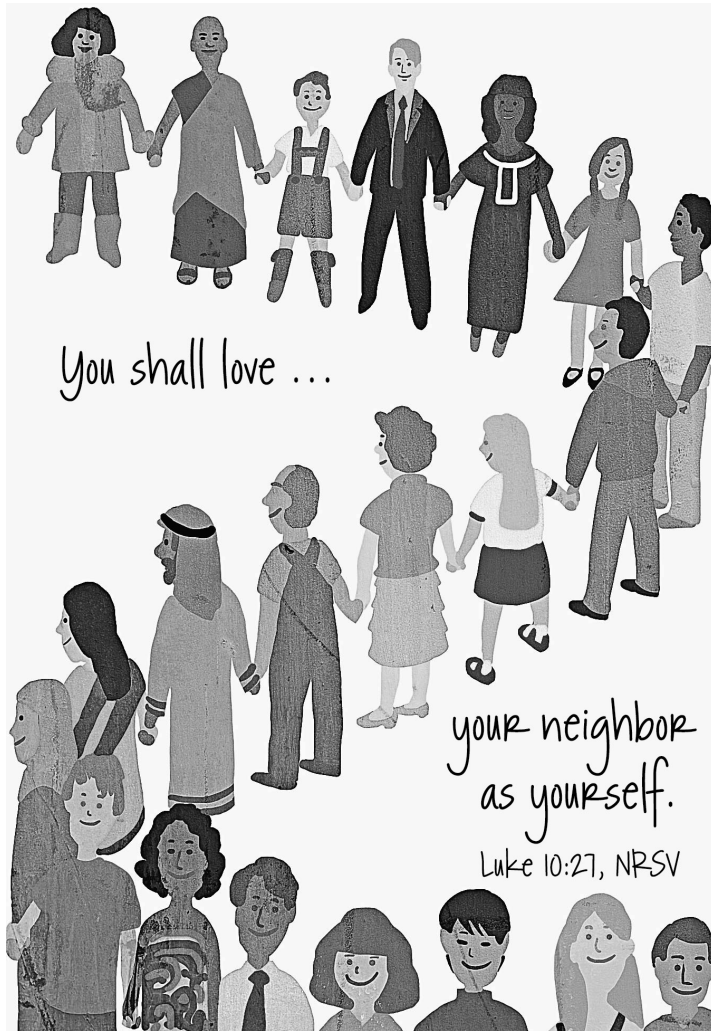


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Focused Love Finds a Neighbor
Rather than Avoiding One

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 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



We tend to think of distraction and focus as opposites. If someone is focused, they are not easily distracted by random events and encounters. If someone is focused, every decision about how to spend time and resources is calculated. Apart from Christ that type of focus spells disaster for our neighbor. We may dismiss the needs of our neighbor, thinking, "If I spend time helping him that will distract me from other things I should be focused on." Today, Jesus teaches us that he has set us free to live a life of such

distractions. No matter the neighbor and no matter his need, we are free to act in ways that seem senseless. We are free to actively seek out a neighbor in need. We are free to bear any cost and go any distance to serve them as Christ would serve them

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Take Home/Bible Study Questions

1. In Ruth 1:16-18, we see Ruth's selfless sacrifice show through. What about her circumstance makes her words so striking? Consider the following: What would have made the most sense for Ruth to do with the rest of her life (verse 15)?



a. What does Naomi have to offer Ruth (verses 11-13)? Consider also what the left-for-dead man in Jesus' parable had to offer his Samaritan helper.

b. What insight does that give to us as we seek to find and love our neighbors?

2. Let's say Jesus' parable took place in real life. In what ways might the once-left-for-dead man's life be different because of the love the Samaritan showed to him?

a. In what ways can that consideration be useful for us in how we live our lives?

3. Look at the lists of "works of the flesh" (19-21) and "fruit of the Spirit" (22-23) in Galatians 5. What, if anything, stands out to you about these lists?

a. What are some real-life instances of Christians "biting and devouring one another"?

b. What does Paul mean when he says, "Against such things there is no law"?

c. Agree/disagree - The sinful flesh sometimes triumphs over the Spirit.

4. A whole sermon could be preached on Galatians 5:13. In fact, it's basically the "thesis statement" of this entire section. Because of Christ working in our hearts, what words in that verse have different meanings than they have in our current culture? Explain.

The Service: Setting One

Welcome

Please remain seated

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Hymn of Confession

652 Lord, Have Mercy
Join as you feel comfortable.

1 For what we have done and left un - done we fall on your
(2 For) what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly

count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and
lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you

those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly.
fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you.

For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for
And there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you
(3 For) hearts that are cold, for seiz - ing con - trol; for

scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In
bled for a world's be - tray - al. You
scorn - ing our ver - y mak - er. In



thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how
 loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend; how
 thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how



deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. *Refrain I*
 pure and for - ev - er faith - ful. *Refrain II*
 deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. *Refrain II*



Refrain I
 Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy



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



Lord, have mer - cy on us. 2 For



Refrain II
 Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy



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



1 2 *Fine (last time)* 7
 Lord, have mer - cy on us. on us. 3 For

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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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Glory Be to God

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

We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship 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; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Ruth 1:1–19a

Ruth left many things behind simply to care for her widowed mother-in-law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

25A To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul

Please join as you feel comfortable.

Refrain

To you, O LORD, I lift my soul; in
you I trust, O LORD my God.

Tone

In you, LORD my God, I / put my trust.
I trust in you; do not let me be / put to shame.
Show me your ways, LORD, teach me / your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my / Savior.

Remember, LORD, your great mer- / cy and love,
for they are / from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth and my re- / bellious ways;
according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, / are good. *Refrain*

LORD, forgive my iniquity, though / it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and af- / flicted.
Look on my affliction and / my distress
and take away / all my sins.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13–25

Christ has set us free for a life of humble service and love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:11

Please join to sing the refrain.

Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

Luke 10:25–37

Jesus teaches us what loving a neighbor looks like.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

768 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Sermon

Live in True Christian Freedom

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

Eternal God, you are the Father of all whom you have made. You cause the sun to shine and the rain to fall on the just and unjust. You bid us to hold in our hearts not only those we know and love, but all people in all places and circumstances.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray.

Lead us to see in the lives of all people the working of your eternal plan. Preserve us from an arrogance that elevates our service and sacrifice above that of others. Lead us to appreciate the gifts you give to all people and to give you thanks with our acceptance and humility.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray.

For all peoples and nations, those in lands far away from us, those who differ from us in race, language, and culture, that in some way they might come to see the light of your Son;

For these we pray, O Lord.

For those who bring food from the earth, who tend flocks and herds, who cultivate the ground, who find food in the sea, and who bake our daily bread, that they may know you, as we do, to be the giver of every good and perfect gift;

For these we pray, O Lord.

For those who help in times of trouble, for lawyers, doctors, emergency workers, counselors, funeral directors, and all whose interests focus on difficult times, that they may see themselves as those who extend your divine hand to the hurting;

For these we pray, O Lord.

For all who support us daily, often without our notice, janitors and maids, cooks and servers, secretaries and technicians, and many more, that they may enjoy the thanks we owe them;

For these we pray, O Lord.

For people who live in poverty or endure war and political unrest or experience oppression and tyranny, that their quest for security might lead them to search where you may be found.

For these we pray, O Lord.

For those who endure physical and mental afflictions every day and those who are tortured by disease and tormented by fears. Let them find in us Christ-like care and meaningful help;

For these we pray, O Lord.

For all in our congregations who work hard each day to gain their daily bread and then work hard again to support and participate in the gospel ministry, that they may be spared fatigue and frustration as they use their leisure time for the sake of your Son;

For these we pray, O Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Eternal Father, give us a sense of purpose as we live our lives in the roles you have designed for each of us. Help us to see your divine plan in our calling and make us content as we carry out our tasks. Give us joy to know that we live for you and for others as servants of Christ Jesus.

In his 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. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. 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.



WELS Connection

Martin Luther College

Hymn

737 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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 give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

506 For the Fruits of His Creation



Special Prayers This Week:

- Pastor Proeber received a call to serve at Trinity Lutheran in Neenah, WI
- Marilyn Foley's niece in South Korea, Yurang Yang, who is having surgery on July 11 for thyroid cancer.
- Bill Eichhorn passed away. The funeral was on Saturday.
- Ernie Paulos remains hospitalized.
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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.

Bottles Needed for VBS Rockets

Our VBS needs plastic soda/water bottles (20 oz. or larger). These will be used to make water rockets, which fits with our VBS theme "Space Station Salvation." Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, July 24.

Our VBS team still needs a rocket "specialist" and an assistant, plus several other volunteers. You can sign up at the Ministry Table or at stpaulswr.org/vbs. For more details, contact Kent Schroeder at 715-421-4202.

Dime & Dollar Scholarships

The Dime & Dollar Thrift Stores help offset the costs of running Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS). Now, they are also offering \$200 scholarships toward NLHS tuition for students whose families volunteer at least 10 hours of work at the Dime & Dollar Thrift Stores. For more info, contact NLHS at 715-359-3400 or contact Dime & Dollar at 715-421-2030.

Help with the Farmers Market

July 21 | 10:30 AM-12:30 PM

A couple of volunteers are needed for our Farmers' Market booth on July 21. You would mostly be interacting with children - applying temporary tattoos, face painting, etc. Help is needed from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. **Teen volunteers are welcome!** To volunteer, please contact Todd Ferkey at 715-421-2848.

Make the Kitchen Sparkle

July 19 | 12:30 PM

The Willing Workers have organized a day to deep clean the kitchen. All member, men & women, are invited to help. Work begins at 12:30 pm. The Willing Workers will have their regular business meeting at 2:00 pm that day.



Quarterly Voters' Meeting

July 19 | 6:30 PM

June 30 marked the end of our fiscal year. Our quarterly voters' meeting will include year-end reports. Come hear plans for the coming months on Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 pm.

Stuff the Bus Underway

July 1 - 31

The Stuff the School Bus school supply drive is underway. All types of school supplies are needed. Notebooks, folders, backpacks, etc. should be in plain colors (no character designs). There is a donation area by the Ministry Table. You can bring in your donation to the church through the end of July.

Help with the Clothing Giveaway

Aug. 2-6

Our Clothing Drive & Giveaway takes place over several days. Many volunteers are needed to make this outreach event a success. The donation days are Tuesday, Aug. 2 and Wednesday, Aug. 3 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Help is needed to receive the donations, help people carry in bags and boxes, sort clothing by size and gender, and fold & display the clothing.

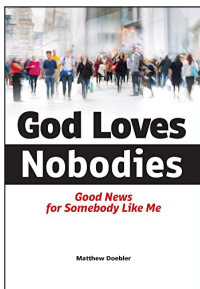
On the days of the event volunteers will keep the displays neat and assist community members as needed. Those days and times are Thursday, August 4 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm; Friday, August 5 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; and Saturday, August 6 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Sign up at the Ministry Table or contact Michelle Gear at 920-784-4643.

Donate to the Clothing Drive

Aug. 2-3

Clothing of all sizes and types is needed for our community clothing drive. As you are finding clothing items that no longer fit or you just don't wear, be sure to set them aside for the drive. Collection days are August 2 & 3. In addition to pants and shirts, shoes, overwear, and accessories are needed. Your donations will be given away to the community on August 4-6.

If you have non-clothing items to donate, Dime & Dollar Thrift Store takes donations on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. They are located at 1351 8th St S, next to La Taqueria Restaurant.



God Loves Nobodies

Do you ever feel like a nobody, even though you know Jesus is your source of meaning? Former St. Paul's pastor, Matthew Doebler, has written a book to help you escape the endless pursuit of success and to know that you are a somebody. *God Loves Nobodies* will be available in early August. Visit online.nph.net to preorder a copy, or get the Kindle edition on Amazon.com. Once you know you are a somebody, you will be better able to serve other people who feel like nobodies.

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	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
	10:30 AM	Worship

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 205

Anticipated offerings FYI 2021-2022: \$ 785,200

Actual offerings FYI 2021-2022: \$ 773,789

Upcoming Events

July 19 ~ Kitchen Cleaning

July 19 ~ Voters' Meeting

July 21 ~ St. Paul's at Farmers Market

July 25-31 ~ Vacation Bible School

Aug 2-3 ~ Clothing Drive

Aug 4-6 ~ Clothing Giveaway

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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



Four nights of different activities.
A different park each night.

Register at stpaulswr.org/vbs

WELS Night at Witter Field

August 7 | 5:05 PM



Join your brothers and sisters in Christ from area WELS congregations for a fun evening of baseball at Witter Field. We will all be sitting together as we root on the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters. They will be playing the Green Bay Rockers. The first pitch is at 5:05 pm. For tickets, fill out the form on the Ministry Table and give it to Todd Ferkey or the church office. The ticket price is \$16 which includes a hotdog and ice cream.



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