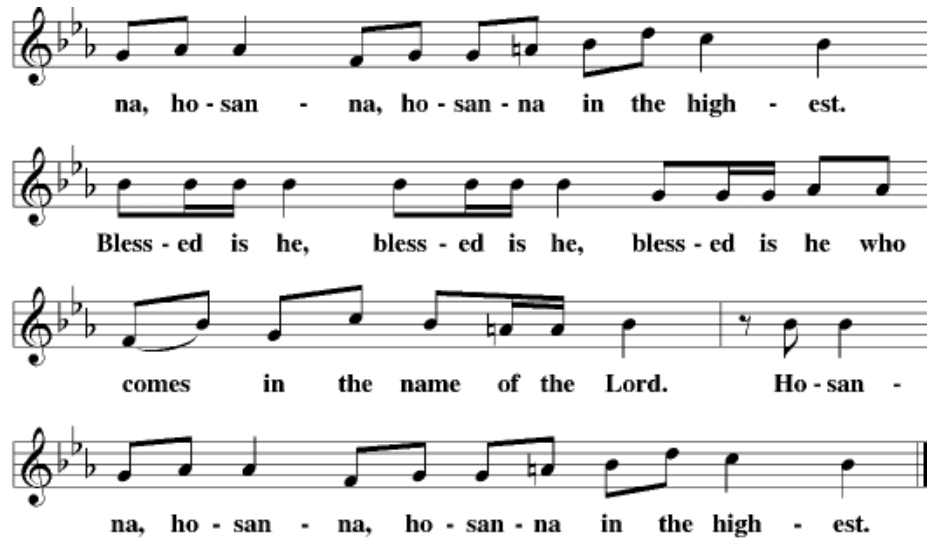
P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three comes together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be Seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, In thanks-
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, Life to
 3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor To please

giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your bod - y
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er love than
 him with our be - hav - ior And live to - geth - er

and your blood you nour - ish Our weak souls that they may
 this to you could bind us; May this feast of that re -
 here in love and u - nion, Cher - ish - ing our blest com -

flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy! May your bod - y,
 mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy! Lord, your love and
 mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy! Let not your good

Lord, born of Mar - y, That our sins and sor - rows
 kind - ness did move you; Let your sup - per move us
 Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that heav'n - ly - mind - ed

did car - ry, And your blood for us plead In all
 to love you. All our debt you have paid; Peace with
 he make us. Give your Church, Lord, to see Days of

tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre -
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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: 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

THE CLOSING HYMN..... **“The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me”**
Christian Worship Supplement #749

1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is
 2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The

more than mind can know, His
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The
 heav - ens held their breath, To

mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A

meet the debt I owe. He
 bare be - fore his gaze. For
 love that con - quers death, Pos -

Hymn continues on next page

came my sin - ful cause to plead; He
 me the price of sin he paid; My
 sess my heart that it may be Your

laid his glo - ries by, For
 sins be - yond re - call Are
 king - dom with - out end, O

me a home - less life to lead, A
 all a - like on Je - sus laid, He
 Christ who died for love of me And

shame - ful death to die.
 died to bear them all.
 lives to be my friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Gordon & Michele Lesser in thanksgiving for their 45th wedding anniversary.

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.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP: St. Paul's Youth Group will meet this evening at Root River Lanes for a night of bowling from 6:00-8:00 PM! Please meet at the bowling alley at 6:00. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com.

FALL FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST: Please join us Sunday, October 22 between the 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.

MARY AND MARTHA: Everyone is invited to join us on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 PM. Our guest speaker will be Sarah Anderson who is Farm Community Development Officer with Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee County. The Farm is located right here in Franklin and provides fresh, healthy foods for families in need. With the help of more than 5000 volunteers last season, The Farm was able to grow more than 500,000 pounds of fresh produce. Everyone is invited to hear about this program that's right here in our neighborhood.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Our school is hosting Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 20th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Trunk or Treat is an opportunity for families to get together in a safe environment and enjoy some fall fun. Children can dress up in costume and trick or treat to decorated trunks. There will also be a contest for the best costume and trunk, games, refreshments and even a barrel train ride! There is a sign-up sheet in the school office for those that would like to attend.

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.

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 in to the office.

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

BARGAIN CENTER 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.

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: 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!

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, October 28th at 8:00 AM.

WLHS 6TH-8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE: Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House is tonight! Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. with program at 6:00 p.m. Grade school parents and students please join us to meet teachers, tour the school, and enjoy faculty presentations. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life!

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 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 15 & 16)

8:00 AM – Larry & Marilee Stujenske

10:30 AM – Dave & Cindy Wirtz; Brandon, Austin & Ian

6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

GREETERS NEXT 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

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 11-17 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen Hille

Oct 18-24 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen Hille

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Oct 15: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Chris & Naomi Hathaway
Oct 22: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

GRASS CUTTING:

Oct 18-21 – TEAM #1 – Gordy Lesser
Oct 25-28 – TEAM #2 – Frank Krajewski

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 123, 10:30 AM – 102, 6:30 PM – 68
Total Attendance – 293
Sunday Bible Class – 25, Sunday School – 9
Bible Information Class – N/A

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 15

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

Monday, October 16

Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 17

PSCIC 6:00 PM
Mary Martha 6:30 PM
Board of Education 6:30 PM
Board of Spiritual Growth 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 18

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM
Men’s Open Gym 7:30 PM

Friday, October 20

School Devotion 1:00 PM
Trunk or Treat 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 22

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