



*14<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 (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



**September 10 –**  
***A foundation that never fails***  
September 17 –  
*Walls that need to come down*  
September 24 –  
*Tolerance vs. true love*

Sometimes before you can move forward, you have to take a step back to get everyone on the same page. Before sending the church out into the world, Jesus reminded them of what Christianity was all about, and, as a result, what they had to offer. This week we see that Christianity builds on a foundation that won't fall. The name of the Lord is not just a title that distinguishes the true God from false gods, it is the very definition and who he is. By confessing the name of the Christ, Christianity builds on a foundation that won't fall.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

*Presiding & Preaching*

*Pastor Tom Moldenhauer*

*Organist*

*Jim Fors*

*Ushers*

*Lee Roy Binder – Elder, Dave Miller, Larry Rutschke, Chuck Bosch, Larry Zacher*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

*Please stand.*

*Both the name of our Triune God and the sign of the cross are reminders of baptism.*

## GATHERING

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

**C** (spoken) **Amen.**

## OPENING DIALOGUE

**L** Dear friends, we gather in God's house as members of God's family only because of redeeming work of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the cornerstone on which God's house is built. As the apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians:

*Ephesians 2:19,20*

**C** **“You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.”**

**L** Just as God's house is built on the foundation of Christ's work for us, so also our homes are to have Christ as their cornerstone. He is to be the unseen guest at every meal. His words are to be in our hearts and on our lips when we wake and when we lie down to sleep. As King Solomon wrote in the psalms:

*Psalm 127:1*

**C** **“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”**

**L** Whoever builds their life on Christ builds on a sure foundation. No matter what storms may come our way, whoever builds their life on Christ will stand firm in the midst of them. As Jesus said,

*Matthew 7:24, 25*

**C** **“ Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”**

**L** As we gather in God’s house as members of God’s family, we rejoice in his forgiveness for the times we have built our lives on other foundations and seek his strength to live in the confidence of his promises.

The apostle Peter wrote: “As you come to him, the living Stone you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

**C** ‘See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
 a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
 and the one who trusts in him  
 will never be put to shame.’”

1 Peter 2:4-6

OPENING HYMN

*In Christ Alone* | #752



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



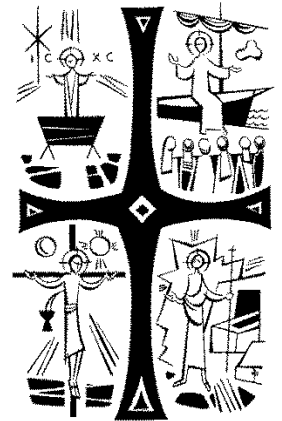
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
 This is the pow’r of Christ in me;



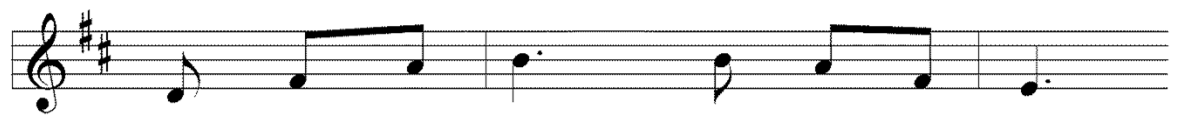
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
 From life’s first cry to fi - nal breath,



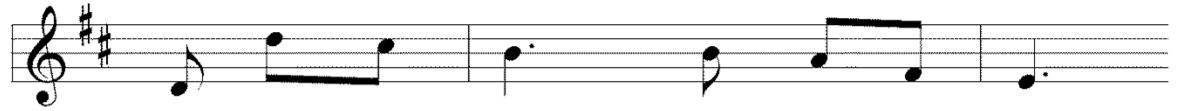
Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



This Christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is his and for all those who believe in him.



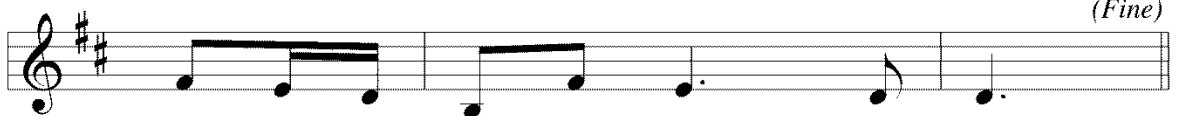
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



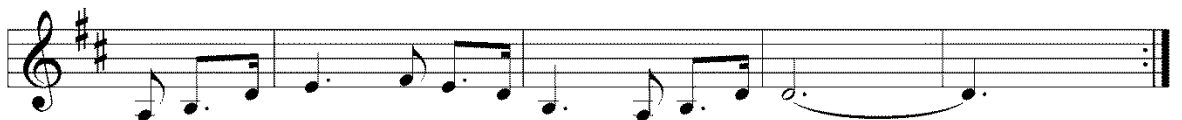
When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
For I am his and he is mine—  
Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.  
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



## 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 MESSAGE

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

### FIRST READING

### Deuteronomy 6:1-9

These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, <sup>2</sup> so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. <sup>3</sup> Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Lord commands his people to build their lives on the foundation of his word.*

### PSALM OF THE DAY

### Psalm 62 | pg. 88

*Pastor sings the refrain. The congregation repeats it. Then, the verses are sung responsively with Pastor and refrains are sung together.*

*Psalm 62 expresses the believer's unshakable foundation is built on God, our Rock.*

### SECOND READING

### Romans 10:5-13

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

*All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

<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.”

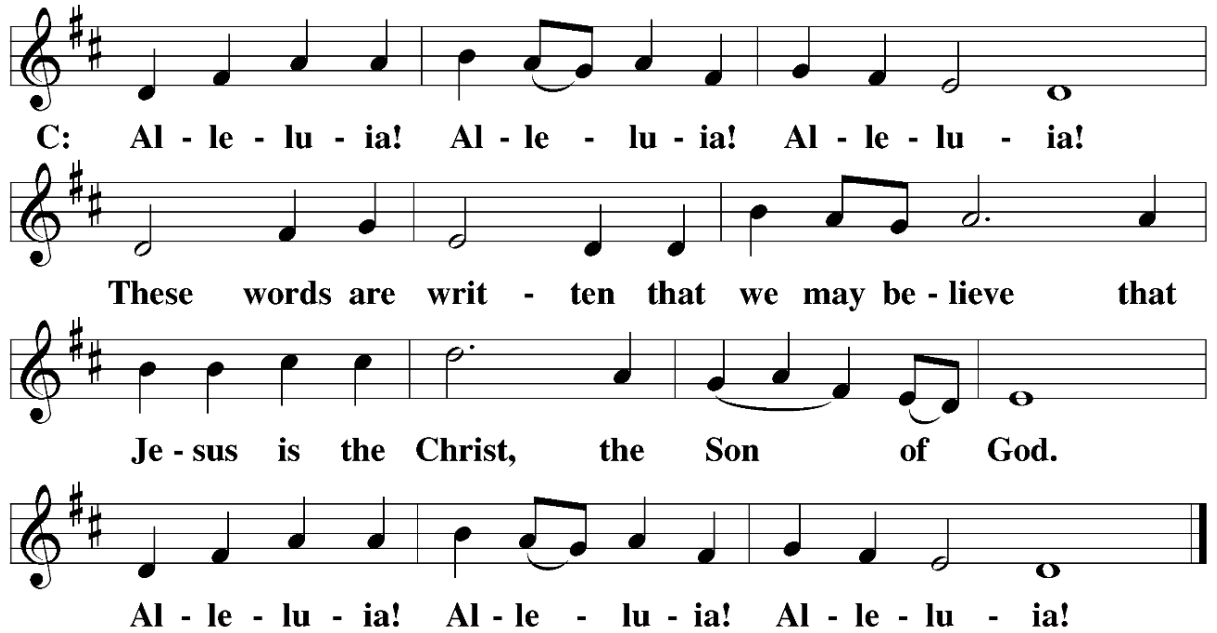
**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

The Verse of the Day takes us back to the ceremony of the ancient church when symbolism prepared worshipers for the words of Jesus in the Gospel. “Alleluia,” has been a common word for God’s people since the Old Testament. It means “praise the Lord.”



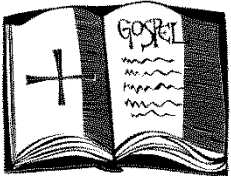
**C:** Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.



Built on Christ and faith in him, the Church will never perish.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-18

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

**L** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise be to you, O Christ!



SERMON

Matthew 16:13-18

Rock Solid

*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.

*A creed is a statement of faith. Creed comes from the Latin "credo," which means "I believe." The faith God gave us willingly, publically, and regularly confesses the triune God as Lord and Savior.*

*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.*

*At Pastor's invitation, please stand while the offering is brought to the altar.*

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L** Let us pray to the God of all knowledge and wisdom that the Church may be renewed and strengthened for her mission.

*Brief silence.*

**L** O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

**C** **Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.**

**L** Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.

**C** **Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.**

**L** As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, colleges, and seminaries to train those who proclaim your presence among us in Word and sacrament.

**C** **Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.**

**L** God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

**C** **Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.**

**L** Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

**C** **May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

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.*

HYMN

***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*** | #382

Please stand.

## PRAYER

**L** Lord God, our never-failing foundation, give us peace through your Word that you will never leave us but always protect and empower us. Fill us with strength to live for you and one another as we build on your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*This is how God has blessed his people since the time of Moses (for about 3,500 years). These are the final words in worship as we depart to serve with God's peace and power.*

## THE LORD'S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

**L** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



# NEWS & NOTES

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## KICKOFF POTLUCK

Today, 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. Join us for the kickoff potluck.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## PASTOR HOME VISITS

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

## 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.

## THANK YOU

We have received gifts of over 8,000 dollars towards our August wish list items, the Little Treasures playgroup and the Sound/Video upgrades. Give thanks and praise to God for these gifts that support our ministry efforts of

strengthening our members and reaching people with God's Word.

## WELS APP FOR YOUR PHONE

Daily devotion? WELS Missions blogs? Latest synod news? There's an app for that! Nearly 20,000 people who have downloaded the WELS app to their phone or tablet. It's free! Available through Apple, Google play, and Amazon apps.

## BIRTHDAYS

Jared Bosch – September 12  
Abigail Kershaw – September 12  
Jim Kershaw – September 15

## REFORMATION 500



Our worship series in October will proclaim the truth that, 500 years ago, brought souls from the tumultuous storms of works righteousness to the peaceful stillness of souls at rest in Christ. God's truth still does that today. There are posters in your boxes to share at your work or in your neighborhood. If you have friends, neighbors, or relatives who need rest from the storm, this is another opportunity for extending an invitation.

## AREA REFORMATION FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 29, at 4pm will be a special celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation at Redeemer in Mandan. German professor, Rev. James Danell, from our WELS school of ministry, Martin Luther College, will be our guest preacher. Put it on your calendar.