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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.

God has shown us what he does for us. Our focus shifts to what his gracious love motivates us to do for him. Being Lutheran does not mean that we refuse to talk about doing good works for God and others. Instead, we understand that good works flow as a natural response to God's free and gracious forgiveness. Faith in Jesus makes us enjoy living as God's people, which takes place as citizens of a human nation, in our case the United States, and as citizens of God's heavenly kingdom. Lutherans understand the distinction, and strive to be faithful to God in both roles.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may endure all hardship and worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Order of Service

The Common Service, found on page 15 in the red hymnal, is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun | # 84

Please stand.

GATHERING

These opening words remind us of our baptism and tell us who is here with us.

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

C (sings) **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

L Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

This expression, "Lord, have mercy," is one of the oldest responses of the Church. We need repentance and forgiveness on an ongoing basis. In his unending mercy, God provides it.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

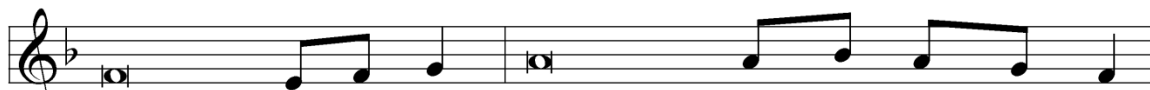
L God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C (sings) **Amen.**

L In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

Versions of this song have been used in worship since the 4th century. In response to God's grace expressed through the absolution, the church sings out as the angels sang on Christmas night: "Glory be to God on high!"
Luke 2:13-14





The Word

The Prayer of the Day asks the Lord for spiritual blessings based on the Scripture readings. The Prayer of the Day is often ancient, dating back to the 5th century. It's not surprising that the Church keeps using these prayers. The greatest needs of mankind never change.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** The Lord be with you.
 - C** (sings) **And also with you.**
 - L** Let us pray.
- Pastor says the Prayer of the Day (at the bottom of page 3).*
- C** (sings) **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Daniel 6:1-24

Daniel obeys God rather than men.

It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. ³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵ Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

⁶ So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever!” ⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. ⁸ Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” ⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?” The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

¹³ Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” ¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.”

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹ Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

²⁴ At the king’s command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions’ den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

The first of the five “hallelujah” psalms, which close out the book of Psalms, is an exhortation to trust in the Lord, Zion’s King. As we live on the earth we have the same confidence that the Lord is ruler of all and uses us for his purposes in the passing world and for his eternal family.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 146

- L** Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.
- C** **I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**
- L** Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.
- C** **When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.**
- L** Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.
- C** **He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them — he remains faithful forever.**
- L** He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.
- C** **The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind,**
- L** the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.
- C** **The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**
- L** The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.
- C** **Praise the Lord.**

Christian life looks foreign in an unchristian world.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:11-25

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.

¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

¹⁸ Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it?

But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Like 17:20-21

L Alleluia. “Jesus replied, ‘The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.’” Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Please stand.

L Our Savior meets us in the Gospel according to Luke 10.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

John the Baptist’s call for repentance and contentment still rings out today.

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

L The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go | # 518

Please stand.

CREATE IN ME

Psalm 51

Looking back to what was read and preached in the Word and looking forward to blessings of Jesus' body and blood, this sung prayer puts our focus where it needs to be: on the renewing grace of God.

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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

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.

The Sacrament



The Preface is one of the most ancient parts of the historic liturgy of the Christian church, dating to the second century, or before.

L The Lord be with you.

C (sings) **And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

C (sings) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C (sings) **It is good and right so to do.**

L It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Sanctus



Heaven and earth are joined as we intone the chant of the angels in Isaiah 6. The Old and New Testament are joined as we pass from that song of the angels to the hymns of "Hosanna" (meaning, "Lord, save us") sung by the disciples on Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It is the song of the church for over a thousand years, bidding welcome to him who comes to us in his Sacrament.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L 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."

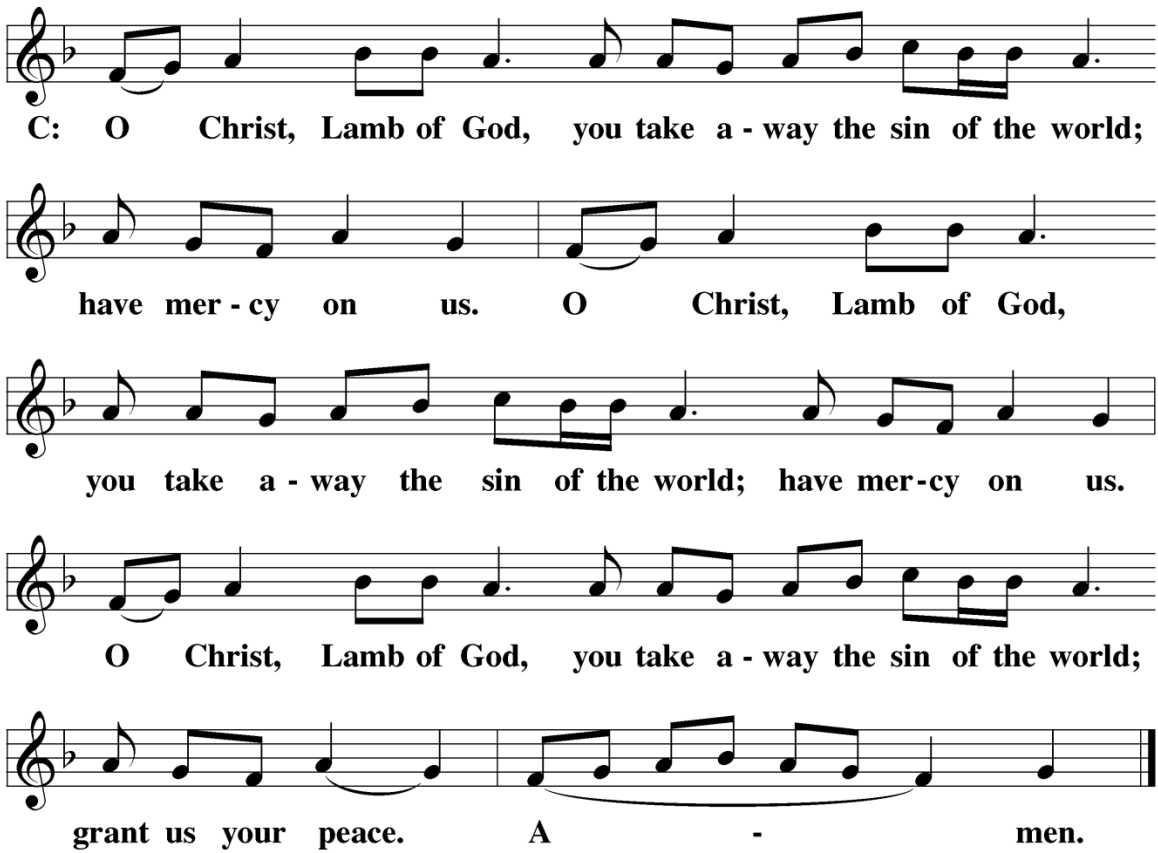
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD
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Agnus Dei





C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.



Singing the words of John the Baptist has been part of the communion liturgy since about 700AD. God gives us his mercy and peace through the body and blood of Christ, our perfect sacrificial Lamb.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to trust God's Holy Word. Therefore, we ask that only current WELS/ELS members come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. Thanks so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.



✓ One option for preparation is available in the red hymnal on page 156.

During the distribution the congregation is invited to sing the following hymn:

HYMN **Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | #315**

HYMN **Before the Lord We Bow | #618**

Before the Lord We Bow was written in 1832 for a 4th of July celebration by Francis Scott Key, who also authored "The Star-Spangled Banner."

After the distribution is complete, please stand and sing:

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Simeon sang these words in Luke 2 after the Lord revealed the Messiah to him. It's been used as a song of the liturgy since the time of the Reformation. We have the same joy since our eyes have seen, ears have heard, and hands have touched our salvation here through Word and Sacrament.



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

- L** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C** (sings) *And his mercy endures forever.*
- L** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** (sings) *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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

NEWS & NOTES

GREAT PLAINS LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

We are grateful for donors who enable teens to attend a Lutheran high school in the area. Through individual, congregational and organizational gifts, GPLHS received over \$840,000 this past fiscal year (July-June). THANK YOU, LORD!

This year's expenditures came in at \$52,000 below what we had anticipated. This stewardship was able to balance the \$48,000 student income shortfall to result in a year-end net income of \$4,600.

Rejoice with us over the lives being changed by the Good News in your home and here at GPLHS. May the Lord move our hearts with his gracious, saving love to find tangible ways in which to demonstrate our thankfulness toward him who first loved us and gave himself up for us.

2017-2018 School Year

The theme this year is Psalm 59:17: "You are my strength, I sing praise to you; you, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely."

As we celebrate the 500 anniversary of the Reformation, this year's logo reminds us that God is the Mighty Fortress who has sustained and preserved his church through the years. With all of the challenges God's people face, especially in the teen years, it is so important that we rely on the strength that only God's Word can provide. At GPL we look forward to applying this truth in the coming year: as the people of God we **Rejoice in God's Strength!**

Save the Date

Fall Festival on Saturday, September 30, 2017! As in the past, Fall Festival will include both live and silent auctions along with dinner and entertainment. All funds raised go directly to benefit our students. The event will run from 1:30-6:00 PM in the GPLHS gym.

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.

THIS WEEK

Today – **Worship @ 9am (Lord's Supper)**
Family Bible Hour @ 10:15
Volleyball @ 6:00pm

Tuesday – Elders @ 7pm

Sunday – **Worship @ 9am**
Family Bible Hour @ 10:15

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!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

The new 5-week study begins today.

SERMONS

Copies of Pastor's sermons along with past worship folders 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

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Sheri TenBroek-Kohler – August 12

