

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Through the Word,
the Lord Crushes Evil

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

Service Notes For This Sunday



God's words are so powerful! With only his words, Jesus cured illness and raised the dead. With his words, Jesus created the faith that receives his forgiveness. So we should not be surprised this week when we see that Jesus' words also have the power to push back the spiritual forces of evil that are in the world. Jesus' words expose idols as worthless and following idols as self-destructive evil. Jesus' words are so compelling, even demons must obey them. It is not surprising that God's words crush evil. It is a surprise, however, to see that Jesus' words have Jesus' power even when they are not coming from Jesus' mouth. Jesus puts his words on our lips. He makes us his witnesses. And as we carry out that awesome role, Jesus continues to drive back Satan and his allies, just as he did when he walked the earth.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the Questions for Examination on page 11 of this service folder or Christian Questions on page 295 of the blue hymnal.

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The Service: Setting Two

Welcome

Hymn

871 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

10:30 – Holy Baptism of Emma Kay & Rowyn Rae Pankratz

CW 151

After the rite, the service continues with “Glory to God in the Highest” on page 5.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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 innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of

God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 14 staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to destroy the works of the devil and protect us poor people against such an evil foe. Uphold us in all affliction by your Holy Spirit so that we may have peace from such enemies and remain forever blessed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 43:8–13

The Lord calls us to witness to the truth that he alone can save us from every evil.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

66A Let All the Earth Cry Out to the Lord

Please join to sing the refrain.

Refrain

Let all the earth cry out to the
Lord, cry out to the Lord with joy!

Sing to the Lord, all you on earth,
sing praise to the grandeur of God;
proclaim his glorious name! **Refrain**

Let the whole world worship and sing,
acclaiming his wonderful deeds;
the might of God is at hand! **Refrain**

Listen now, all you who trust in the Lord,
our God has done great things for us,
answered our prayers with his kindness. **Refrain**

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Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:3–10

God puts us in various vocations so that we would share the gospel, which delivers us from evil.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:14

Please join to sing the refrain.

Refrain

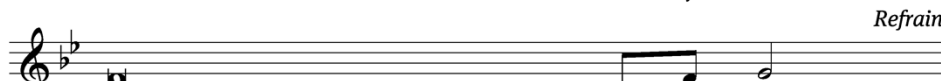


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Tone



We have seen and tes - ti - fy



that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

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Gospel

Luke 8:26–39

Using only his words, Jesus demonstrates his authority over the evil one.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

770 God of Grace and God of Glory

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**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 truly 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.**

Be seated

Connect Card

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card.

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



Musical Offering

See a Victory

Questions for Examination

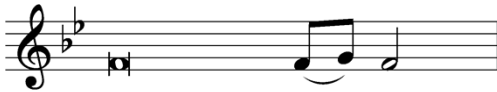
- † Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?
 - † Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?
 - † Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?
 - † Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens me to live a God-pleasing life?
 - † Am I a member of a church that belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)?
 - † If you answered “no” to any of these questions, please hold off on communing with us today.
- Following worship, one of the pastors would be happy to explain why we ask you to do this.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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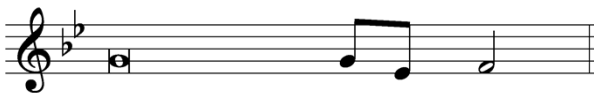
The Lord be with you.



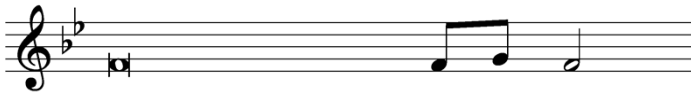
And al - so with you.



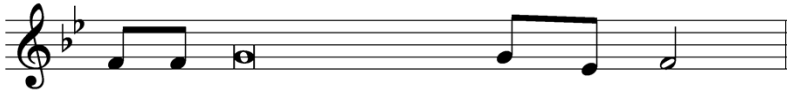
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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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 whenever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

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 T 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 T 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.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated and await the direction of the ushers.

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

*575 By Grace I'm Saved
661 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Remain standing

Hymn

640 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



Take Home Questions

1. The power of Jesus' word is obvious from Luke 8 as he drives out demons with a simple sentence. Yet that power doesn't stop there. Jesus gives us his Word and makes us witnesses. That theme can be found in all three readings for today. Reread Isaiah 43, 2 Timothy 1, and Luke 8 making special note of the witnesses God employs and the message they proclaim.

2. In 2 Timothy 1, Paul highlights the path of Timothy's sincere faith, beginning in his grandmother and mother. One of God's purposes for families is that children learn about the "grace given to us in Christ Jesus" (v.9). Parents, sit down and evaluate your family's priorities. Where does spiritual well-being fall? By a God-given "spirit of power and love and sound judgment" (v.7), in what ways can you prioritize your child(ren)'s faith over the next month? If you don't have a family or yours is grown, in what ways can you support and equip families in this endeavor?

3. Our society may not see directly the spiritual forces of evil at work around us, but they are real and working among us. Consider the effects of evil in the possessed man from Luke 8—isolation, humiliation, repulsiveness. These are everywhere in our world today. In what ways can we remind ourselves of the spiritual warfare being waged around us as well as the safety and protection we have in Jesus?



News & Announcements



This Sunday's Bible Study:

Sermon Deep Dive

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.

Church in the Park Next Sunday!

June 26 | 10:30 AM

Our 10:30 am worship service on June 26 will be held at the bandshell in Robinson Park (1941 Apricot St). Following worship, we will have a picnic in the park shelter. The event is open to the public, so please invite your friends. If you know you will be attending this event, please sign up at the Ministry Table and indicate how many will be in your party. (This will help us know if we should plan food for 50 or 200.) You can also call or email the church office with this information.

Sermon Deep Dive

For the next couple of weeks, our Sunday Bible Study will work through the Take-Home Questions in the service folder. The pastor will field questions about the sermon and talk about other aspects of the service, as time allows. The study meets in the cafeteria from 9:15-10:15 am. Everyone is welcome.

Calls Extended

Last Sunday, our voters approved revising the 2022-23 budget and calling Miss Jenessa Werre to be our 1-2 grade teacher. Miss Werre is a recent graduate of UWSP, so her call includes the provision that she take courses through Martin Luther College to achieve teaching ministry certification. We also called Mrs. Kellie Jensen to serve as our 3K teacher. (Hers is also a provisional call.) Plus the congregation renewed Mr. Randy Pahl's one year call to serve as part-time staff minister. Please pray for these Christians as they deliberate their calls.

Scrip Sales on Picnic Sunday

On Sunday, June 26, both St. Paul's and Northland will sell scrip only after first service. They will not be selling at the picnic. If you will be attending Church in the Park, please plan ahead. You can order your scrip cards this Sunday and pick them up at the church later in the week. The church office can also sell you stock scrip during the week from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Thank you for supporting Christian education by using scrip.

Volunteer for VBS

Volunteers are needed July 25-28 from 4:30-7:30 pm for Vacation Bible School. The VBS will be held on four days at four different parks with different activities each night, so you can help just one night or all nights. Both leaders and helpers are needed for a wide variety of tasks. For a complete list, see the Ministry Table or look for the SignUp Genius link on our website under the Serve tab.



Coke Codes Add Up

Our school recently received \$46.30 from the Coca Cola Give program. The school earns this by people entering or scanning codes from Coca Cola brand products (including Sprite, Fanta, Powerade, Dasani, Barq's, SmartWater, AHA, and more). You can find codes inside bottle caps or printed inside cartons. Sign in at us.coca-cola.com/give. Not computer savvy? Bring in your codes, and we will enter them for you.

Help a Country Church Expand

Work began last week at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Richland Center, WI. This country church is updating their ministry facility to serve additional community members. Because of their small size, they could use your help with the project, which includes replacing windows, adding entry doors, expanding bathrooms, painting, and other work. Learn how to get involved at KingdomWorkers.com.

Financial Minute

In May, in addition to the regular Sunday offerings, we received additional gifts of \$900 toward the organ repair fund, which is now FULLY funded! Thanks to everyone who helped make this huge task possible. We also received \$653 on Ascension Day for WELS Home Missions.

Cheerful Givers received gifts of \$220 during the month. The Leadership Council decided to suspend Cheerful Givers during the drive to raise monies for the organ. Dollars given to Cheerful Givers over the past year have been used to help make the principal payment on our monthly mortgage. At the next leadership meeting, the future of Cheerful Givers will be discussed.

We also received monies from Thrivent Financial. One gift was a directed gift from one of our members and one gift was a 'bonus' from Thrivent for helping feed our community through member efforts.

If you have any questions about the gifts we receive or how they are handled, please feel free to contact Michael Anderson, Financial Secretary, your questions or concerns.

- Sunday**
 - 8:00 AM Worship
 - 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
 - 10:30 AM Worship

- Monday**
 - 6:30 PM Worship

- Tuesday**
 - 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
 - 9:45 AM Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
 - 6:30 PM Leadership Council Meeting in the Resource Center

- Thursday**
 - 7:00 AM Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop

- Sunday**
 - 8:00 AM Worship
 - 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
 - 10:30 AM **Church in the Park at Robinson Park**

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 233

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 739,900

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 710,825

Mortgage Balance \$ 1,127,914

Upcoming Events

June 26 ~ Church in the Park

June 28-July 1 - Youth Rally in Tennessee

July 25-31 ~ Vacation Bible School

Special Prayers This Week:

- Baptisms of Emma Kay & Rowyn Rae
- Father's Day
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ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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10:30 AM

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