



NEW LIFE; NEW MINDSET

9:00 & 10:15 am August 2, 2020



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to our guests!

- We pray that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace and joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Our mission is to share the rock-solid hope of Jesus with today's world through timeless truths found in the Holy Scriptures.
- Large print service folders and hearing assistance devices are available.
- Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area.
- Children's activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from the nursery in entry area.
- Thank you for respecting your fellow worshippers by practicing social distancing. You are encouraged to socialize in the sanctuary area or outside rather than causing a crowded area in our narthex. Volunteers are sanitizing all shared touch points between services.
- We are part of a world-wide Christian body and support the gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. Contact our pastor today. You can also visit wels.net





Service of the Word

This service focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

Greeting

Hymn

Rise, My Soul, To Watch and Pray
Christian Worship 472

♪ Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o'ertaken.
For the foe, Well we know,
Is a harvest reaping
While the saints are sleeping.

**3. Watch against yourself, my soul,
Lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control
Nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin Lurk within,
All your hopes to shatter;
Heed not when they flatter.**

**2. Watch! Let not the wicked world
With its lies defeat you
Lest with bold deceptions hurled
It betray and cheat you.
Watch and see Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm you
Who but seek to harm you.**

**4. But while watching also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day,
Strength and faith increasing,
So that still Mind and will
Shall unite to serve him
And forever love him.**

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession & Absolution

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his

wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Response of Praise

To God Be the Glory
Christian Worship 399:1

♪ **To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory -- great things he has done!**

Prayer of the Day

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson

Jeremiah 9:1-9

The unbelieving world will slander and speak against all who seek to serve the Lord.

Now I wish my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears. Then I would weep day and night for the fallen of my people. ²I wish there was a lodging place for travelers in the wilderness. Then I would leave my people and get away from them. They are all adulterers, a society of traitors. ³They bend their tongues like bows, to deceive. It is not by faithfulness that they prevail in the land. They go from evil to evil, and they do not acknowledge me, declares the LORD.

⁴Everyone should be on guard against his friend. Do not trust any brother, for every brother is really a deceiver, and every friend spreads slander. ⁵Everyone betrays his friend, and no one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongues to lie. They wear themselves out with sinning.

⁶You, Jeremiah, live in the midst of deception! In their deceit they refuse to acknowledge me, declares the LORD. ⁷Therefore this is what the LORD of Armies says. Watch me. I will refine them and test them. What else can I do for my dear people? ⁸Their tongues are like deadly arrows. They speak deceitfully. With their mouths they speak peacefully to their neighbors, but in their hearts they set traps.

⁹Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the LORD. Shall I not avenge myself on such a nation as this?

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 18

Christian Worship Hymnal

♪ The Mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
He rescued me from my powerful enemy,

He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me. **Refrain**

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,
and your right hand sustains me;

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

Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:1-8

Believers cause great surprise through their sanctified life.

Therefore, because Christ suffered in flesh, arm yourselves with the same mindset, because the one who has suffered in flesh is done with sin. ²Do this so that you no longer live the rest of your time in the flesh for human desires but for God's will.

³Indeed, you have already spent enough time in the past doing what the Gentiles want to do: living in unbridled immorality, lusts, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and disgusting idolatry.

⁴For this reason, they are surprised that you do not plunge into the same overflowing river of filth with them, and they slander you. ⁵They will have to give an account to the one who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶In fact, it was for this reason that the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, so that they might be judged the way people are judged in flesh and that they might live the way God lives in spirit.

⁷The end of all things is near. So have sound judgment and be self-controlled for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, love each other constantly, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Children's Message

*All children 5th grade and under are invited to come to the front area.
Helpers or parents are welcome to join them.*

Verse of the Day

(Isaiah 55:11b)

Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

The gospel is a treasure, and it will be clear on judgment day who valued it.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. ⁵⁰And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ⁵¹Jesus said to them, "Did you understand all these things?"

They answered him, "Yes."

⁵²He said to them, "Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things."

After the gospel reading:

The words and works of our King!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Savior, I Follow On
Christian Worship 473

♪ **Savior, I follow on, Guided by thee,
Seeing not yet the hand That leadeth me.
Hushed be my heart and still; Fear I no further ill.
Only to meet thy will My will shall be.**

**2. Riven the rock for me, Thirst to relieve,
Manna from heaven falls Fresh ev'ry eve.
Never a want severe Caused my eye a tear,
But thou dost whisper near, "Only believe."**

**3. Often to Marah's brink Have I been brought;
Shrinking the cup to drink, Help I have sought,
And with the prayer's ascent Jesus the branch hath rent,
Quickly relief hath sent, Sweet'ning the draught.**

Sermon

1 Peter 4:1-8

CAUSE SURPRISE ARMED WITH THE MINDSET OF CHRIST

1) SURPRISING LIFE 2) SURPRISING LOVE

Response of Praise

Savior, I Follow On
Christian Worship 473:4

♪ Savior, I long to walk
Closer with thee;
Led by thy guiding hand,
Ever to be
Constantly near thy side,
Quickened and purified,
Living for him who died
Freely for me.

Confession of Faith

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 fully 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.

Offerings Gathered

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offerings go to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Prayer of the Church

Take My Life and Let It Be
Christian Worship 469

**♪ Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.**

**4. Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**5. Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart - it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.**

**6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.**

Special Prayers

Special prayer requests are spoken concluding with...through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer for Grace

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

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.

Hymn

What Is the World to Me
Christian Worship 477

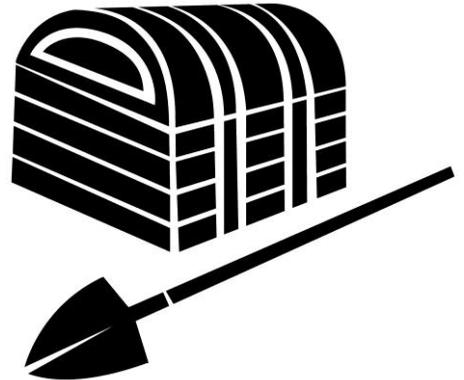
♪ **What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When you, and you alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,**

**My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!**



**2. The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty,
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is he,
My Jesus, he alone.
What is the world to me!**

**3. The world seeks after wealth
And all that money offers,
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good;
Content with it I'll be;
My Jesus is my wealth --
What is the world to me!**



**4. What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.
Once more then I declare: What is the world to me!**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- Thanks to God for sending our area rain.
- Thanks to God for the faithful service from our summer student teacher, Sydney Peterson. She will be finishing up the program this week with recitals; that God give her safe travels and a good upcoming year at Martin Luther College.
- Carl Fox, who is hospitalized and fighting infection; that God provide perseverance, healing, and assurance of his loving presence even as Carl is isolated due to the pandemic.
- Ellie Krigbaum and her son, Wyatt, who have coronavirus; that God would give them speedy recover and help stem the spread of this pandemic; that he comforts them with his loving promises.

Attendance

7/22 & 23 Bible Study: 9

7/26 Sunday Worship: 39

7/29 & 30 Bible Study: 12

Received in July: \$12,180.82

Serving This Week

Flowers, Communion Setup: Marlene Nielsen

Music: Keyboard, Sydney Peterson

Presiding Minister: Tom Barthel

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home with you today.**

CALENDAR

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Sunday, August 2 Pentecost 9

9:00am Worship

10:15am Worship

Sunday, August 9 Pentecost 10

9:00am Worship with Lord's Supper

10:15am Worship with Lord's Supper

Meditation Booklets

Guests, please help yourself to the new "Meditations" booklets in the entryway.

Installation Service

Our sister congregation in Flagstaff, Mt. Calvary, will be having an installation service today at 4pm for their new minister, Daniel Habben.

Pastor's Family on a Vacation

Pastor will be gone starting this week for a three-week family vacation. Join us as we invite a guest preacher the next three Sundays. Next week Tim Henning, our circuit pastor, will be coming to share God's Word with us.



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