

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 Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher Pastor Wayne Shevey
Organist Ms. Heather Schmidt

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

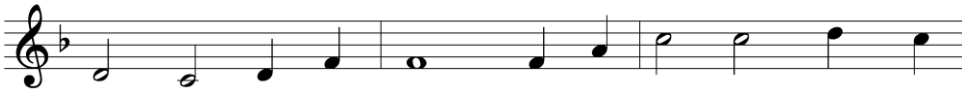
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1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing
gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing
wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

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.

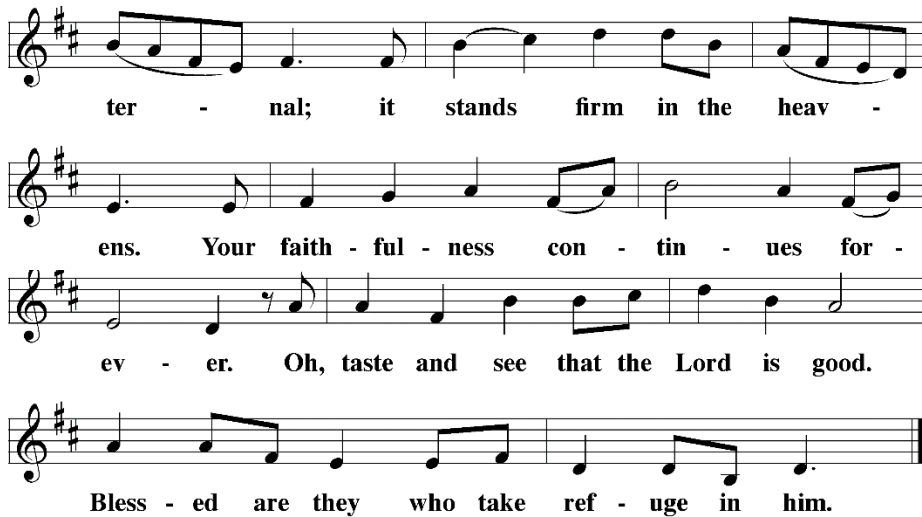
OH, TASTE AND SEE



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 -
 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.

O God, the helper of all who call on you, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see your Son that we may follow him on the way that leads to eternal life; 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 Jeremiah 31:7-9

Faith sees its Savior. Without faith, it is impossible to see him. Jeremiah records words of promise for those Israelites whose pride had blinded them and who were heading into exile.

⁷ This is what the LORD says:
 “Sing with joy for Jacob;
 shout for the foremost of the nations.
 Make your praises heard, and say,
 ‘LORD, save your people,
 the remnant of Israel.’

⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north
 and gather them from the ends of the earth.
 Among them will be the blind and the lame,
 expectant mothers and women in labor;
 a great throng will return.

⁹ They will come with weeping;
 they will pray as I bring them back.
 I will lead them beside streams of water
 on a level path where they will not stumble,
 because I am Israel’s father,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

THE PSALM OF THE DAYPsalm 126

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Refrain

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

Psalm tone

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When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion,*
 we were like those who dreamed.

Psalm continues on next page

Our mouths were filled with laughter,*
our tongues with songs of joy.

The LORD has done great things for us,*
and we are filled with joy.



Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the desert.*
Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,*
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

**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..... Revelation 3:14-22

Jesus writes words of warning to those who were not seeing through their eyes of faith because their wealth and security were blinding them.

¹⁴ “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. ¹⁵I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

¹⁹Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

²¹To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Alleluia.
(Hebrews 12:2)

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 10:46-52

Bartimaeus gives us the positive example of that blind man seeing his Savior. As Jesus points out, it is the faith that matters. Bartimaeus trusted the right one – the true Son of David.

⁴⁶ Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

YOUR FAITH
HAS HEALED YOU

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THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not to rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y_a doubt, fight-ings and fears with - in, with-
heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to



thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

THE SERMON Revelation 3:14-22

“Jesus Makes the Difference Regarding Indifference”

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 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

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1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with him be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
pit - y spo - ken, heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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 "Amazing Grace"

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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Thank you to Pastor Wayne Shevey for sharing God's word with us this weekend! Pastor Shevey serves as Campus Pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Jacque & Doreen Vallier in thanksgiving for their 22nd wedding anniversary.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The new Women's Bible study will begin this Tuesday, October 29th at 9:00 AM in the Bible classroom at church with leaders Jean Terek and Lucy Ellenberger. You will receive your own copy of "Mary, The Providential Earthly Mother of God" at that time. **It's not too late to join us!** Come even if you did not sign up. See you there.

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.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (GRADES 8-12): We will be meeting every Sunday in between the services through December, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., and hope you can join us then. We will be continuing our study, "Discovering truth through scripture" along with other topics that come up.

MARY & MARTHA GUEST SPEAKER: Join us on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 PM for a presentation by our congregation's own Sharon Kiesow. She is going to be showing us how to make a porch pot decoration that will be fun to use through the Christmas season. Sharon is asking the attendees to bring a pot or basket they would like to use and an evergreen bough. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please sign up on the narthex counter if you would like to participate!

SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible Camp, June 23-27, 2025! More information will come later!

WLHS VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE: Wisconsin Lutheran High School will hold its annual Veterans Day observance on Monday, November 11, 2024. Service men and women are invited to a complimentary plated breakfast that will be served in the WLHS cafeteria at 7:30 a.m. RSVP for the breakfast at wlhs.org.veterans by Friday, November 1. For questions, contact Becky Glass at becky.glass@wlhs.org or 414-453-4567 ext. 2291.

WLHS FALL DRAMA PRODUCTION: Tickets for the WLHS fall theater production *Peter Pan and Wendy* are on sale now! Visit wlhs.org/drama for more information.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting its 1st annual Christmas Market. They are looking for artists and crafters who would like to sell their goods at the market. This can be home goods, decorations, jewelry, etc. The cost for a table is \$50 and goes to benefit the Visual Arts Department. Vendors are responsible for all sales. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Meg Schuessler at meg.schuessler@wlhs.org.

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

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski

10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – *open*

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

ALTAR GUILD

October 23-29 – TEAM #1 – Beverly Garves, Sherry Kosovich, Vanessa McKee

October 30-November 5 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

October 27: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

November 3: Set-up – Tony & Mary Tripoli, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 27

Worship Service.....	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study	9:15 AM
Youth Bible Study (Grades 8-12)	9:15 AM
Worship Service.....	10:30 AM

Monday, October 28

Public School Confirmation Class	5:00 PM
Worship Service.....	6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 29

Women's Bible Study	9:00 AM
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Sunday, November 4

Worship Service with Communion.....	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study	9:15 AM
Youth Bible Study (Grades 8-12)	9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion.....	10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 60, Communed – 51

10:30 AM – 170, Communed – 100

6:30 PM – 29, Communed – 27

Total Attendance – 259

Total Communed – 178