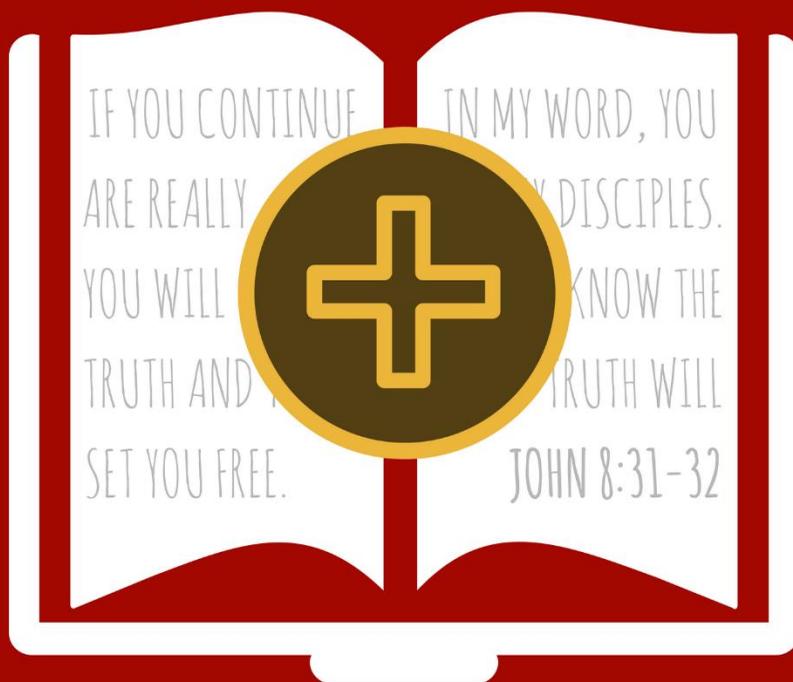


CONTINUE IN MY WORD



A Service of Thanksgiving

Celebrating 100 Years of God's Grace
in the Minnesota District of the
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

June 8, 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, a Quiet Area in the library area of our Commons, and 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 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Giving thanks for 100 years of God's grace in the Minnesota District of the WELS.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Thank you, O God, for this community of believers in the Minnesota District (WELS). Increase our faith and make our dedication to your Word an example to all people. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist

Organist

Ushers

Pastor Erich Westphal

Jan Budach

John Nueman

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THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Voices Raised to You We Offer | 724

Please stand to sing the final stanza



1. Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
Men 2. All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
3. Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with
Women 4. Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -
5. How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
heav - en's grace. For your liv - ing, suf - fring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in chor - us;
thanks we owe! Take our hearts and hands and voic - es



For your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
For your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Tri - une God, to you we sing,
God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!
Tri - une God, to you we sing!

INVOCATION

M: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE OF PROMISES

M: Gracious Father, for centuries you promised a Savior who would crush the head of Satan. You revived Adam and Eve with this promise. You uttered it again to the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You announced it from the mountaintops through your prophets Moses, Isaiah, David, and others. When your time was right, you fulfilled your promise through your Son, Jesus Christ. We stand here today as spiritual benefactors of the forgiveness you promised and accomplished through Christ.

C: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M: Almighty God, together with your Son you promised to send the Holy Spirit – the comforter and counselor. On Pentecost you vividly displayed the keeping of that promise. Today you continue to keep this promise as you send your Holy Spirit to our hearts to do his work through Word and Sacraments administered in this congregation and throughout this Minnesota district.

C: **The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M: Eternal God, we are attacked on every side. Our flesh tempts us from within, the world tempts us from without, and the Devil schemes with both. We have come to realize that we cannot rely on the things of this world for lasting security against the assaults of Satan. We would fall into despair if not for your promise that your Word will last forever. We can rely on your Word because your promises in Christ will last forever. This, Lord, is our strength today as we face the challenges of being twenty-first century confessional Lutherans.

C: **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

M: Merciful Lord, your fulfilled promises give us strength and hope today. When your Church has struggled, your grace has prevailed, always leaving a remnant sheltered by your love. When your people have faced times of testing, you have shown us your love by using those times to draw us closer to you.

C: **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

M: Let this be the time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and Sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the fathers of our churches in the past.

C: **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, of confession and repentance. For Jesus' sake forgive us whenever we love ourselves more than you and serve ourselves instead of your people. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our work. Rid us of indifference for public worship and continued growth, and destroy every thought that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.**

M: Let this be the time, O Lord, when we recommit ourselves to the ministry of the gospel of your Son. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and if it is your will, success in our labor. And give us faith, O Lord, to take up the trumpet none can silence or mistake and grant us courage to proclaim once more for all the world to hear: The feast is ready! Come to the feast!

C: **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

HYMN

We All Are One in Mission | **566**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Gracious Lord, you have made us your own dear children through faith in Christ Jesus. In your mercy you have brought us together in this church body called the Minnesota District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We praise you that your Word is still proclaimed among us. We thank you that the message of forgiveness and eternal life in Jesus Christ is still our central teaching. We glorify you for the mission you have given us: to reach the lost and strengthen the saved. Today we ask you to send the Holy Spirit and rekindle in us our zeal for the work you have given us, that more people may come to trust in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen. (*spoken*)**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1-10

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

You saw with your own eyes what the Lord did at Baal Peor. The Lord your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, but all of you who held fast to the Lord your God are still alive today.

See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, “Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 78 | pg. 95

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 115:1

Alleluia. Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name give glory,
because of your mercy, because of your truth. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 15:1-17

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you.

No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts | 509

SERMON

“Continuing in God’s Word” | **John 8:31-32**

1. Gratefully acknowledging the past.
2. Faithfully addressing the present.
3. Prayerfully awaiting the future.

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

Please help us help you by recording your visit in the Connect With Us binder.

PRAYER

M: Gracious Lord God, as we pause this day to recall your blessings to our district, we are filled with humble gratitude:

C: **We give thanks to your gracious name.**

M: Through Jesus' death and resurrection, you freed us from the guilt of sin, the fear of death, and the slavery of Satan:

C: **Help us to always trust in Jesus as our only Savior from sin and hope of heaven.**

M: You have given us your Word so that we might know you as a loving God and know for certain we will live in your love eternally:

C: **Help us to faithfully cling to your truth and to freely share that truth with others.**

M: You have given us your Sacraments of baptism and holy communion to create and strengthen faith in our hearts and assure us that our sins are forgiven – fully, freely, and forever:

C: **Help us to treasure these gifts and use them often for our comfort.**

M: Through your Word you have given blessings to couples at weddings and comfort to family and friends at funerals:

C: **Help us be faithful to you and to one another for as long as we live.**

M: You have given us faithful pastors, school teachers, and Sunday School teachers to impart your Word of promise:

C: **Help us to honor them as your representatives.**

M: You have given us numerous opportunities to grow in our Christian faith and life through Sunday School, Lutheran elementary school, Lutheran high school, and youth and adult Bible studies:

C: **Help us to show our appreciation by making good use of them, for ourselves and for our children.**

M: You have given us dedicated organists, choir members, councilmen, organizational leaders, and countless volunteers who have given of their time and talents to serve your kingdom:

C: **Help us to want, not so much to be served, as to serve and to give ourselves to your glory.**

M: With your assurance of sins forgiven and the promise of life in heaven, you have given us a purpose for living and hope in dying:

C: **Help us to be eager to live for your, to serve you, and to share the gospel for you.**

M: Through war and peace, recession and prosperity, you have given us faith to meet every obstacle:

C: **Help us to trust you to always see us through every challenge you set before us.**

M: For 100 years you have given us the privilege of sharing your gospel in the various communities of our Minnesota District:

C: **Until we are privilege to join all the saints who from their labors rest, help us as individuals and congregations to do all we can to share your Word of salvation.**

M: Lord, we pray as your Son taught us:

**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

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

God's Word is Our Great Heritage | **293**

Tune by Fritz Reuter, first music professor
called to Dr. Martin Luther College

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Ruebena George upon her graduation from Park Center High School. Join us in fellowship after the service and congratulate her. Stefanie Hill's twin sisters; Aleah and Brooklynn Luebke, graduated from Shoreland Lutheran High School in Somers, WI.

PASTOR WESTPHAL will be attending the Synod Convention Tuesday – Thursday.

TATER DAZE PARADE – is this **Thursday!** Please feel free to join us. Meet at church at 5:45 to carpool over there. If you do not want to carpool, we are assigned number 34 in the parade.

INVITE THE NEIGHBORHOOD is a great opportunity for us to introduce our Church, Preschool, and VBS, to people in the community. This canvassing event is the weekend of June 23 & 24. On Saturday morning, we will have four students from MLC training us on 'how to' canvass. In the afternoon, they will assist us as we go out into the neighborhood. We will need a **minimum of 12 volunteers** for this event.

HOUSING NEEDED for the MLC students. Let Dave Glodowski know if you are able to help with providing housing both Friday and Saturday night to one of the married couples.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 25 – June 28, 9 – 11:30 am. Registration will begin this week.

ASSISTANTS are still needed. Please let Stefanie know if you are available to help.

Calendar Week

Today – Graduation Sunday

Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Fellowship	
Elder's Meeting	6:30 pm

Monday

Men's Bible Study	7:00 am
Wise Penny Work Day	
Brooklyn Bridge Board	5:00 pm
Softball @ CN	6:20 pm

Tuesday

Bible Class	3:15 pm
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Wednesday

Lawn Mowing	6:00 pm
John Nueman	

Thursday - Tater Daze Parade

Meet at church	5:45 pm
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Sunday

Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am

Serving in The Lord

Ushers

Today:	John Nueman
Next Sunday:	Larry Gens

Organist

Today:	Janice Budach
Next Sunday:	Sasha Schallert

Blessings from The Lord

Attendance

Bible Study – 13
Sunday Service – 63
Tuesday Bible Class – 9

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