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WELCOME

God welcomes you no matter who you are – and so do we. Thank you for joining us in God's house today. Whether you are a first-time guest, a friend or relative of a member, or a curious observer from a different religious background, we are delighted to be with you in worship.

A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

We believe that Jesus is the Savior of all. By his life, death, and resurrection Jesus saves all sinners simply because he loves us. That is called the gospel, and it's the good news on every page of God's Word. Therefore, the Bible is not just information about God or rules from God, but the saving power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts and restore our lives. Lutheran worship places this good news at the center of the worship service with an order called *liturgy*. In both the Word and sacrament (God's Means of Grace), in specifically selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted and often ancient songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news of Jesus from start to finish.

Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out entirely. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red hymnal located in front of you. Parts marked **L** are spoken or sung by the worship leader, and the parts marked **C** and printed in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- **Quiet Bags** are for any parents with small children. They are on a stand in the back of church.
- **Weekly News & Notes** are printed in the back of this worship folder.
- **Restrooms** are to the left as you walk out the back of church or in the basement.
- **Website:** oursaviourwels.org

OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Saviour's proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (wels.net). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod, as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).



WORSHIP SERIES



June 11 -	The Festival of the Holy Trinity	July 30 -	Christian Home
June 18 -	Sin & Grace	August 6 -	Christian Life in Society
June 25 -	Faith & Works	August 13 -	The Church & your church
July 2 -	God's Word	August 20 -	Stewardship (Pastor Juergens)
July 9 -	The Sacraments	August 27 -	Evangelism
July 16 -	Creation & Preservation	September 3 -	Prayer (Pastor Wolfe)
July 23 -	Eschatology		

What is Martin Luther's legacy? He didn't set out to change the way people viewed authority, education, science, or religion. He simply used the truth of God's Word. If anyone, no matter how powerful, tried to silence the voice of God, then Luther was ready to face them with the power of God's Word at all costs. That is our Lutheran legacy. It doesn't mean we are disciples of Martin Luther, but rather we are built on the truth of Christ no matter what. If it's not popular, if it's not logical, and if it's not easy, it doesn't matter. As we study our Lutheran legacy, clear biblical truth is the priority and always will be.

Today God shows us the blessings he gives to the Church. While we distinguish his Holy Christian Church from all the visible churches on earth, God gives us the grace of his Word so that there is no question of his eternal promises. With his constant power and presence, we celebrate the blessings we have through our church on earth and the greater glory of his eternal Church.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

<i>Presiding & Preaching</i>	<i>Pastor Tom Moldenhauer</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Jim Fors</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Aaron Cook – Elder, Scott Overson, Jim Fors, Braden Kocis, Cole Gross</i>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Order of Service

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

To You Temple I Draw Near | # 226

Please stand.

These opening words remind us of our baptism and tell us who makes this house and this hour powerful.

GATHERING

L In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

1 John 1:8 **L** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:9 **C** **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

L Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his holy life and innocent death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

ABSOLUTION

L Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.**



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
 2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;
 3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;
 4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
 No one can serve him and de - spite an - oth - er.
 Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.
 Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



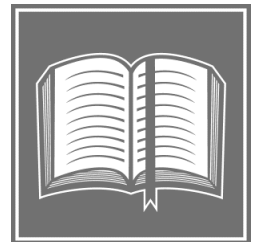
If we have seen him, we have seen the
 Who else u - nites us, one with God the
 He who re - deemed us, reigns with God the
 Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

In response to God's grace given in the absolution, the liturgy leads the Church to sing out in praise to the only one who could brighten our days by treating us with undeserved love and forgiveness, the only one who could constantly illuminate the joy of heaven to sinful people.

The Word



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Pastor says the Prayer of the Day (at the bottom of page 3).

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION

Children are invited up front for a brief devotion with Pastor.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-8

God's people are known by the obedience to his laws.

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

³ You saw with your own eyes what the Lord did at Baal Peor. The Lord your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, ⁴ but all of you who held fast to the Lord your God are still alive today.

⁵ See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it.

⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him?

⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 133-134 | pg. 115

SECOND READING

2 Peter 2:1-10

Danger and destruction from God are on those who follow false teachers.

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. ² Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. ³ In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; ⁵ if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; ⁶ if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

⁷ and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless ⁸ (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)—⁹ if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. ¹⁰ This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Like 17:20-21

The Verse of the Day is preparation for the Gospel and is accented by shouts of "Alleluia," which means, "Praise the Lord."

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

Jesus teaches about hypocrisy within the visible churches on earth.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church’s One Foundation | # 538

SERMON

John 8:31, 32

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

The Church and your church

Samuel Stone wrote **The Church’s One Foundation** and 11 other hymns based on the Apostles’ Creed in 1866. Since that time it has been used consistently throughout Christendom. Some who sang it at a special service at St. Paul’s in London for the Lambeth Conference in 1888 said that it “made them weak in the knees, their legs trembled, and they felt as though they were going to collapse.”



Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

THANK OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The members of Our Saviour's Lutheran join together to do the Lord's work in Bismarck and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

*Please help us be a friendly church by taking a moment to fill out the **Friendship Register** located at the end of the pew.*

As the offering is brought to the altar, please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After Pastor says, "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

LORD'S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

Please be seated.

Built on the Rock
is a Danish hymn
by Nicolai
Grundtvig, 1837.
Since 1807 the old
cathedral, Church
of Our Lady in
Copenhagen was
in ruins from the
Napoleonic Wars.
Perhaps this was
the basis for
Grundtvig to
emphasize the
concept of “living
stones”
compared to the
crumbled spires
of physical
churches.

HYMN

Please stand.

PRAYER

L Gracious Father, preserve your people in true faith through the outpouring of your Spirit, who comes to us powerfully in the Word and Sacraments. Give us peace and joy in the unity we share and direct our eyes to our home in heaven where we will be joined with you and all your holy people. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

L 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 **Amen.**

NEWS & NOTES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WELS CONVENTION

Two weeks ago, Pastor Wolfe served as a delegate to our WELS biennial Synod Convention. He has given the following brief highlights:

1) Missions are growing faster than ever. In the past two years WELS has come into contact and started doing mission work in 14 new countries. Opportunities have come from technology that lets us reach into nations “closed” by their governments, and in immigrant and refugee groups returning to their home countries. At the convention, WELS approved fellowship with 3 new national churches: in Ethiopia, Hong Kong, & one other East Asian nation.

2) Challenges continue financially for our Synod. While opportunities to reach out are expanding, the offerings that support that work have stayed at the same level for a number of years. We haven’t had to cut ministries at this time (due in part to the elimination of our Synod debt in 2016) but pray that our members might be even more generous so that our missions and work might grow all the more.

3) WELS is blessed with unity and brotherhood not commonly found in churches today. We give thanks for our foundation on pure teaching from God’s Word, a tremendous Reformation heritage.

PASTOR HOME VISITS

What good is a shepherd who doesn’t care about sheep? Pastor wants to make home visits to members. Please sign up in the entryway or contact him directly to schedule a visit.

VACATION REMINDER

If you are heading out of town for a summer break, your faith doesn’t need a vacation. 1) Check out the WELS Locator tab at wels.net. 2) Bring a worship folder back for Pastor. He might get an idea for our worship services. 3) Be safe! God be with you until we see each other again!

BIRTHDAYS

Mandy Moldenhauer – August 14

THIS WEEK

Today – **Worship @ 9am**
Family Bible Hour @ 10:15
Thursday – Outreach Team @ 6:30pm
Sunday – **Worship @ 9am (Lord’s Supper)**
Family Bible Hour @ 10:15

SERMONS

Copies of Pastor’s sermons along with past worship folders are available in the entryway.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study through September is about The Church and the role gives us in serving.

CATECHISM MEETING

Students entering 6-8 grade and their parents will meet about the upcoming year on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30pm.

AUGUST WISH LIST

The council has set a couple items on the August wish list that we did not include in our financial ministry plan for this year.

Little Treasures Morning Playgroup

Donations will help us purchase toys for the kid’s playtime and materials for the discovery stations such as sensory tables, sand, crafting items, bins, playdoh, etc.

Audio/Video

Our speaker system in church and the video equipment for our recordings seen on local TV need an upgrade.