

**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,

- † 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  
**Pianist** ..... Mrs. Rachel Manske  
**Violinist** ..... Mr. Nate Guldberg

# OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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### THE OPENING HYMN ..... "How Firm a Foundation"

*Christian Worship (21) #800*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

*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.**

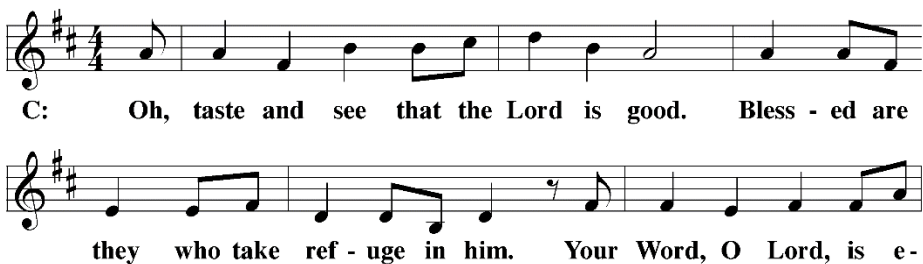
**P:** God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** **Amen.**

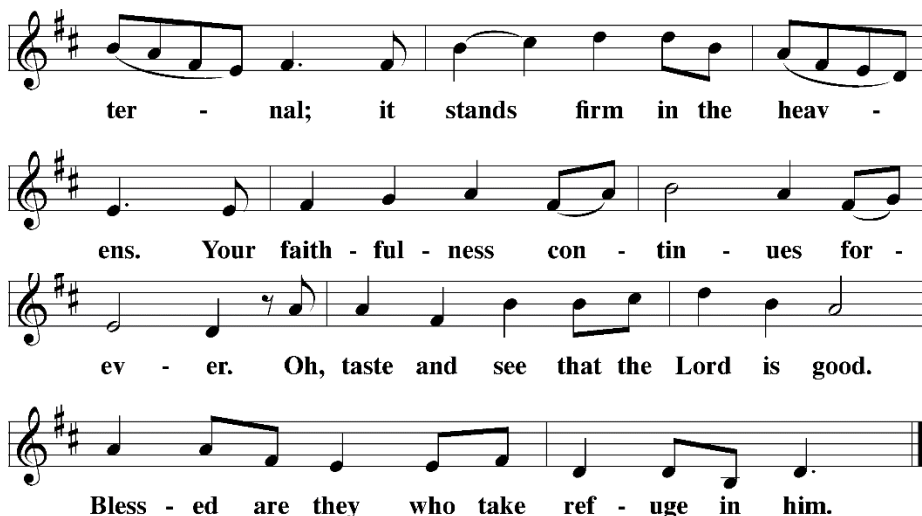
## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### OH, TASTE AND SEE



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Oh, Taste and See'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, including a quarter rest. The lyrics 'they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -' are written below the second staff.



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us forsake all trust in earthly gain and find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

*Please be Seated*

## THE WORD

**THE FIRST LESSON** ..... **2 Kings 5:14-27**

*The prophet Elisha's servant, Gehazi, prioritized riches over his walk with God.*

<sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

<sup>15</sup> Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.”

<sup>16</sup> The prophet answered, “As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.” And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

<sup>17</sup> “If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. <sup>18</sup> But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.”

<sup>19</sup> “Go in peace,” Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, <sup>20</sup> Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.”

<sup>21</sup> So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked.

<sup>22</sup> “Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’”

<sup>23</sup> “By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. <sup>24</sup> When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

<sup>25</sup> When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?”

“Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered.


<sup>26</sup> But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive

groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? <sup>27</sup> Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 90**

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*Refrain*



In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

*Psalm tone*



Lord, you have been our dwelling place\*  
throughout all generations.  
Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the earth and the world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.  
For a thousand years in your sight are like a day  
that has just gone by,\*  
or like a watch in the night.


***Refrain***

You have set our iniquities before you,\*  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.  
You turn mortals back to dust.\*  
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.  
The length of our days is seventy years—  
or eighty, if we have the strength;\*  
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

*Psalm continues on next page*

Teach us to number our days aright,\*  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

*Refrain*



In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

*Psalm tone*



In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,\*  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**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*

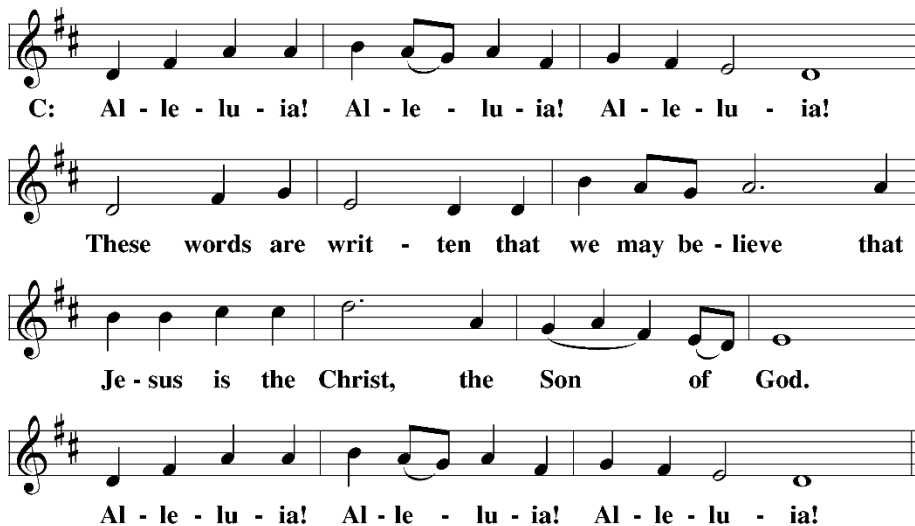
**THE SECOND LESSON..... Hebrews 4:12-13**

*God's Word is like a sword. It cuts through our pretensions and pride and exposes our true priorities.*

<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup>Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. For the word of God is alive and active. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 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 10:17-27

*Jesus helps a young man see a problem deeper than his failure to keep God's law perfectly—that he prioritized his wealth above the call to follow Christ.*

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup>"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>20</sup>"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."



<sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

<sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be Seated*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... **"Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ"**  
*Christian Worship (21) #560*

1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad-ness to this heart;  
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, can heal my sin-ful soul;  
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the dread-ful load  
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ran-som due;  
5 Your right-eous-ness, O Christ, a-lone can cov-er me;

they tell me all is done, they bid my fear de-part.  
your wounds, not mine, con-tain the balm that makes me whole.  
of sins that none could bear but the in-car-nate God.  
ten thou-sand deaths like mine would have been all too few.  
no oth-er right-eous-ness can set a sin-ner free.

*Refrain*

To whom but you, who can a-lone for sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

*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 ..... "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*Christian Worship (21) #811*



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart;  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran-sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my  
 my zeal in - spire! As thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
 be thou my guide. Bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
 shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran-somed soul!

*Please Stand*

**P:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

## CLOSING HYMN ..... "Day by Day"

*Christian Worship (21) #803*



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.  
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.  
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the  
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in  
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me

*Hymn continues on next page*



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I  
your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and  
ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers are given by Gordy & Michele Lesser in thanksgiving for their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Altar flowers are also given by Robert Dittrich in memory of his wedding anniversary.

**BUDGET UPDATE:** Our operating cash has stabilized since we are meeting our 2025 budgeted needs. Currently our weekly average of contributions is \$12,219, with a total of \$158,846 contributed through September 30th.

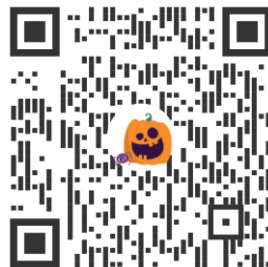
Contribution budget to date: \$159,466

Contributions given to date: \$158,846

Budget to date contribution shortfall: \$620

**ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP:** Hello St. Paul's teens! We are eager to invite you to our St. Paul's Youth Ministry Kick Off today, Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am in between the church services. Feel free to skip breakfast this October morning as we would like to serve you breakfast while we have a 1 hour gathering getting to know you and your fellow peers through food, activities (spiritual and fun) and planning what this group is going to look like. You are more than welcome to invite a friend or more to join you. Brian and Kristal Young, [kristal@kristalcleargraphics.com](mailto:kristal@kristalcleargraphics.com) or 414-325-6976

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 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 be games, refreshments and even a barrel train ride driven by Mr. Schulmeister! There will also be contests for the best trunk and best decorated pumpkins! Take a flyer from the narthex counter for more information! Sign up **by Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** using the QR code or contact the office!



**ST. PAUL'S GUEST SPEAKER:** Pastor James G. Buske, Executive Director Lighthouse Youth Center, Tuesday October 15, 2024, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Both men and women are invited to hear the presentation, which will include the history of the facilities and their Christian objectives and how we can support the WELS organization focusing on today's youth.

**MARY & MARTHA MEMBERS:** The following are our dates for 2024-2025. October 15, November 19, December 14-15 (Cookies baking and sale), January 21, 2025, February 18, March 18, April 15 and either May 6 or May 13 for final meeting of the year.

Please let myself, Sherry or Nancy know which date two of us could provide the fellowship desserts so I can print a schedule for all of us. I am excited to let everyone know that we have filled each day with a speaker and/or activity. Thanks to Marge Gebert who suggested Pastor Buske who according to our records has not made a presentation to our group since 2018. Thanks everyone. Let's try to bring a guest to our presentations.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LWMS) FALL RALLY:** All ladies are invited to attend the LWMS Fall Rally, which will be held on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:45 AM – 12:45 PM at St. Lucas Lutheran Church – 2605 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Milwaukee. Flyers with more information are available on the narthex counter.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** A new Women's Bible study will be introduced this fall on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the Bible classroom here at church with leaders Jean Terek & Lucy Ellenberger. Then we will meet every other Tuesday starting November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the counter in the narthex for the book we will use. We invite any woman and friends to join us as we study "Mary: Providential Earthly Mother of God" by

Lou Ann Mokwa. Learn about Mary's true identity as revealed in the Bible. Give us a call if you have any questions or to sign up. Jean: 414-704-0311 or Lucy: 414-759-1032.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bestefar260@gmail.com).

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> and raising funds to cover shipping costs.

**LUTHER PREP INVITES YOU:** Join the Luther Prep cast and crew of 'Haphazardly Ever After' by Jeff Fluharty on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and/or Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the LPS Auditorium for a 90 minute entertaining show about a King and Queen's struggle to deal with their adult children the princes and princesses. Get all the details at [lps.wels.net/fallplay](http://lps.wels.net/fallplay)

**WLHS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT:** Calling pickleball players of all ages — new or experienced! Grab a partner and sign up to play in the Pickleball Tournament at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Saturday, October 19, starting at 9:30 a.m. Play fun pickleball matches, wear your best matching outfits, and compete for the right to be pickleball champion! Cost is \$10 per team. Visit [wlhs.org/pickleball](http://wlhs.org/pickleball) to register. For questions, contact [jason.goede@wlhs.org](mailto:jason.goede@wlhs.org).

**WLHS FALL FINE ARTS SHOWCASE:** Everyone is invited to the WLHS Fall Fine Arts Showcase on Sunday, October 20, at 3:00 p.m, featuring the Symphonic and Concert Bands, Freshman and A Cappella Choirs, and Wisco Kids Show Choir. The concert will also include a special band and choir collaboration piece called "Sogno di Volare" (The Dream of Flight) by the two-time Grammy-winning composer, Christopher Tin. Join us as our student musicians use their talents to celebrate God's special gift of music!

**USHERS FOR OCTOBER**

- 8:00 AM** – TEAM #2 – Tony Tripoli, Larry McKee, Steve Mess, Micah Milhans
- 10:30 AM** – TEAM #6 – Bob Duchesneau, Nathan Riel, Randy LaPorte
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

**ALTAR GUILD**

- October 9-15 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek, Sarah Carabacan
- October 16-22 – TEAM #1 – Beverly Garves, Sherry Kosovich, Vanessa McKee

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

- Oct 13: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Kevin & Debbie Swanson
- Oct 20: Set-up – Don Druml & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Carl & Carolyn Streeter

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, October 13**

- Worship Service.....8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study .....9:15 AM
- Youth Ministry Kick-off Breakfast.....9:15 AM
- Worship Service.....10:30 AM

**Monday, October 14**

- Worship Service.....6:30 PM

**Tuesday, October 15**

- Mary & Martha Guest Speaker .....6:30 PM

**Wednesday, October 16**

- PTO Meeting.....6:30 PM



**Friday, October 18**

Trunk or Treat..... 6:30 PM

**Sunday, October 20**

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

Adult Bible Study ..... 9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion..... 10:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 73, Communed – 70

10:30 AM – 230, Communed – 85

6:30 PM – 29, Communed – 26

Total Attendance – 332

Total Communed – 181