



MAY

the LORD  
bless you

ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.

psalm  
128:5

**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**God's Plan For Families**

October 7, 2018

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are thankful that you've chosen to worship with us.

We love children worshipping with us. But we understand that kids can get restless. We have a few options for your convenience: Quiet Bags in the back of church, filled with activity pages and books; a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons with a rocking chair, children's books and toys; Changing Tables in both washrooms down the hallway to the right as you exit the chapel.

Most of the service is projected on the front wall. You can also find the service and hymns in the hymnal. Bibles are available on request. If you want, you may follow along with the today's readings from your mobile device.

*Please be sure to silence your mobile device so you don't disrupt the service or distract people's worship.*

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's plan for man was perfect. He created woman for man. They were to "become one flesh." Sin entered the world and separation replaced union—separation from God and from one another. Bitter marriages and divorces are two examples. But thanks be to God, Jesus even suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone and create new life and new promise of union.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

For Christian homes, O Lord, we pray, that you might dwell with us each day. Make ours a place where you are Lord, where all is governed by your Word. Amen (CW Hymn 500:1)

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist**

**Organist**

**Usher**

Pastor Erich Westphal

Sasha Schallert

Isaac Hill

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## OPENING HYMN

*Our Father, by Whose Name* | 501

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:18–24

God himself regulates the marriage he himself has instituted in a way that will best serve the interests of the married and ultimately of the Church and society as well.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him.” <sup>19</sup>Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. <sup>21</sup>The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. <sup>22</sup>The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup>The man said,

Now this one is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh.

She will be called “woman,”  
because she was taken out of man.

<sup>24</sup>For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother  
and will remain united with his wife,  
and they will become one flesh.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## PSALM 139b | EHV

*Psalm 139 is a practical discussion of God's attributes.*

*This section highlights God's power and goodness.*

*Leader: Lord, you have investigated me, and you know me.  
You are familiar with all my ways.*

**Left: O LORD, you created my inner organs.**

**Right: You wove me together in my mother's womb.**

**Left: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

**Right: Your works are wonderful, and my soul knows that very well.**

*Leader: Lord, you have investigated me, and you know me.  
You are familiar with all my ways.*

**Left: My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place,**

**Right: when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.**

**Left: Your eyes saw my unfinished body. In your book all of them were written.**

**Right: Days were determined, before any of them existed.**

*Leader: Lord, you have investigated me, and you know me.  
You are familiar with all my ways.*

**Left: Your thoughts are so precious to me, O God!**

**Right: How great is the total of them!**

**Left: If I would count them,**

**Right: they would outnumber the grains of sand.**

*All: Lord, you have investigated me, and you know me.  
You are familiar with all my ways.*

## SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:21–6:4

Christ himself sets the example in his marriage to us.  
He did everything he did not for his own benefit but for ours.

<sup>21</sup>... and by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. <sup>24</sup>Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. <sup>27</sup>He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup>In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. <sup>31</sup>“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband.

<sup>6:1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with a promise: <sup>3</sup>“that it may go well with you and that you may live a long life on the earth.” <sup>4</sup>Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 2:12 EHV

Alleluia. I will declare your name to my brothers. Within the congregation I will sing your praise. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Mark 10:2–16

God's Word is an encouragement to those who are faithful in their family to appreciate God's special blessing through their family for this life and as a mirror for the life of the family with Christ in his marriage with the Church.

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

<sup>3</sup>He replied, "What did Moses command you?"

<sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus told them, "He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>In the house his disciples asked him about this again. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup>If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, "Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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## HYMN OF THE DAY

*For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray* | 500

## SERMON

"God's Family Values Family" | **Mark 10:2-16**



## OFFERING

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

*Please record your visit on the Connection Card. This is also where we register for Holy Communion.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(modern version)*

CW | pg. 20

## THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

*If you haven't established communing fellowship with us, **please wait to receive the Lord's Supper** until you have had a chance to speak with the pastor.*

### PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*If you have established communing fellowship with us and desire to receive the Lord's Supper today, please use the following questions to help you prepare:*

- Q: Do I recognize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment?
- Q: Do I want forgiveness for my failures (according to the Ten Commandments) to carry out the responsibilities of my calling(s)?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus purchased forgiveness for me by his sinless life for me and death on the cross as the payment for all my sins?
- Q: Do I believe that Jesus gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins?
- Q: Do I intend, with Christ's help, to fight temptation, do what I can to correct the wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works?

**THE SACRAMENT**

CW | pg. 21-23

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* | **340**

**THANKSGIVING**

CW | **pg. 24**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Christians, While on Earth Abiding* | **408**

**CURRENT SERMON SERIES:**



We want to make a mark on the world. We want to be remembered for something. We want to be significant. As followers of Christ, our identity is found in him. Our purpose, then, is to leave the “print” of Christ on the world. In Mark chapter 10, Jesus gives us four ways we are to leave a distinctively Christ-like mark on the world.

- 10/7** – **Family focused**
- 10/14** – **Proper priorities**
- 10/21** – **Greater good**
- 10/28** – **Just Jesus**

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 27

4:00 – 6:00 pm

This event turns our parking lot into a safe place for children to wear their costumes and ‘trick or treat’ for some candy and prizes. They are also invited to come inside and enjoy some treats, refreshments, fellowship, and make a project.



We have applied for a Thrivent grant that pays for the candy, hot chocolate, water, cupcakes, etc. If you want to be part of this event, please sign up on the sheet in the Information Center. **We need volunteers to decorate their trunks and to help with serving treats inside.**

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**AMAZON SMILE** is the same Amazon you usually shop with the added benefit of supporting our church. **Brooklyn Lutheran receives a quarterly check from Amazon.** Who doesn't like a little extra cash! Directions are in the Information Center if you haven't signed up

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## WELS MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT & GETAWAY WEEKEND

How is your marriage? Would you like it to be healthier? God designed marriage and only he can improve the health of your marriage. Join us for a marriage enrichment weekend at Oak Ridge Hotel & Conference Center in Chaska, Minnesota, January 11-13, 2019. The cost is \$349 per couple and includes lodging, breakfast both days and lunch on Saturday. Spend your weekend learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy and connect with each other intentionally – all in the light of God's grace. The result? A healthier marriage. Space is limited, so register early! Visit [www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment](http://www.wels.net/marriage-enrichment) for more information and to register.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELS MISSION JOURNEYS** provides opportunities to participate in Christian service through short-term mission trips (at home and abroad). Do you like to travel? Do you want to make a difference? These trips will inspire a lifelong journey of service and outreach. Talk to Chris Schallert (Discipleship Chairman) or pastor, if you are interested.

**FORWARD IN CHRIST** new editions are located in the Information Center.

### MISSION & MINISTRY SUNDAY

On October 21, 2018, we are celebrating God's blessings on his church and renewing our commitment to the Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:18-20). As part of this special day, you will have the opportunity to take ownership and participate in the kingdom endeavors Jesus gives to us by distributing door-hangers advertising and inviting our community to our Trunk or Treat event and Friendship Festival.

### SAVE THE DATE(S)

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Reformation Sunday/ **November 4** 10 am  
Friendship Festival

Chicken Dinner 11 am

Brooklyn Lutheran's **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Feb. 4**

### WEST LUTHERAN

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Spaghetti Dinner Oct. 16 6:00 pm

Concert Oct. 16 7:30 pm

Fall Festival Oct. 27 10 - 4

40th Anniversary Oct. 27 7 pm

More information is posted on the bulletin board.

Feel free to take a flyer off of the board.

## Calendar Week

*Today – Donut Sunday*

Sunday School 9:00 am

Bible Study 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am

Fellowship 11:00 am

LWMS Rally, Hastings 1:30 pm

*Monday*

Wise Penny Work Day

No Men's Growth Group

*Tuesday*

Bible Class 3:15 pm

*Wednesday*

Choir 6:45 pm

*Sunday*

Sunday School 9:00 am

Bible Study 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am

Fellowship 11:00 am

Elders Meeting 6:30 pm

## Serving in The Lord

*Ushers*

Today: Isaac Hill

Next Sunday: Ron Stelter

Russ Wyman

*Organist*

Today: Sasha Schallert

Next Sunday: Bethel Janisch

*October Money Counters*

Steve Deuth, Guy Schimenz

## Blessings from The Lord

*Attendance*

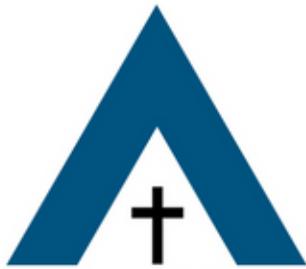
Sunday School – 3

Bible Study – 12

Sunday Service – 67

Tuesday Bible Class – 9

*Tithes & Offerings \$ 1,213.00*



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