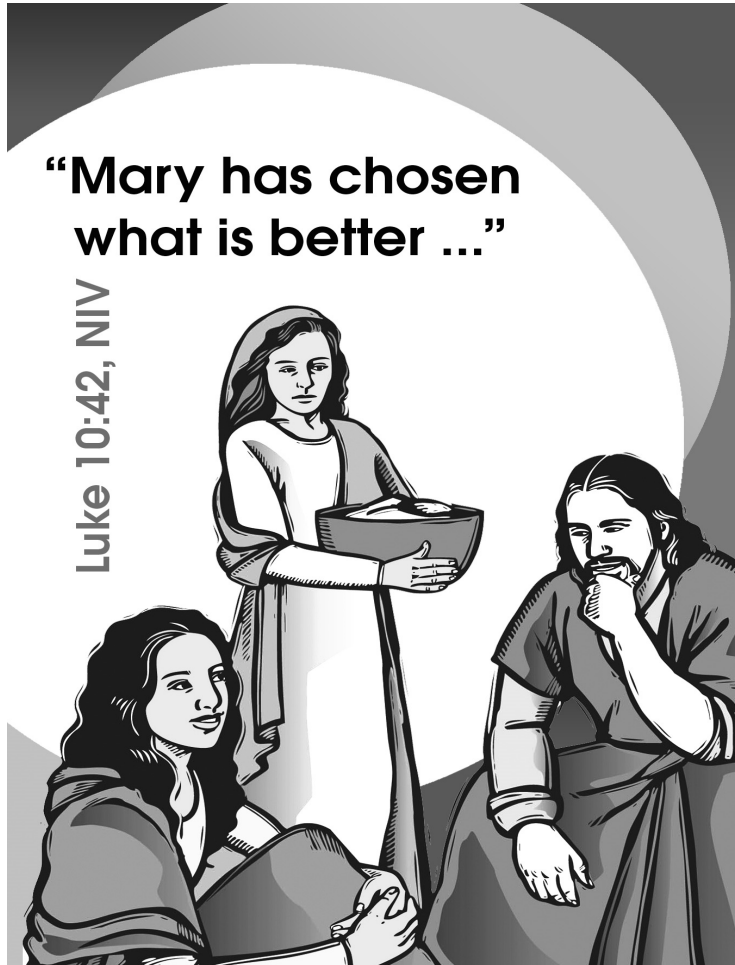


# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Focused Worship Seeks Service from Jesus  
More than Service for Jesus

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 17, 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 call worship a "service." Which raises the question: who is serving whom? In answering that question, it is easy to focus on what we do in worship. "I set aside time in my week to come to church. I am singing praise to God. I brought him an offering. Clearly, I am serving him." True enough. However, as God speaks this week, he clarifies our focus, letting us see that worship is primarily about him serving us. Through Word and sacrament, he delivers every spiritual gift he wants us to receive. Our service to God is good. His

service for us is perfect. Our service to God is important. His service for us is essential. God loves our service to him. But we desperately need his service for us. Receiving his service is actually the highest form of worship. "God wants to be worshipped through faith so that we receive from him those things he promises and offers" (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV).

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the Questions for Examination on page 10 of this service folder or Christian Questions on page 295 of the blue hymnal.

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# The Service: Setting Three

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## Welcome

## Hymn

913 Come Away from Rush and Hurry  
Please join beginning with the second verse.

*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

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

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, 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 un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

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

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

**A - men. A - men.**

# Glory to God in the Highest

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. It consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth, 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. 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'.

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; 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

Genesis 18:1–14

*The Lord served Sarah with exactly what she needed—a strengthened faith.*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

119B Teach Me, O LORD  
*Please join as you feel comfortable.*

*Refrain*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

*Tone*

Teach me, LORD, the way of / your decrees,  
that I may follow it / to the end.  
Give me understanding, so that I may / keep your law  
and obey it with / all my heart.  
Direct me in the path of / your commands,  
for there I / find delight. *Refrain*

Turn my eyes away from / worthless things;  
 preserve my life according / to your word.  
 Fulfill your promise to your / servant,  
 so that you / may be feared.  
 How I long for your / precepts!  
 In your righteousness pre- / serve my life.  
**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

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prays that God would continue to serve the Colossians with the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 55:11

Please join to sing the refrain.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone

My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I de - sire

and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. *Refrain*

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## **Gospel**

Luke 10:38–42

*Serving Jesus is lovely; being served by Jesus is necessary.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## **Children's Message**

## **Hymn of the Day**

633 *Speak, O Lord*

## **Sermon**

**One Thing Is Needed**

*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

Each petition of the prayer will be prayed and then concluded in this way:

...Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

The final petition of the prayer will be concluded in this way:

...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.



## Musical Offering

*Speak, O Lord*

### Questions for Examination

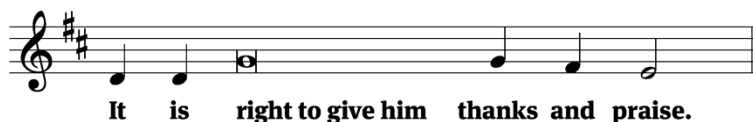
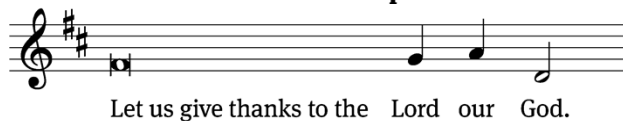
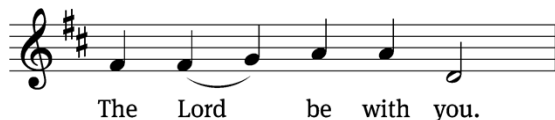
- † Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?
- † Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?
- † Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?
- † Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens 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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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 until 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

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

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to 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.**

### **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  $\text{T}$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

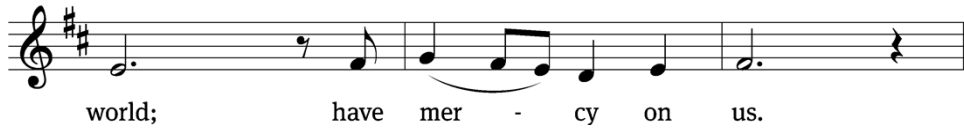
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\text{T}$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

# Lamb of God

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*Be seated*

## Distribution

## Distribution Hymn

668 *Jesus Comes Today with Healing*

*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.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

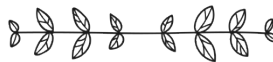
The Lord look on you with favor and  $\text{T}$  give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn**

*645 One Thing's Needful*



### **Special Prayers This Week:**

- Pastor Proeber received a call to serve at Trinity Lutheran in Neenah, WI
- For our voters' meeting
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## Take Home/Bible Study Questions

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1. Martha was doing good things—serving Jesus and her neighbor. Yet those good things led to missing out on the one thing needed—time at Jesus’ feet listening to his Word. In what ways can we balance good things and the one thing needed?
2. Luke 10:40 says that “Martha was distracted with all her serving.” The word translated as “distracted” literally means “to pull away.” According to verse 41, what effect did that have on Martha? List three things that pull you away from time at Jesus’ feet. Now, reflect on how those things affect your life.
3. Time at Jesus’ feet is an opportunity to dwell in the gospel. In what ways do we flip that time and focus it on the law? For what reasons does that go against what Jesus is teaching in this account?
4. Abraham and Sarah needed reminding of how God had promised to serve them. Looking at Genesis 18:11,14, for what reasons was it absolutely necessary that God act for them? Considering the promises God has given us, for what reasons is it absolutely necessary that God act for us?
5. Read Colossians 1:1-14 and underline words or phrases that highlight how God and his Word serves us. Now, reread the verses again and place brackets around words or phrases that highlight how we serve God. In what ways do both sets of words and phrases connect to each other?



# News & Announcements

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## **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.



## **Voters' Meeting on Tuesday**

*July 19 | 6:30 PM*

Our quarterly voters' meeting is this Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 pm. Even if you can't attend, be sure to check your mailslot for a packet of reports. Learn about the kingdom work that has been going on over the last year and some plans for the future.

## **VBS Just One Week Away!**

Space Station Salvation blasts off in just one week. There is still time to register and to volunteer. See the Ministry Table or visit [stpaulswr.org/vbs](http://stpaulswr.org/vbs).

Our VBS needs plastic soda/water bottles (20 oz. or larger) for making water rockets. Please bring your donations to the church by next Sunday, July 24.

## **Farmers Market Booth This Thursday**

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

A couple of volunteers are needed for our booth at the Farmers' Market this Thursday, 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 members, 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.

## **Does Every Day Seem Gray?**

Everyone is talking about "fun in the sun", but you seem to walk around with a cloud over your head. If you need someone to talk to, our Stephen Ministers may be able to help. They are trained to provide confidential one-on-one Christian care. To learn if this would be a good fit for you, just talk to someone on our pastoral staff.



## WELS Night at Witter Field

August 7 | 5:05 PM

Christians from area WELS congregations will come together for a fun evening of baseball at Witter Field. Everyone will sit together as we root on the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters. They will be playing the Green Bay Rockers 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.



## School Supply Drive

July 1 - 31

We are collecting school supplies of all types of for the community “Stuff the School Bus” drive. Your donations will be given to local families with financial need. Bring in your donations to the church by the end of July. There is a drop off spot by the Ministry Table.

We are seeking a volunteer to transport our donations to the “Stuff the School Bus” event in downtown Wisconsin Rapids on Thursday, August 3. The drop off window is 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. If you can help, please contact the church office.

## Help with the Clothing Giveaway

Aug. 2-6

Many volunteers are needed for our Clothing Giveaway the first week of August. On the donation days (Tuesday, Aug. 2 and Wednesday, Aug. 3 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm) volunteers will receive 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. The giveaway 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.

## Clothing of All Sizes Needed

Aug. 2-3

Do you have a shirt or shorts that never quite fit right or the color doesn't flatter you? You wore it a couple of times, but now it takes up space in your closet or dresser. It is time to clear out those things and give them to the Community Clothing Giveaway. Are you holding on to some pants in case you lose weight (or gain back weight you've lost)? Throw them in your donation bag as well. Collection days are August 2 & 3.



“Consider how the lilies of the field grow...  
If that is how God clothes the grass of the field...  
will he not clothe you even more”?

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	10:30 AM	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Kitchen Cleaning</b>
	2:00 PM	Willing Workers in the cafeteria
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Voters' Meeting in church</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Paul's booth at Downtown Farmers Market</b>
	1:00 PM	Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship

## Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 234

Mortgage Balance: \$1,118,024

See the Voters' Meeting Report for details on Fiscal Year End 2021-2022.

## Upcoming Events

July 25-31 ~ Vacation Bible School

Aug 2-3 ~ Clothing Drive

Aug 4-6 ~ Clothing Giveaway

The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world



- Colossians 1:6

*Snacks*

**SPACE Station Salvation!**

*Special Rocket-Activity*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*Craft*

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

*Singing Songs*

**Come to all or one - Different activities each night**

*Bible Stories*      **4:30 pm to 7:30 pm**      *Play Games*  
Food provided

Ages **3-10**  
Babysitting provided

Register at [stpaulswr.org](http://stpaulswr.org)  
 or call 715-421-3634

**To the stars and beyond!**



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