

18th Weekend After Pentecost September 22 & 23, 2024

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.
- † Our congregation stands at various times throughout the service. If your mobility is limited, please do not feel that you have to stand. You are welcome to remain seated!
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus!
- † 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!

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Ms. Heather Schmidt
Violinists Mrs. Kristal Young & Miss Noelle Young
Soloist Ms. Angela Luna

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

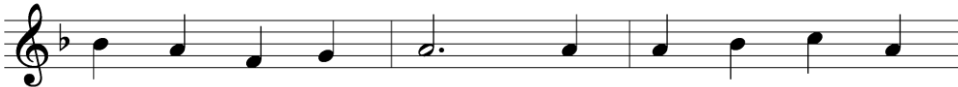
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THE OPENING HYMN“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

Christian Worship (21) #737



1 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel you
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride nor
5 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -



ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
place with - in the hands of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove the low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.
fol - low you and live by your com - mands.
mean - est task that waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

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.**

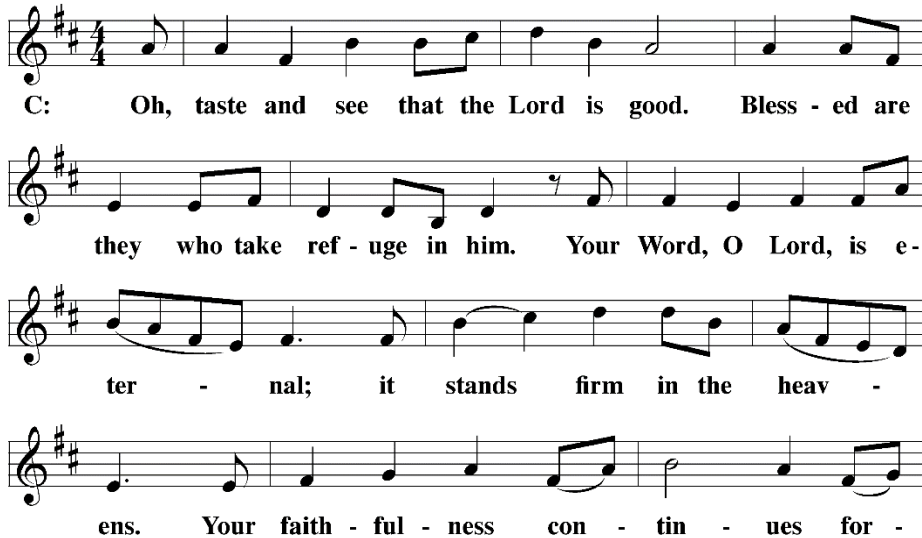
P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Oh, Taste and See". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "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 -".

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 -

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Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Numbers 12:1-15

The pride of Aaron, the high priest, and Miriam, a prophetess, led them to bad-mouth humble Moses and belittle Moses’ wife, simply for being of another race.

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. ² “Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this.

³ (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

⁴ At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out. ⁵ Then the LORD came down in

a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, ⁶ he said, “Listen to my words:

“When there is a prophet among you,
I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions,
I speak to them in dreams.

⁷ But this is not true of my servant Moses;
he is faithful in all my house.

⁸ With him I speak face to face,
clearly and not in riddles;
he sees the form of the LORD.

Why then were you not afraid
to speak against my servant Moses?”

⁹ The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them.

¹⁰ When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, ¹¹ and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. ¹² Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.”

¹³ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “Please, God, heal her!”

¹⁴ The LORD replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” ¹⁵ So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
 not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
 sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone

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In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;^{*}
 deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,^{*}
 a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;^{*}
 redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

Refrain

My times are in your hands;^{*}
 save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,^{*}
 which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy^{*}
 when I called to you for help.

Psalm continues on next page

**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



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone *



THE SECOND LESSON..... James 3:3-18

St. James teaches that ambitiously pursuing greatness is not just prideful but also demonic. True greatness in Jesus' kingdom is acting toward others in ways that are humble.

³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all. Alleluia.

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

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Mark 9:30-37

Through a series of parables Jesus teaches the value of spiritual wealth.

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”
Christian Worship (21) #767

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your

Hymn continues on next page



life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine of your
 hum - blest char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all for me."
 lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



and with that have free - ly giv - en bless - ings
 till our cold and self - ish na - tures, warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, that you
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, hope, to



count - less as the sand to th' un - thank - ful
 you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 need what we can do, say - ing by your
 stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

THE SERMON Mark 9:30-37

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 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"
Christian Worship (21) #704



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, to his im - age
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus; his death from the
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, flee the world which would de - ceive us and to
 e'er con - form; heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us, sun - shine
 sec - ond death, from our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us, quick - ens
 from the dead, death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus,



sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing,
 fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in tears of sor - row,
 us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti - fy, while liv - ing,
 thou art now our head. We are tru - ly thine own mem - bers,



bod - y here, yet soul a - bove, full of faith and
 we shall reap in heav'n - ly joy, and the fears that
 flesh and blood and die to sin, and the grave that
 where thou liv - est, there live we; take and own us



hope and love, let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 now an - noy shall be laugh - ter on the mor - row. Christ, I
 shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, faith - ful Friend, as thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus,



Lord, a - bide with me; Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.
 suf - fer here with thee; there, O share thy joy with me.
 here I die to thee, there to live e - ter - nal - ly.
 here I live to thee, al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

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.



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.



Please be Seated

ANYONE WHO WANTS
+ TO BE FIRST +
MUST BE THE
+ VERY LAST +
AND THE
+ SERVANT +
OF ALL

CLOSING HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be"
Christian Worship (21) #695



- 1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



- take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. PAUL'S MARY & MARTHA MEETING: All St. Paul's women are invited to attend a Mary & Martha potluck supper on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00 PM in church narthex. Please bring a dish to pass and your suggestions for future activities and speakers.

LWMS DOOR COLLECTION: Next weekend, September 29th & 30th we will be having our semi-annual door collection to support the ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). For more information on the work of LWMS, visit their website: <http://www.lwms.org>. They thank you for your support.

LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEERS NEWS: August's edition of Forward In Christ featured an article about Lutheran Girl Pioneers, and included a photo of our very own St. Paul's LGP caravan! There are extra copies available on the narthex counter if you'd like to take a look!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: We recently began our Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. The Bible is full of different people that are part of God's plan of salvation. These people are filled with stories. Some of the people in the Bible are well-known; some are not. Over the next weeks, we will look at some of these people and the stories that tell. We may even find that some of these stories could be found in your life today. Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED: We are in need of a Sunday School teacher! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Adams.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE HELP NEEDED: We are in need of additional ushers and audio video operators for our church services. Any men, women, and/or students 6th grade or older are welcome to help! Please prayerfully consider using your God-given talents and volunteering. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Donn Johnson at bestefar260@gmail.com.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES: The church directories are here! Orders that have not yet been picked up are in your church mailboxes. We have a limited number of extra directories available for \$10.00 each – please contact the office if you would like one.

SOLES FOR JESUS: St. Paul's is excited to once again be working with Soles For Jesus for our school's 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 until October 23rd and raising funds to cover shipping costs.

FALL WORK DAYS: Do you have yard work or fall cleaning that needs to get done such as raking, hedge trimming, or window washing? Consider hiring hard-working members of WLHS Student Council for a free-will donation. All money raised will go to the 2024-25 WLHS mission project to the WELS mission church in London and Lutherans for Life to aid in their mission work. Work days will be held on the following Saturday and Sundays

starting October 5 & 6 through October 26 & 27, *excluding* October 12 & 13. Workers are limited to four hours per project. To request a team, E-mail workdays@wlhs.org and include your name, address, phone number, the work you need accomplished, and the day(s) this work could be completed.

WLHS THEATER RUMMAGE SALE: Everyone is invited to the theater rummage sale on Friday, October 4 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 5, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the atrium at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Fill a grocery bag for \$10 and \$5 for subsequent bags. Items include costume pieces, street clothes, shoes, and more!

VIKING STEEL COMMUNITY BAND: WLHS Viking Steel is excited to announce the start of a community steel band! Viking Steel Community Band is open to both alumni of the program and any friends of Wisco who are interested in playing steel pan. Visit wlhs.org/vikingsteelcommunity to fill out an interest form.

WLHS NEW PRINCIPAL: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is excited to welcome Mr. Landon Zacharyasz as their new principal. Principal Zacharyasz comes from the Appleton area where he served as a principal of a WELS grade school. He and his wife Emily, along with their four children, are excited to be part of the Wisco family. Mr. Landon Zacharyasz joined WLHS as the school's sixth principal.

WLHS 6TH-8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE: Wisconsin Lutheran High School's Open House is on Sunday, October 6. Doors open at 12:45 p.m. with a program at 1:00 p.m. Families and students in grades 6-8 are invited to meet teachers, tour the school, and learn more about tuition assistance, scholarships, and the Choice Program. See what a difference academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment can make in your child's life! Interested families should register to attend at wlhs.org/openhouse.

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt

10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

September 18-24 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

September 25-October 1 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

September 22: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Carl & Carolyn Streeter
September 29: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

GRASS CUTTING (CHURCH)

September 25-28 – CREW #2 – Dave Qualmann
October 2-5 – CREW #3 – Frank Krajewski

GRASS CUTTING (CEMETERY)

September 25-28 – CREW #2 – Gary Tomic
October 2-5 – CREW #3 – Gordy Lesser

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 22

Worship Service.....8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study9:15 AM
Worship Service.....10:30 AM

Monday, September 23

Worship Service.....6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 24

Mary & Martha Potluck Supper6:00 PM

Friday, September 27

No School – Teacher In-Service

Sunday, September 29

Worship Service.....8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study9:15 AM
Worship Service.....10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 149, Communed – 100

10:30 AM – 58, Communed – 38

6:30 PM – N/A, Communed – N/A

Total Attendance – 207+

Total Communed – 138+