

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



*"I will follow you
wherever you go."*

LUKE 9:57

Through the Word,
Christ Creates Committed Followers

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 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 Service



There's the type of fan who follows his team if they make the playoffs. Then there's the type of fan who, regardless of his team's record, watches every game and knows the stats for every player. There are different types of followers: the half-hearted versus the committed. Jesus is uninterested in half-hearted followers who shoehorn him into their lives only when their other pursuits provide time for the Christ. Jesus wants followers who are all-in... who love him above all things... who would be willing to leave everything else behind if that were what it would take to be with him. We simply do not have it in us to produce that level of commitment. But Jesus' words have Jesus' power. In his gospel Jesus explains how he went all in for our salvation. He tells us he left the comforts of heaven behind to come rescue us. And through those words Christ creates within us the very commitment that he seeks.

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The Service: Setting Five

Welcome

Hymn

711 *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult*



1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his voice in -
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
help us hear your call; give our hearts to your o -



vites us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all!

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T 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 Υ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: NETTLETON



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he loves so

2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our sin a -



well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your

grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav-en's King; hear our
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

1 Kings 19:19–21

Elisha commits himself to the work of the Lord, leaving family and wealth behind.

¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. Elisha was doing the plowing with twelve teams of oxen in front of him, and he himself was driving the twelfth team. Elijah crossed over to him and threw his cloak over him. ²⁰ Then Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah. He said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother good-bye! Then I will follow you.”

Then Elijah said, “Go back! For what have I done to you?”

²¹ So Elisha turned back from following him. Then he took the team of oxen and slaughtered them. Using the equipment from the oxen as fuel, he cooked the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him. (EHV)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

818 My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

8:00 and 6:30 – Please join to sing beginning with the second refrain.
10:30 – The Song Leaders will sing the entire Psalm. Join as you feel comfortable.

**1 My soul finds rest in God alone,
my rock and my salvation;
a fortress strong against my foes,
and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness,
I'll look to him who hears me.**

Refrain: **O praise him, hallelujah,
my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing,
my redeemer, my God.**

**2 Find rest, my soul, in God alone
amid the world's temptations;
when evil seeks to take a hold,
I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go,
don't set your heart upon them;
the fields of hope in which I sow
are harvested in heaven.**

Refrain

**3 I'll set my gaze on God alone
and trust in him completely;
with ev'ry day pour out my soul,
and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
a sigh too brief to measure,
my king has crushed the curse of death
and I am his forever.**

Refrain

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 11:21b–30

Christ had shown grace to Paul, which moved Paul to be committed to Christ.

However bold anyone might be (I am speaking in a foolish way), I am going to be bold too. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham's seed? So am I. ²³ Are they ministers of Christ? (I am speaking in a crazy way.) I am even more. I've done more hard work, been in prisons more often, been whipped far more, and I've been close to death many times. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. One time I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day on the open sea. ²⁶ I have often been on journeys, in danger from rivers, in danger from robbers, in danger from my own people, in danger from Gentiles, in danger in the city, in danger in the wilderness, in danger on the sea, in danger among false brothers. ²⁷ I have worked hard and struggled. I've spent many sleepless nights. I've been hungry and thirsty. I've gone without food many times. I've been cold and lacked clothing.

²⁸ Besides those external matters, there is the daily pressure on me of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak without my being weak? Who falls into sin without my being distressed?

³⁰ If it is necessary that I boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. (EHV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 8:34

Alleluia. Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves **and take up their cross and follow me. Alleluia.**

Gospel

Luke 9:51–62

Jesus teaches that following him means leaving this world behind.

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” (NIV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

576 Amazing Grace

- 1 **Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.**
- 2 **The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**
- 3 **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**
- 4 **When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

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Sermon

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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.

Be seated

Connect Card

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

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from those who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they mature and grow. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. 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

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

Hymn

896 Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give



1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give the grace to you a -
2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand to spread your Word o'er
3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, re - vive their sink - ing



lone to live. Set free from sin to serve you, Lord, they
sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and make them strong to
hopes a - gain; and when suc - cess crowns what they do, O



go to share your liv - ing Word, the gos - pel mes - sage
heal sin's ills, to right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver
keep them hum - ble, Lord, and true un - til be - fore your



to pro - claim that all may know your sav - ing name.
wind and wave, and might - y is your arm to save.
judg - ment seat they lay their tro - phies at your feet.

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Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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.

Hymn

704 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, to his im - age
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus; his death from the
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, flee the world which would de - ceive us and to
 e'er con - form; heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us, sun - shine
 sec - ond death, from our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us, quick - ens
 from the dead, death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus,



sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing,
 fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in tears of sor - row,
 us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti - fy, while liv - ing,
 thou art now our head. We are tru - ly thine own mem - bers,



bod - y here, yet soul a - bove, full of faith and
 we shall reap in heav'n - ly joy, and the fears that
 flesh and blood and die to sin, and the grave that
 where thou liv - est, there live we; take and own us



hope and love, let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 now an - noy shall be laugh - ter on the mor - row. Christ, I
 shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, faith - ful Friend, as thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus,



Lord, a - bide with me; Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.
 suf - fer here with thee; there, O share thy joy with me.
 here I die to thee, there to live e - ter - nal - ly.
 here I live to thee, al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

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Take Home Questions

1. Consider the impact of Elisha slaughtering his twelve yoke of oxen, burning his plowing equipment, and feeding the people in 1 Kings 19:21. What message would that have sent to the people in Elisha's life about what Elisha was doing with his life?
 - a. In what ways can we show people in our lives that we are willing to follow Jesus wherever he leads us?

 2. In 2 Corinthians 11, verses 21-29 might sound like Paul is sinfully bragging. How does verse 30 help clear things up for us?
 - a. Looking at 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, why would Paul boast in hardships and weaknesses?
 - b. Agree or disagree: Christians who focus on their weaknesses are too pessimistic.

 3. Looking at Luke 9 more closely, answer the following:
 - a. Verse 54 - In what ways do Christians (yes, even us!) act like James and John in response to the things we see and hear in society? In other words, when do we let a desire for judgment overpower our desire to share the truth in love?
 - b. Verses 57 and 58 - In what way does Jesus' warning lead us to lean on God?
 - c. Verses 59 through 62 - Jesus makes it clear that conditional Christianity (I'll follow...but first, something else) is not acceptable. What are some conditions we might put on following Jesus and serving in the kingdom of God? (Ex. - "I'll volunteer at church; but only if it doesn't inconvenience the rest of my schedule.")
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News & Announcements

Sermon Deep Dive

Sundays | 9:15 AM

Take a closer look at the sermon. During our Sunday Morning Bible Study we work through the Take-Home Questions that are printed in the service folder. This study normally meets on Sundays at 9:15 am in the cafeteria. The pastor also fields questions about the sermon and talks about other aspects of the service, as time allows. Everyone is welcome.



VBS Is One Month Away!

July 25-28 | 4:30-7:30 PM

Our Vacation Bible School will be held July 25-28 for children ages 3-10 years. Each night we will be at a different city park with the different lesson. (VBS will be at Robinson Park on July 28.) The evening starts with a free meal for the entire family served from 4:30-5:30 pm. Then there are two hours of songs, crafts, bible stories, games, and rocket activities. Learn more at stpaulswr.org/vbs. We still need several volunteers to complete our VBS team. Look for the volunteer link at stpaulswr.org/vbs.

Help Stuff the School Bus

July 1 - 31

St. Paul's will once again serve as a drop-off location for the community Stuff the School Bus drive. School supplies will be collected throughout the month of July. This year's top-needed items are: Backpacks (plain colors preferred), notebooks (plain colors), folders (plain colors), colored pencils, markers, highlighters, water colors, glue sticks, and scissors. Other school supplies are also welcomed. Look for the donation spot near the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center.

Women's Conference in July

July 21-23

Women from every walk of life are invited to the WELS Women's Ministry Conference in Watertown, WI. Through a study of the book of Ephesians, you will learn to cultivate unity, identify barriers to unity, stand firm in the face of conflict, and extend grace in your everyday relationships. Learn more at wels.net/wmconference

More Organ Delays

We have run into a few more issues with the organ. The company has promised to fix the issues, but due to a number of different factors, the timetable is unclear at this point. We will continue to wait patiently and excitedly to hear the organ in worship!

Clothing Drive Coming

Our annual Clothing Drive & Giveaway will be held the first week of August. Clothing of all sizes and types is needed, but the children's clothing is in especially high demand. So check your closets and storage area for any clothing items that you no longer need. If you have a garage sale this summer, please save your unsold clothing for the drive. We will collect clothing August 2 & 3. The community giveaway will be August 4-6.



Wildcat Open in August

August 13 | 10:00 AM

The 28th Annual Wildcat Golf Open will be held Saturday, August 13, at the Pine Valley Golf Course in Marathon. All proceeds from the four-person scramble benefit Northland Lutheran High School's athletic and engineering programs. To register, visit nlhs.org. **Business sponsors are also needed.** Please contact Beth Krueger (414-534-1463 or kruegerbeth@yahoo.com) to learn more.

Call Declined

After a brief deliberation period, Ms. Jenessa Werre has returned the call we had issued to her to teach in the 1st-2nd grade classroom. While some might question how quickly the decision was made, it seems as though Ms. Werre wanted to commit to a ministry quickly so that everyone involved could know what to expect in the coming school year. For that, we are appreciative. We can also rejoice in knowing that another teaching vacancy in a WELS school has been filled, even while we are sad to not be the ones getting our vacancy filled. Continue to pray for the teachers you have called to serve the families of St. Paul's and the community. Continue to pray for God's will to be done in due time. If you have any questions or comments about the call, please contact me by email or phone.

Scrip Sales on Picnic Sunday

This Sunday, June 26, both St. Paul's and Northland scrip will only be sold after first service. It will not be sold at the picnic. The church office can sell you stock scrip during the week from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Thank you for supporting Christian education by using scrip.

Special Prayers This Week:

- Safe travels for the teens attending the Youth Rally in Tennessee
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- Sunday**
 - 8:00 AM Worship
 - 10:30 AM Church in the Park at Robinson Park
- 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 Stephen Ministers 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 Worship

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 167

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 770,100

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 763,174

Upcoming Events

June 28-July 1 - Youth Rally in Tennessee

July 8 ~ Family Fun Night

July 19 ~ Voters' Meeting

July 25-31 ~ Vacation Bible School

My soul rest quietly
in God alone.

- Psalm 62:1



Snacks

Craft

Special Rocket-Activity

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, July 25	at White Sands West Beach Pavilion	
Tuesday, July 26	at Sand Lot Park	
Wednesday, July 27	at Helen's House (Zoo)	<i>Singing Songs</i>
Thursday, July 28	at Robinson Park	
Sunday, July 31	at St Paul's "VBS Celebration"	

Come to all or one - Different activities each night

Bible Stories

3-10

Baby sitting provided

4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Food provided

Play Games

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