



Sunday School and Bible Class. 10:00 a.m.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

**HYMN 11 Safely through another Week**

1 Safely through another week God has brought us on our way;  
Let us now a blessing seek Waiting in His courts today:  
Day of all the week the best, Emblem of eternal rest!

2 Mercies multiplied each hour Thro' the week our praise demand;  
Guarded by almighty pow'r, Fed and guided by His hand,  
How ungrateful we have been In repaying love with sin!

3 While we pray for pard'ning grace, Thro' the dear Redeemer's Name,  
Show Thy reconciled face, Look not on our sin and shame.  
From our worldly cares set free, May we rest this day with Thee.

4 As we come Thy name to praise, May we feel Thy presence near;  
May Thy glory meet our eyes While we in Thy house appear!  
Here afford us, Lord, a taste Of our everlasting feast.

5 May Thy Gospel's joyful sound Conquer sinners, comfort saints;  
May the fruits of grace abound, Bring relief for all complaints.  
This may all our Sabbaths prove, Till we join the Church above.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Together let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: 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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 10:5-13

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."<sup>6</sup> But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*)<sup>7</sup> or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):<sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.<sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto

salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. <sup>13</sup> For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (NKJV)

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

<sup>33</sup> They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, ‘You will be made free?’”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup> Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. (NKJV)

#### THE APOSTLES CREED

#### **HYMN 399 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower**

1 Thee will I love, my Strength, my Tower;  
Thee will I love, my Hope, my Joy;  
Thee will I love with all my power,  
With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.  
Thee will I love, O Light Divine,  
So long as life is mine.

2 Thee will I love, my Life, my Savior,  
Who art my best and truest Friend.  
Thee will I love and praise forever,  
For never shall Thy kindness end;  
Thee will I love with all my heart,  
Thou my Redeemer art.

3 I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,  
Whose radiance hath bro't light to me;  
I thank Thee, who hast richly given  
All that could make me glad and free;  
I thank Thee that my soul is healed  
By what Thy lips revealed.

4 Oh, keep me watchful, then, and humble;  
And suffer me no more to stray;  
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,  
Nor let me loiter by the way.  
Fill all my nature with Thy light,  
O Radiance strong and bright!

THE SERMON: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Theme: The Blessings Received through Faithful Worship

I. Rest for Your Souls.

II. Commemorating Our Deliverance from Slavery

SERMON TEXT: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

‘Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup> And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

(NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Having been thoroughly instructed in the basic truths of God’s Word and having been examined in his knowledge of the truth as it is taught in the Church of the Lutheran Confession, **Lawson Schmit** will this day publicly profess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and be received into communicant membership of St. Paul’s. Ev. Lutheran Church and the Church of Lutheran Confession.

**HYMN 338 Thine Forever, God of Love**

1 Thine forever, God of Love! Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be Here and in eternity!

2 Thine forever! O how blest They who find in Thee their rest!  
Savior, Guardian, heav’nly Friend, Oh, defend us to the end!

3 Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us thro' our earthly strife.  
Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way, Guide us to the realms of day.

4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep These Thy frail and trembling sheep.  
Safe alone beneath Thy care, Let us all Thy goodness share.

5 Thine forever! Thou our Guide, All our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiven; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

BENEDICTION

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN 283 God' Word Is Our Great Heritage**

God's Word is our great heritage,  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way;  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure,  
Throughout all generations.

### CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. **Bible Class** is in summer recess.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid meets at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18.

## FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 24-27: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday. For a digital copy of the convention prospectus go to: [tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21](http://tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21)  
If anyone would like a printed rather than a digital copy, the pastor can print one. (It is 109 pages)

## SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 23 worship – 18

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Memorial offerings
Offerings Received	\$1075.00	
Needed for Year:	\$28,270.00	
Received for Year:	\$26,487.00	

June Church Cleaning – Ubl

June Lawn Mowing – Valerie Barthels

**CLC NEWS:** Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynwood, WA has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Pastor Luke Willitz has returned the call by Redeemer, Bowdle, SD/Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

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**KINSHIP COVID Aid** - With the recent surge of COVID infections in Asia, our brothers and sisters in Christ in India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh are

suffering as they struggle to stay healthy and provide for daily necessities due to the lockdown measures that are being strictly enforced. Both the CLCI and BELC report deaths of pastors and members. Also, Pastor Jyothi in India was hospitalized and was very near death. He was able to receive care in an ICU bed for a few weeks where he received life saving treatments while he was unconscious for several days. We thank our Savior that Jyothi has recently been released from the hospital and is staying with a relative near the hospital. He is currently receiving oxygen and injections to prevent blood clots. With all of this and more, the CLC Board of Missions and the KINSHIP Committee have decided to provide financial help to assist with humanitarian efforts and medical bills. Offerings to the KINSHIP General Fund will help with this effort to help those who are suffering in Asia at this time. Please remember our brethren in your prayers!