



*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
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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](http://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](http://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	<b>August 27 -</b>	<b>Evangelism</b>
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 is all about good news, God's good news. Our world is being ripped apart by the differing and divisive views of good news. What if there was one piece of information that was universally good because it did not originate from us? What if there was good news that could change lives for time and eternity because of the one giving it? Have you met Jesus? He has this kind of good news. And we get to spread it!

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

<i>Presiding &amp; 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

Living God, send your Spirit to speak your good news to us. In a world lost in the darkness, put this good news in our hearts and on our lips to bring life to light; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# Morning Praise

This worship order is based on the historic service from monastic communities long ago, where monks and clergy would gather for this abridged service to begin their day.

## PASTOR'S WELCOME

## WELS CONNECTION

## OPENING HYMN

*I Hear the Savior Calling* | # 560

*Please stand.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**L** O Lord, open my lips.

*Psalm 51:15*

**C** And my mouth shall declare your praise.

**L** Hasten to save me, O God.

*Psalm 70:1*

**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.

**L** Praise be to the Rock of our salvation. He has done marvelous things.

**C** Come, let us worship him.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs* | # 227

At the beginning of Morning Praise the song is called the "Venite" meaning, "Come!" Christians come together in the morning to worship the Lord.



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon -  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To



an - gels round the throne. Ten thou - sand thou - sand  
be ex - alt - ed thus." "Wor - thy the Lamb," our  
or and pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than  
bless the sa - cred name Of him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.  
lips re - ply, "For he was slain for us."  
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

# The Word



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray.

*Pastor says the prayer on page 3, after which the congregation responds by saying:*

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## FIRST READING

**Jonah 1:1-3, 15-17, 2:10-3:10**

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

<sup>3</sup> But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

<sup>15</sup> Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm.

<sup>16</sup> At this the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows to him.

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

<sup>3:1</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup> When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

<sup>7</sup> This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

*God patiently works through Jonah to bring his good news.*



Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

*This psalm points to the good news of God’s mercies to his people at a time when they are once more suffering distress.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 85 | pg. 97**

SECOND READING

**Romans 10:11-15**

*God gives the reason and the power to speak good news.*

<sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

<sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

*While serving a church in Philadelphia, Daniel March wrote this hymn “in great haste” before a service on October 18, 1868 because the chosen hymn didn’t fit the Isaiah 6:8 text (“Then I said, ‘Here am I; send me.’”).*

HYMN OF THE DAY

**Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying | # 573**



<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

*Full of good news,  
Jesus both  
preaches and  
sends out people  
with his message.*

<sup>10:1</sup> Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

### Give God's Good News



Please stand.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Lord of the Living Harvest | # 559



1 Lord of the liv - ing har - vest That rip - ens  
2 As la - b'ers in your vine - yard, Lord, give us  
3 Be with us, God the Fa - ther; Be with us,



o'er the plain, Where an - gels soon will gath - er  
work to do, Con - tent to bear the bur - den  
God the Son And God the Ho - ly Spir - it,



Their sheaves of gold - en grain, Ac - cept our hands to  
Of wea - ry days for you, To ask no oth - er  
Most bless - ed Three in One. Make us your faith - ful



la - bor, Our hearts to trust and love, And be with  
wa - ges When you will call us home Than to have  
ser - vants You right - ly to a - dore, And fill us



us to has - ten Your king - dom from a - bove.  
shared the la - bor That makes your king - dom come.  
with your bless - ing Both now and ev - er - more.

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 forward, please stand.



LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

**L** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** With your free gift of a Savior, you have restored hope to our fallen world. We thank you for the good news that you have put in our hearts. Help us proclaim your gospel to our family members, friends, and neighbors. We pray to you, O Lord:

**C** **Christ, have mercy.**

**L** Lord Jesus, for giving your life in our place we praise your name with joy. Give us that same joy to take your good news to others who need hope and peace. We pray to you, O Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Holy Spirit, use your power working through the good news to break down barriers to our witness. Empower us to be faithful, fervent witnesses to the people among whom we live and work. We pray to you, O Lord:

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**L** Hear us as we pray the words you have taught us:

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.*

CLOSING HYMN

***I Love to Tell the Story* | # 562**

*Please stand.*

*The inspiration for this hymn came from a poem by Arabella Hankey, written "when I was weak and weary after an illness, realizing that simple thoughts in simple words are all we can bear in sickness."*

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### THE LORD'S BLESSING

**L** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



# NEWS & NOTES

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## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

*The Church & Me* continues today with a 30 min. discussion on Christian Living.

## COUNCIL

Our next council meeting is Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

## ADULT CHOIR

If you like singing praises to Jesus, the choir could use your skill. The first practice is September 10 before worship at 8am.

## KICKOFF POTLUCK

On Sunday, September 10, bring a dish to pass as we get set for another year of discipleship with adult bible studies on Sundays and Wednesdays, the Men's group on Mondays, Sunday School for kids K-8, catechism for grades 6-8 on Wednesdays.

## 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.

## SERMONS

Copies of Pastor's sermons are available in the entryway.

## 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 (\$250-500)**

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 (\$6,000 – 10,000)**

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

## THIS WEEK

Today – **Worship @ 9am**  
Family Bible Hour @ 10:15  
Monday – Council @ 6:30pm  
Sunday – **Worship @ 9am (Lord's Supper)**  
Family Bible Hour @ 10:15

## BIBLE NIGHT IS BACK

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 13 as the beginning of this year's Bible Night. Catechism for 6-8 graders as well as a study for adults and women are planned for the year. Bring the kids along; there is childcare provided.

## MEALS FOR LENT

Sign up if you would be willing to organize a meal on Wednesdays in Lent (Feb 14-March 21). A meal would need to feed about 40-60 people.

## LITTLE TREASURES

To get this mission opportunity going, we could use a couple of people who have mid-mornings available twice a month. Talk to Pastor if interested.

## BIBLE BASICS

Pastor is going to be scheduling a weeknight for another session of our Bible Basics class. It is designed for those who are interested in membership or those looking to review the clear teachings of the Bible. Talk to Pastor if interested.