



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
&
WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY'S OPENING SERVICE
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St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word

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WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE May our hearts be filled with joy as we refresh our souls in the rivers and streams of God’s Word.

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 the pastors.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 or FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend’s sermon.
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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 **please speak with the pastor before communing** with us. Thank you.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky, we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age. Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old. Oh, teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

*I am the Bread of Life:
The Bread That Gives Wisdom & Life*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting One | 154-171

OPENING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace | 591

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

St. Paul explains that we need a wisdom that only the Spirit can give, a wisdom that understands that in Christ we have the bread of life.

Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. ⁷Instead we speak God’s wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) ⁹But as it is written:

What no eye has seen and no ear has heard
and no human mind has conceived—
that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

¹⁰But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹Indeed, who among men knows a man’s thoughts except the man’s spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God’s thoughts except God’s Spirit.

¹²What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God. ¹³We also speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual truths with spiritual words. ¹⁴However, an unspiritual person does not accept the truths taught by God’s Spirit, because they are foolishness to him, and

he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually evaluated. ¹⁵But the spiritual person evaluates all things, and he himself is evaluated by no one. ¹⁶Indeed, “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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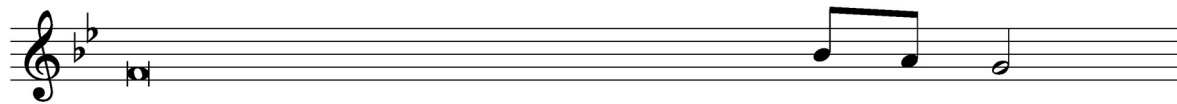


Refrain



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Tone



No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them,



and I will raise them up at the last day.

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:35-51

Jesus declares that anyone wise enough to eat the bread of life will live forever.

“I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But I said to you that you have also seen me, and you do not believe. ³⁷Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me, but raise them up on the Last Day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees

the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. And I will raise him up on the Last Day.”

⁴¹So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They asked, “Isn’t this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

⁴³Jesus answered them, “Stop grumbling among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day.

⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father.

⁴⁷Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

⁴⁸“I am the Bread of Life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Speak, O Lord | 633

SERMON LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-6

In this poetic reading, spiritual wisdom is personified as a kind woman. Lady Wisdom invites us to dine on the spiritual food that empowers us to truly live.

Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out her seven pillars. ²She has prepared her meat. She has mixed her wine. She has already set her table. ³She has sent out her servant girls. She calls from the highest point in the city, ⁴“Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here.” To someone who lacks sense she says, ⁵“Come, eat my food, and drink the wine that I have mixed. ⁶Abandon your naïve ways and live. Travel the road to understanding.”

“Answer Wisdom’s Call”

Pastor Peter Lindemann

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

SUNDAY SERVICE

WLA FACULTY CHOIR

“O Lord God, You Have Called Your Servants”
by Carl Schalk

O Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE INSTALLATION OF
WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY’S FACULTY MEMBERS

- Ryan Jacobs- Health & Special Education Instructor
- Mason DeNoyer- Math Instructor
- Mykenna Schneiter- Science Instructor
- Moriah Hackbarth- Math Instructor
- Ethan Mallow- Technology Coordinator & Instructor



Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said to his church: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Winnebago Lutheran Academy has been established to equip young people “for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole

measure of the fullness of Christ.” In this ministry we witness to the great things God has done in Christ to guide and govern our world and to save us from the ravages of sin and the horror of life without God. It is our goal that all our students grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Friends,

Winnebago Lutheran Academy has called you to serve as teachers in the public ministry of the gospel.

As servants of Christ, you are to teach all your classes in the light of God’s Word and lead your students to understand God’s holy law and saving gospel. You are to keep them in your prayers and guide and guard their spiritual growth.

You are to set aside time for personal study of the scriptures so that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are to strive to be an example of Christian faith and life so that others may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

You are to work together with the parents of your students so that the witness of law and gospel may be consistent at home and at school. You are to serve alongside the other called workers in this ministry with love, patience and respect.

In all your tasks and responsibilities, our Lord Jesus equips you with the gospel of the forgiveness of sins, the gift that makes you truly competent as servants of Christ. St. Paul wrote: “Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.”

In keeping with the Word and will of the Lord, I ask you before God and his people:

Do you believe that the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired and inerrant Word of God and the only source of truth for faith and ministry?
I do.

Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds- the Apostles’, the Nicene, and the Athanasian- as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors that they condemn?
I do.

Do you solemnly promise that all your service in its various forms will conform to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions?
I do.

Will you endeavor to live a life that reflects the love God has for you so that all may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Are you willing to carry out this work according to the grace that God gives?

I am, and I ask God to help me.

Friends in Christ,

You have heard the promises spoken by the teachers you have called. I encourage you to receive them with joy and remember what the Word of God calls you to do.

Work together with them for the benefit of the Lord's kingdom.

Support them as they teach the young, so that they may be brought up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Keep them and their work in your prayers.

Provide for their physical needs.

Honor and love them.

I now ask you in the presence of God:

Are you willing to receive your teachers as servants of Christ? Will you show them love and honor and support them with your gifts and prayers? If so, answer:

We will, and we ask God to help us.

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Dear students, the Savior calls on you to honor and obey all your teachers and instructors so that their work may bring them joy and be a blessing to you. As you learn from your new teachers, show your love for Jesus by respecting and listening to them, especially when they share the Word of God with you.

I install you as teachers at Winnebago Lutheran Academy in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord pour out on you his Holy Spirit for the work you have been called to do that you may faithfully carry out all your duties and responsibilities with the Word of God as your confidence and guide.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, source of all wisdom, we thank you for the opportunity we have to send our children to Lutheran schools. May your life-giving Word be the center of all teaching and every activity so that all may come to know and believe your holy law and saving gospel. Equip our new teachers with spiritual wisdom that they may faithfully carry out the duties of their call. Move our students to godly obedience and cause them to grow through their instruction in your Word so that they may serve you throughout their lives and finally inherit eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and make your ministry a blessing to others.

THE SACRAMENT

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Word of God, Come Down on Earth | 537

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You | 581

ORGANIST: Erin Achey
GREETER: 9:00 ~ Mike Dowland



Wednesday, Aug 21 ~ First Day of School
Friday, Aug 30 & Monday, Sept 2 ~ No School & Office Closed
Sunday, Sept 8 @ 11:30am ~ WPCP Open Forum
Monday, Sept 9 @ 6:30pm ~ Evening Circle Meeting with light supper
Sept 12 & 15 ~ LWMS Door Offering
Friday, Sept 20 ~ 8th Grade Night @ WLA
Friday, Oct 4 ~ WLA Skit Night
Saturday, Oct 5 @ 11am ~ WLA Homecoming Football Game