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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 7:45 & 10:00 am

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the joy of being included in God's plan of salvation fill your heart today and always.

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.
- Hymns and songs are reprinted under OneLicense #A-713891. Artwork obtained from churchart.com. Scripture texts are taken from the New International Version 1984 translation.
- 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.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord of the living harvest that ripens o'er the plain, where angels soon will gather their sheaves of golden grain, accept our hands to labor, our hearts to trust and love, and be with us to hasten your kingdom from above. As laborers in your vineyard, Lord, give us work to do, content to bear the burden of weary days for you, to ask no other wages when you will call us home than to have shared the labor that makes your kingdom come. Amen.

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**SERVICE THEME** Sinners from every nation under heaven have always been included in God's plan of salvation.

**BELLS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”**  
LAPPY page 262-263

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need your tender care.  
In your pleasant pastures feed us; For our use your folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; yours we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; yours we are.

We are yours; in love befriend us; Be the guardian of our way.  
Keep your flock; from sin defend us; Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear your children when they pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear your children when they pray.

Ever let us seek your favor; Ever let us do your will.  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With your love our hope fulfill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us; love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us; love us still.

**GREETING**

Pastor/**Congregation**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**“Father, I Adore You”**

LAPPY page 67

Father, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you!

Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you!

Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LESSON**

**Romans 11:13-15, 28-32**

*Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, rejoiced in the salvation of Jews and Gentiles alike.*

<sup>13</sup>I am speaking to you Gentiles. For as long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I am going to speak highly of my ministry. <sup>14</sup>Perhaps I may make my own people jealous, and so save some of them. <sup>15</sup>For if their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, what does their acceptance mean other than the dead coming to life?

<sup>28</sup>In regard to the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But, in regard to election, they are especially dear for the sake of the patriarchs, <sup>29</sup>because God's gracious gifts and call are not regretted. <sup>30</sup>For just as you were once disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy due to their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so also now they have become disobedient, so that by the mercy shown to you they may be shown mercy too. <sup>32</sup>For God imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may show mercy to all.

**RESPONSE**

**“God Loves Me Dearly”**

LAPPY page 93 v 1 & 2

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation; God loves me dearly, loves even me.  
Therefore, I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

I was in bondage, sin, death, and darkness; God's love was working to make me free.  
Therefore, I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

*Although Jesus was descended from the Jewish nation, he didn't come only for the Jewish nation, but for sinners from every nation under heaven.*

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

<sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us."

<sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

<sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

<sup>26</sup>He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

<sup>27</sup>"Yes, Lord," she said, "yet the dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

LAPPY page 18

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art. Thou my best thought  
in the day and the night;  
Waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;  
Thou my whole armor  
and thou my true might; Thou my soul's shelter  
and thou my strong tower.  
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's  
Sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## SERMON

Joshua 2:8-21

*A Gentile prostitute was included in, and played an intricate role in God's plan of salvation.*

<sup>8</sup>But before the men lay down, Rahab came up to them on the roof. <sup>9</sup>She said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land. Because of you, terror has fallen upon us, and all the inhabitants of the land are melting in fear before you. <sup>10</sup>Indeed, we have heard that the LORD dried up the waters of the Red Sea in front of you when you came out of Egypt, and we heard what you did to the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan—to Sihon and to Og. We heard that you devoted them to destruction. <sup>11</sup>We heard, and our hearts melted, and no one's courage could hold up anymore against you, because the LORD your God is God in the heavens above and on the earth below. <sup>12</sup>So now, please swear to me by the LORD that since I have shown kindness to you, you in turn will show kindness to my father's house. Give me a trustworthy sign <sup>13</sup>that you will preserve the lives of my father and mother and my brothers and sisters and all who belong to them, and that you will deliver our lives from death."

<sup>14</sup>The men said to her, "If you do not reveal what we are doing, our lives are pledged for your lives, even to the point of death. Then when the LORD gives us the land, we will show mercy and faithfulness to you."

<sup>15</sup>So she let them down through the window with a rope, since her house was built into the city wall, and she was living inside the wall.

<sup>16</sup>She said to them, "To the hill country! Get moving, so the pursuers do not catch up with you. Hide there for three days until the pursuers return, and then you can go on your way."

<sup>17</sup>The men said to her, "When we come into the land, we will be free from this oath you made us swear <sup>18</sup>unless you tie this bright red cord in the window through which you let us down, and you gather your father and mother, your brothers and your father's entire household into your house. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who goes outside the doors of your house, his blood will be on his own head, and we will be free of guilt. Anyone who is with you in the house, his blood will be on our heads if a hand is laid on him. <sup>20</sup>If you tell what we are doing, we will be free from the oath that you made us swear."

<sup>21</sup>She said, "Just as your words say, so be it!" Then she sent them out, and they went away. And she tied the bright red cord in the window.

**"The LORD Truly Unifies"**

*Pastor Zuberbier*

## SERMON RESPONSE

**“God Loves Me Dearly”**  
LAPPY page 93 v. 3 & 4

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer; He sent forth Jesus and set me free.  
Therefore, I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Jesus, my Savior, himself did offer; Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed.  
Therefore, I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.**

### SERMON HYMN

**“The Old Rugged Cross”**  
LAPPY pages 226-227

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it someday for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me,  
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above To bear it to dark Calvary.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it someday for a crown.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died To pardon and justify me.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it someday for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then he'll call me someday to my home far away, Where glory forever I'll share.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it someday for a crown.

## CLOSING COLLECT

## BLESSING

### HYMN

**“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**  
LAPPY page 164-165

Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs  
before thee, Op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the  
dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays; Stars and  
angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and  
mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of  
living, Ocean depth of happy rest! Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the  
midst of strife; Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

### ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

### GREETERS

7:45 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz

10:00 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum

## Weekly Announcements

**BAPTISM** Eliza Jean Stephens, newborn daughter of Shaun and Jennifer Stephens, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday. May Eliza always remain faithful to her baptismal covenant.

**BIBLE CLASSES DELAYED** The Board of Adult Discipleship, in consultation with the Board of Elders, has decided to put the start of Bible Class on hold. This decision was based on advice from a physician who has concerns about social distancing during the less formal gatherings of Bible Class. As one of our members said, "It's better to err on the side of caution." As we navigate these uncharted waters, may we all continue to be patient and trust the Lord will one day restore our church life back to normal. This decision will be revisited when the governor's mask mandate ends on September 28.

**MEDITATIONS, FORWARD IN CHRIST, & BOOKMARKS** The new issue of *Meditations* and the September *Forward in Christ* are in the narthex. Bookmarks for the next set of Bible readings through November 30 are available as well.

**OWLS** Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, Flyway OWLS will NOT be having any meetings in September, October, November and December. In early December, the officers will meet again and appraise the situation for future meetings in 2021. Due to the cancellation of our Annual OWLS meeting it directly impacts European Civilian Chaplaincy. Perhaps you could give a donation to this group at this time. You can mail your donation to: European Civilian Chaplaincy, PO Box 270196, Hartford, WI 53027. Make your check out to: European Civilian Chaplaincy. Thank you.

**25<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Our St. Peter's family will be thanking the Lord that both Andy Mildebrandt and Emil Schuh have served 25 years and 40 years respectively in the teaching ministry. We will have special services on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 and Sunday, September 20 at 7:45 and 10:30. We hope our entire St. Peter's family will be gracious with their gifts and join in this service of praise and thanksgiving for the Public Ministry of the Gospel.

**SCRIP AT WLA** The SCRIP window at WLA is open on Wednesdays from Noon-6:00 pm. If you wish to purchase SCRIP before 3:15 pm enter at door #5, wear a

mask, show your ID, and have your temperature checked. After 3:15 pm enter at door #1 wearing a mask and social distancing.

St. Peter's will have SCRIP available in the school office Thursday and Friday mornings and after each church service.

**EVENING CIRCLE** The executive committee held an outdoor meeting to discuss the plans for Evening Circle. We all shared the same opinion that now is not the time to try to restart. Our two major events, hosting the cake reception for Mr. Mildebrandt and Mr. Schuh, and the fall mission festival dinner have been cancelled due to Covid-19. We will keep an eye on the situation and hopefully will be able to extend an invitation within a few months. We miss you all!

### *Daily Bible Readings*

08/30 2 Samuel 12:1-13:37	09/03 2 Samuel 18:1-19:8
08/31 2 Samuel 13:38-14:33	09/04 2 Samuel 19:9-39
09/01 2 Samuel 15:1-16:14	09/05 2 Samuel 19:40-20:26
09/02 2 Samuel 16:15-17:29	

### *Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 96 + 106 + 116 = 318

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$30,609.66	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	1,934.47	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	32,544.13	\$925,966.71
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	1,058,318.68
Overage (Shortfall)	1,417.11	(132,351.97)
Improvement Fund	137.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	38.00	
Honoring the Lord!	613.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	270.03	
Ministerial Tuition Assistance	25.00	
Radio Ministry	25.00	