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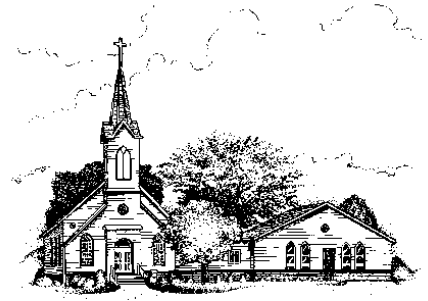
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Welcome to God's House

Faithfulness to God's Word is all-important in the life of a Christian. As we've been reminded in the last several weeks, there is a life and death struggle going on in our lives and Satan constantly strives to pull us back to sin and unbelief. The help we have is the help of God's Word.

So we put on the whole armor of God. We cling to it and teach it to our children and our children's children, that we may stand firm and strong in the Lord.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

I Know My Faith is Founded #797

I know my faith is founded
on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
and this my faith confessing,
unmoved I stand upon his Word.

Our reason cannot fathom
the truth of God profound;
who trusts in worldly wisdom
relies on shifting ground.

God's Word is all-sufficient,
it makes divinely sure,
and, trusting in its wisdom,
my faith shall rest secure.

Increase my faith, dear Savior,
for Satan seeks by night and day
to rob me of this treasure
and take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with you beside me
I shall be undismayed;
and led by your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
a firmer faith bestow;
then I shall bid defiance
to ev'ry evil foe.

In faith, Lord, let me serve you;
though persecution, grief, and pain
should seek to overwhelm me,
let me a steadfast trust retain.
And then at my departure,
at home with you I'll be,
and there will I inherit
all you have promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
until your heav'n I gain,
where I by your great mercy
the end of faith attain.

Invocation

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

Confession

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.

Song of Praise

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above CW 603:3, 5

3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give
hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -
deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols
thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is
me: To God all praise and glo - ry!
God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

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. ² 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...

⁶ 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." ⁷ 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? ⁸ 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?

⁹ 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.


The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Teach Me, O LORD - Psalm 119B

Refrain



Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

The musical notation is on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eight quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, D5, C5. A triplet bracket is placed over the notes E5, D5, and C5.

Tone



The musical notation is for a two-staff piece, with a treble clef on the top staff and a bass clef on the bottom staff. Both staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of several measures of chords and moving lines, primarily using eighth and quarter notes.

Teach me, Lord, the way of / your decrees,
that I may follow it / to the end.

Give me understanding, so that I may / keep your law
and obey it with / all my heart.

Direct me in the path of / your commands,
for there I / find delight. **Refrain**

Turn my eyes away from / worthless things;
preserve my life according / to your word.

Fulfill your promise to your / servant,
so that you / may be feared.

How I long for your / precepts!

In your righteousness pre- / serve my life.

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

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-18

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 31:1

Alleluia. In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” ^[16]

¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

²⁰ He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray #873

1 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.

2 Watch against the devil's snares
lest asleep he find you;
for indeed no pains he spares
to deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey
oft are they
who secure are sleeping
and no watch are keeping.

3 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 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.

5 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.

Sermon

Ephesians 6:10-18

Be Strong in the Lord

Know your enemy...Put on your armor...Take your stand

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

Lord Almighty, you are our refuge and strength, our help in every trouble.

Defend us from all the idols and distractions of the world, and keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. Lord God, our refuge and strength,
help us in every trouble.

Guard and protect us against anything harmful to body and soul. Equip us with your Word so that we can stand firm against all temptation, and be confident in your power. Lord God, our refuge and strength,
help us in every trouble.

Nations are in uproar and kingdoms rise and fall. People rage and try to change the world with terror and destruction. Stop or hinder those who plan evil. Restrain all violence and anything that would harm us. Lord God, our refuge and strength,
help us in every trouble.

Your Son Jesus displayed his power against the devil and the consequences of sin. In mercy look on all who suffer pains of mind and body [especially...]. When it fits your gracious plan, deliver your people from evil. Lord God, our refuge and strength,
help us in every trouble.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayers and special intercessions

Lord God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to destroy the works of the devil, and to protect us against his attacks. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and bring us safely to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide #641:1, 3-4, 6-7

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
for round us falls the eventide,
nor let your Word, that heav'nly light,
for us be ever veiled in night.

3 O God, how sin's dread works abound!
Throughout the earth no rest is found,
and falsehood's spirit wide has spread,
and error boldly rears its head.

4 Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold,
for we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.
O prosper well your Word of grace,
and spread its truth in ev'ry place.

6 A trusty weapon is your Word,
the Church's armor, shield, and sword.
O let us in its pow'r confide
that we may seek no other guide.

7 O grant that in your holy Word
we here may live and die, dear Lord;
and when our journey's ending here,
receive us into glory there.

Prayer

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in

all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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

Fight the Good Fight #876

1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
his boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is Lord eternally.

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119B Teach Me, O LORD

Psalm 119B

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This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Bible Study
	2:30 p.m.	KML Fall Concert
Tue:	1:00 p.m.	OWLS meeting at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
Thu:	7 :00 p.m.	Worship
	7:30 p.m.	Online Bible study
Sat:	8:30 a.m.	Friends of the Seminary Day
	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Branch Lutheran Schools Fundraiser at Trinity Community Center
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Bible Study

In Our Prayers Marilyn Martin, hospitalized at Froedtert – St. Joseph's Hospital.

Guest Preacher We thank Pastor Paul Janke, who led us in worship and served as our guest preacher today (Sunday). Pastor Janke and his wife Carol retired to the Jackson area but he stays busy serving at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in West Bend and other area churches.

Bible Study We will have our Sunday morning bible study today between services. Pastor Janke will be teaching a lesson on Stephen (Acts 6-7) an outspoken hero of faith.

We thank our organist this morning, Barb Olsen.

Online Bible Study If politics is starting to drive you crazy, there is an online bible study that would be perfect for you on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. during October. Register for this online study at

www.forwardinchrist.net/online-study

Pick up an October edition of the *Forward in Christ* from the cabinets in the entryway, as well as the October church calendars and newsletters.

WELS Youth Night at WLC—Calling all youth in grades 9-12! Join us at Wisconsin Lutheran College on **Sunday, October 20th** from 6-8 p.m. for an event where you will experience an evening of free food, games, music, prayer, a Bible message, small group discussions, and fun with other high schoolers from area WELS churches. Pastor Clark Schultz will provide a message, and young adults will lead the worship, games, and small group discussions. Register now at forms.gle/mnyc58TErtBv86ri6.

Help after Helene If you would like to support the relief efforts after the devastation of Hurricane Helene, you can donate to Christian Aid and Relief at www.wels.net/CARgift or send a check to: WELS Christian Aid and Relief, N1623377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188-1108

Lost 'n Found Take some time on your way out today to look at the table of left / unclaimed items in the entryway to see if anything looks familiar. Anything that remains after next Sunday will be donated to charity.

Branch Lutheran Schools Benefit If you'd like to donate crafts or baked goods for the benefit this Saturday, please bring them to church by Friday (11th) noon (kitchen counter) or take them directly to Trinity Community Center (old Town Herman School on Hwy. P). If you'd like to support Branch Lutheran Schools by shopping, the sale is Saturday, October 12th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. More information is on the bulletin board.

KML Fall Band & Choir Concert Please join us in person at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School or online (kmlhs.org/stream) as students from KML glorify God through music! This concert will take place today (Sunday), **October 6, at 2:30 PM** in the KML PAC Auditorium. We hope you can join us!

WWII Presentation If you're a church history or WWII buff, you may be interested in a historical presentation next Sunday, October 13th at 3 p.m. The presentation will be based on WELS Seminary Professor August Pieper's article: "Hitler and the Protestant Church of Germany" and relays the sentiments of Professor Pieper regarding what was happening in his German homeland seven years before the U.S. joined WWII. The translator / presenter is Luther Prep Professor Souksamay Phetsanghane and it will take place at the WELS Historical Institute annual meeting at Luther Prep in Watertown. If you would like to watch it live, go to www.lps.wels.net

Volunteer Opportunities We could use your help at church serving as a greeter this fall. Sign up to serve as a greeter online at www.zionallenton.org. Thank you.

WELS 175th On Saturday, October 19th at 3 p.m., the members of Nain Ev. Lutheran Church in West Allis are hosting a talk entitled *Why Another Synod: The Beginnings of the Wisconsin Synod*. The presenter is Rev. Joel Otto, chairman of the WELS 175th anniversary committee and professor at our Seminary. For more information and / or to register, visit nainlutheran.org/lectures . Light refreshments will be served.