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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May you find rest for your soul in Christ!

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
- Please silence your cell phone and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. We remind you to be sure to fill out a communion registration card and place it in the offering plate. For your personal preparation before communing, turn to pages 156 and 11 in the front of the hymnal. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** In every season, every place, may we recall your Word of grace until, when life's brief day is past, we reach eternal joy at last and keep with angels in your rest the endless Sabbath of the blest. Grant this to us through Christ, your Son, who reigns with you upon your throne. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

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**SERVICE THEME** Jesus is the Rest-Giver.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of Word and Sacrament*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* | **CW 234 v 1-3**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of his mercy did shade you.

M: 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.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

M: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY (SPOKEN)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C: Amen.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### SONG OF PRAISE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* | CW 234 v 4-5

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
As with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### LESSON

Hebrews 4:1-11

*The eternal Sabbath Rest of heaven awaits all who believe in Jesus.*

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be fearful that any one of you may be judged to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>In fact, we have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united in faith with those who did listen. <sup>3</sup>Indeed, we who believe are going to enter his rest.

It happened just as he vowed when he said:

So I swore an oath in my wrath,  
“They will never enter my rest.”

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way:

And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.

<sup>5</sup>And again in this statement:

They will never enter my rest.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, since it is still the case that some do enter this rest, and yet those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not enter because of disobedience,

<sup>7</sup>God again set a certain day, namely, “today,” when he later said through David, as quoted before:

Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.

<sup>8</sup>For, if Joshua had given them rest, then God would not have spoken later about another day.

<sup>9</sup>So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. <sup>10</sup>For the one who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

*Jesus alone gives us true rest for our souls.*

<sup>25</sup>At that time, Jesus continued, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup>Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. <sup>27</sup>Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*From Greenland’s Icy Mountains* | CW 571

From Greenland’s icy mountains, From India’s coral strand,  
Where Africa’s bright fountains Roll down their golden sand,  
From many an ancient river, From many a palmy plain,  
They call us to deliver Their land from error’s chain.

What though the fragrant breezes Blow soft o’er distant isles,  
Though ev’ry vista pleases, Yet sin the land defiles.  
In vain with lavish kindness The gifts of God are strown;  
The heathen in their blindness Bow down to wood and stone.

Can we whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high,  
Can we to those benighted The lamp of life deny?  
Salvation! Oh, salvation! The joyful sound proclaim  
Till each remotest nation Has learned Messiah’s name.

#### SERMON TEXT

Joshua 23:1-11

*The rest that Joshua gave the Children of Israel in the Land of Canaan pointed ahead to the rest that Jesus has secured for our souls.*

After many days, when the LORD had given Israel rest from all its enemies all around, when Joshua had grown old and advanced in years, <sup>2</sup>Joshua summoned all Israel—its elders, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and he said to them:

I have grown old and advanced in years. <sup>3</sup>You yourselves have seen everything that the LORD your God has done for you against all these nations. Yes, the LORD your God was fighting for you! <sup>4</sup>See now, I have allotted to your tribes an inheritance from these nations that remain unconquered, as well as from the nations that I have destroyed. It extends from the Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. <sup>5</sup>The LORD your God himself will push them away from you and drive them out of your presence, until they perish. He will send wild animals among them until he completely destroys them and their kings from your presence and you will take possession of their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. <sup>6</sup>You must be very resolute in carrying out all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses by not turning from it to the right or to the left, <sup>7</sup>by not intermingling with these nations that remain with you. Do not ever call on or swear by the names of their gods. Never serve them and never bow down to them. <sup>8</sup>But hold fast to the LORD your God, just as you have been doing to this day.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD has driven out great and powerful nations from among you. As for you, no one has stood up against you to this day.<sup>10</sup>One of you would put a thousand to flight because the LORD your God himself was fighting for you, just as he promised you. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, for your own sakes be very careful to love the LORD your God.

### **“Complete Your Life’s Mission”**

1. As God’s Children
2. As God’s Witnesses

*Pastor Guse*

### **PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING**

#### **THE SACRAMENT**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

#### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

♪ **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

M: 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.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

#### **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | CW 311*

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.  
Come into the daylight’s splendor; There with joy your praises render  
Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.  
Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev’rence greet him,  
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.

He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,  
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ’s true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.

Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,  
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,  
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.  
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.

Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,  
That Christ's body must be boundless Since the souls it feeds are countless,  
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.  
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.

Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,  
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring-  
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.  
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.  
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace you give me As your guest in heav'n receive me.

## 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.**

## THE BLESSING

M: 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. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways* | **CW 462**

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your Word,  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget your way,  
Restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands-  
'Tis a delightful road-  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

## ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

## GREETERS

7:45 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz  
10:00 ~ Judine Schicker

## Weekly Announcements

**BAPTISM** Allison Marie Williams, newborn daughter of Jonathon and Pamela Williams, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 10:00 service on Sunday. May Allison always remain faithful to her baptismal covenant.

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD** Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our sister in faith, Alice Wessel, who departed from this life to life eternal on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at the age of 90 years, 2 months, and 12 days. The funeral service was held Saturday, July 18, and her mortal remains were laid to rest at Ledgeview Memorial Park to await the glorious resurrection.

Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our brother in faith, Robert “Bob” Johnson, who departed from this life to life eternal on Friday, July 10, 2020 at the age of 81 years, 9 months and 24 days. The funeral service was held Wednesday, July 15, and his mortal remains were laid to rest at Estabrooks Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection.

May their family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God’s Word.

**MEMORIALS** A special gift has been given to the General Fund in memory of Sharon Espinosa. Family and friends have given a gift to the General Fund in loving memory of John Stommel.

**CARD SHOWER FOR OUR NEW TEACHER** Our new eighth grade teacher, Carl Manske will be installed into the Public Ministry of the Gospel on Thursday and Sunday, August 20 and 23. Our St. Peter’s family will welcome him with a card shower. Please welcome this servant of the Lord with a card and gift. There is a box in the narthex.



**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!** Join your fellow members of St. Peter’s for a night out at the ballpark to watch the Fond du Lac Dock Spiders take on the Wisconsin Woodchucks on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:35 pm. Cost is \$12.00 per person and children 2 and under are free. It is also Bang for Your Buck Night and social distancing guidelines will be followed for seating. Please sign-up and submit payment in the narthex by Sunday, July 26. Hope to see you there!

**SEMINARY FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE** In support of the many fine men who are being trained in the ministry, and their families, we are having a food and supplies drive. In addition to any non-perishable food items, we will also be accepting any



household items such as laundry and cleaning supplies. The drive will take place starting on July 19 going through August 23. We will have tables set up in the narthex where you can drop off your donations. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our future pastors!

### *Daily Bible Readings*

07/19 1 Samuel 31	07/23 Acts 26:1-18
07/20 Ephesians 1:1-14	07/24 Acts 26:19-32
07/21 Ephesians 1:15-23	07/25 Acts 27:1-20
07/22 Ephesians 2	

### *Last Week’s Stewardship*

Worship: 110 + 60 + 91 = 261

### *First Fruits to the Lord 2020:*

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$20,293.82	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,385.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	22,678.82	\$777,587.90
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	871,556.56
Overage (Shortfall)	(8,448.20)	(93,968.66)
Improvement Fund	225.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	564.00	
Honoring the Lord!	269.00	
Ministerial Education TA	103.00	