

But if we
HOPE
for what we
do not yet
HAVE,
we wait for it
PATIENTLY.

ROMANS 8:25

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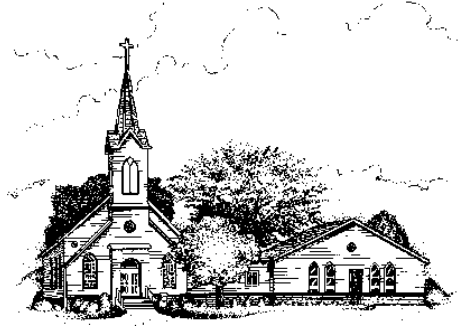
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Welcome to God's House

Faith in Christ does not remove life's difficulties. In fact, our time on earth is full of daily encounters with suffering of all kinds. Even creation groans as a result of the consequences of sin. Will things ever get better?

It is a life of hope that keeps in mind what is promised but what is not yet seen. The life of faith is a deep longing for what is promised, and of endurance in suffering.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above #603:1-4

All praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev'ry sorrow stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r has made, in mercy he is keeping;
by morning dawn or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of his might, all things are just and good and right:
to God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord will not forsake his flock, his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Invocation

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

Confession of Sins

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, you promise that in all things you work for the good of those who love you. Help us see your loving hand in times of trouble. Save us from doubt, relieve our distress, and lead us to long for the day when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death; through your Son, Jesus

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

Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

In You, O LORD, I Am Found - Psalm 139D



1 O LORD, you know me and search me out:
2 I know not all my own heart and mind,
3 Though dark - ness cov - ers my hope and sight
4 Be - fore my birth, you com - posed my frame.
5 Where can I run from your love so deep,



my hab - its and thoughts, my se - cret doubts,
my wan - der - ing soul, my sleep - less eyes;
and night o - ver - takes my trou - bled mind,
You gazed in my eyes and knew my name.
so bound - less and strong, so rich, so free?



my dreams at night, the words of my mouth.
I long for you, but from you I hide.
in dark - ness you, my day - light, will shine.
You wrote with love each one of my days.
No height, nor depth can sep - a - rate me:

Refrain



In you, O LORD, I am found; oh, in you, O LORD, I am found.

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies

with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 11:33

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

Gospel

John 16:16-33

¹⁶ Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

¹⁷ At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by

saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

¹⁹ Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?" ²⁰ Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹ A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. ²² So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. ²³ In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ²⁴ Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

²⁵ "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷ No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

²⁹ Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. ³⁰ Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

³¹ "Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. ³² "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

Day by Day #803

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.

Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
when my burdens grow too great to bear;
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
you will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.

Present Suffering and Future Glory

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both

our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

You have demonstrated your love by giving your only Son to die for a world of sinners. when we must suffer losses or carry crosses in life, give us patience.

Give us courage to bear the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless...] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer and special intercessions may follow

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever. Hear us for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Hymn

Pass Me Not #822



1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my
2 Let me at thy throne of mer - cy find a
3 Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I
4 Thou the spring of all my com - fort, more than



hum - ble cry; while on oth - ers thou art
sweet re - lief; kneel - ing there in deep con -
seek thy face; heal my wound - ed, bro - ken
life to me, whom have I on earth be -



call - ing, do not pass me by. v. 2
tri - tion, help my un - be - lief. Refrain
spir - it, save me by thy grace. v. 4
side thee, whom in heav'n but thee. Refrain



Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;



while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn

It Is Well with My Soul #850

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll—
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

Refrain: *It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—

my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
Tue:	12:30 p.m.	Circuit meeting at KML
Wed:	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Thu:	2:30 p.m.	Samaritan Home Devotion, WB
	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Fri:	7:00 p.m.	WELS Youth Night at KML
Sat:	8:30 a.m.	Women's Retreat at St. Lucas
	9:00 a.m.	Catechism instructions
	<i>Before Bed</i>	<i>Set your clocks ahead!</i>
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
	2:00 p.m.	Luther Prep Spring Concert, Watertown

Guest Preacher We thank Mr. Ben Bitter who served as our guest preacher this week-end. He is a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and will graduate this May. Trivia fact: he's married to Emmalie nee Olsen, daughter of our frequent organist Barb Olsen. We also thank Emmalie for

accompanying on the flute this morning.

Lenten Worship Join us this Wednesday for our fourth midweek Lenten service at 6:30 p.m. We'll welcome Pastor Mike Woldt from David's Star in Jackson, who will lead us in worship.

Sunday School Singing Sunday School parents, please remember the Sunday School children will be singing at the end of the early service and the beginning of the late service next Sunday morning.

Special Presentation on Ukraine Today (Sunday) Bruce Braun will be making a special presentation on mission work in Ukraine during the bible class time (8:45 – 9:30 a.m. – with treats and coffee provided). You're welcome to attend.

Make a Joyful Noise Women's Retreat Ladies, this is the last chance to sign up for the one - day women's retreat focusing on select Psalms and Stories, presented by Branches Band. The retreat will be held at St. Lucas Lutheran School **this Saturday, March 9th**. Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30 a.m. A registration fee of \$30 includes lunch and all of the presentations. We hope to see you there!

WELS Youth Night If you're between 8th – 12th grade, you are invited to a youth night **this Friday night, March 8**, from 7-9 p.m. at KML in the Performing Arts Center. There will be a series of youth-focused activities to remind them that they are not alone and to encourage them to enjoy their faith as the blessing it is. Food and games will be provided as well. Register with the QR code on the poster on the bulletin board. For more information, talk to Pastor Bode.

Easter Lilies You can help beautify the church on Easter Sunday with an Easter lily or two. Take one of the half sheets from the cabinets, fill it out, and return it to the Ladies' Aid mailbox (top center). You can make checks payable to Zion Ladies' Aid. **The deadline is March 17th.**

Easter Breakfast Signup You'll find a signup sheet on the bulletin board

for food / drink items needed for our Easter breakfast this year. Please check the board and sign up for an item or two. Thank you!

Open Enrollment for School Choice If you're looking for a quality Christian education for your child(ren) in a smaller elementary school with a loving atmosphere, consider St. Lucas Lutheran in Kewaskum. Since St. Lucas participates in the Wisconsin Parental School Program, you may be eligible to have your tuition covered. The signup runs through April 18th. E-mail or call Principal Mark Hesse with any questions at 262-626-2680 or mhesse@stlucaswels.org.

Sacred Concerts You are invited to attend a couple of sacred concerts this weekend: Luther Prep's Spring Concert will be *next Sunday, March 10th, at 2 p.m.* (livestream: www.lps.wels.net and click on the vimeo or youtube icon). *Next Tuesday, March 12th*, you're invited to join the KML bands and choirs as they glorify the Lord in concert at 6:30 PM. Can't make it in person? Watch online at kmlhs.org/stream.

Spring Ahead Don't forget to set your clocks ahead this Saturday, March 9th before you go to bed!

Groundbreaking Service at KML All are invited to attend the groundbreaking service for KML's Let's Grow Together building project. The service will take place at KML in the PAC Auditorium at 6:15 PM on Monday, April 8. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

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