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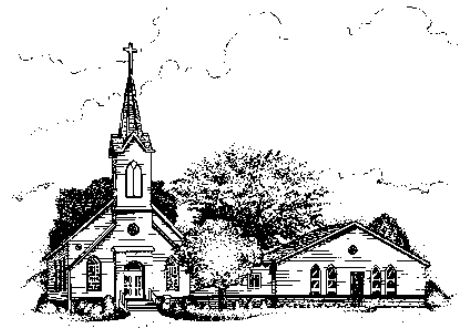
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Welcome to God's House

People think that establishing priorities is about ranking things in order of importance. But it is more than that. We do not have unlimited time and energy. So, establishing priorities enables us to say “no” to things which might be good yet not truly important. Without proper priorities, one inevitably will pursue that which is nice while downplaying that which is needed.

Throughout Scripture believers are urged to prioritize. It is the heart of the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3). Jesus calls for prioritization when he says, “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). Good news: followers of Christ maintain proper priorities. Even better news: followers of Christ receive his forgiveness for all the times their priorities have been improper.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Where Your Treasure Is #828

Refrain

Where your trea - sure is, there your heart shall be.

All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you free.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is the melody, and the second staff is the bass line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.



Where your trea - sure is, your heart shall be.



- 1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,
- 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.
- 3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.
- 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



what you should eat or what to wear?
They do not work their whole life through,
In grace and beau - ty are they dressed,
yours is the king - dom of the Lord.



There is no peace in stress or hur - ry.
and yet God feeds them and pro - tects them.
and yet so soon their bloom is fad - ed.
Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y;



Do you not know that you are held with - in God's care?
So how much more will God pro - tect and care for you?
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?
ob - tain a trea - sure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

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.

Gloria

HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG CW 1061



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us forsake all trust in earthly gain and find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-27

¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

¹⁵ Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.”

¹⁶ The prophet answered, “As surely as the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.” And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

¹⁷ “If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the Lord. ¹⁸ But may the Lord forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the Lord forgive your servant for this.”

¹⁹ “Go in peace,” Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him.”

²¹ So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked.

²² “Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’”

²³ “By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴ When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

²⁵ When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?”

“Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered.

²⁶ But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? ²⁷ Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord - Psalm 90A

Refrain



Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!



Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Tone



Lord, you have been our / dwelling place
throughout all gener- / ations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the / whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.

You turn people / back to dust,
saying, “Return to dust, you / mortals.”

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by,
or like a watch / in the night. **Refrain**

Teach us to number / our days,
that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.

May the favor of the Lord our God / rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work / of
our hands.

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

Hebrews 4:12-13

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia. For the word of God is alive and active.

It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 10:17-27

¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ #560

Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
they tell me all is done, they bid my fear depart. **Refrain**

***Refrain: To whom but you, who can alone
for sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?***

Your blood, not mine, O Christ, can heal my sinful soul;
your wounds, not mine, contain the balm that makes me whole. **Refrain**

Your cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the dreadful load
of sins that none could bear but the incarnate God. **Refrain**

Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ransom due;
ten thousand deaths like mine would have been all too few. **Refrain**

Your righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me;
no other righteousness can set a sinner free. **Refrain**

Sermon

Mark 10:17-27

Avoid the Extremes

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord, you have been our dwelling place through all generations. May your favor rest upon us!

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Your Word is living and active, judging the thoughts and attitudes of our hearts. Cleanse and renew our hearts by your Word and Spirit.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Merciful Lord, look on those who have not heard of you or who do not know you, and love them. Reach them with your living and active Word. Make us messengers of your grace.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Lead and guide the rulers of our nation, the President of the United States, the governor of this state, state and national legislatures and all courts, and move them to work for peace and the common good.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Bless your servants who reach out across cultures with the gospel of Jesus. Let your love conquer all prejudice, drive away all fears of differences, and bring people of all cultures and races into the body of Christ.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Lord, look with love on those who suffer in mind or body, [especially...]. Lighten their burdens as they cast their cares on you. Fill their hearts with patience and trust in your goodness and your promises.

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

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

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow

O most holy Lord, take from us all impurity of thought and desire, and everything that is against your will. Enlighten our understanding that we may know the riches of your eternal glory. Teach us what you would have us do, and uphold us with your mighty power, that in everything we do, we begin, proceed, and end with your blessing; through 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.

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus

JEG VIL MIG HERREN LOVE CW 1066

Tune: JEG VIL MIG HERREN LOVE



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

MERRIAL CW1075

Tune: MERRIAL



- 1 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Christ, who takes a - way
- 2 Je - sus, in your mer - cy, make us pure with - in;
- 3 Let your end - less mer - cy ev - er - more in - crease;



all the world's trans-gres - sions, lis - ten as we pray:
cleanse us by your per - fect sac - ri - fice for sin.
com - fort us with par - don, calm us with your peace.

Distribution Hymns

What Is the World to Me #717

What is the world to me with all its vaunted pleasure
when you and you alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, my soul's delight shall be;
you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!

The world seeks after wealth and all that money offers,
yet never is content though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, content with it I'll be;
my Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!

The world is like a cloud and like a vapor fleeting,
a shadow that declines, swift to its end retreating.
My Jesus shall remain, though all things fade and flee,
my everlasting rock. What is the world to me!

What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my pleasure,
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss eternally.
Once more then I declare: What is the world to me!

All Depends on Our possessing #807

All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken

in their God are not forsaken
and will keep a dauntless heart.

He who to this day has fed me
and to many joys has led me
is and ever shall be mine.

He who ever gently schools me,
he who daily guides and rules me,
will remain my help divine.

Many spend their lives in fretting
over trifles and in getting
things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
that will bring me lasting pleasure
and that now is seldom found.

When with sorrow I am stricken,
hope anew my heart will quicken;
all my longing shall be stilled.
To his lovingkindness tender
soul and body I surrender,
for on God alone I build.

Well he knows what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never;
as God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to him my way.

If my days on earth he lengthen,
he my weary soul will strengthen;
all my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,

like a stream away is gliding;
safe I anchor in his grace.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

On My Heart Imprint Your Image #405

On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
that life's riches, cares, and pleasures have no pow'r to hide your face.
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation.

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
Mon:	6:30 p.m. Evangelism committee 7:00 p.m. Elders meeting 8:00 p.m. Council meeting
Tue - Wed:	Joint Pastors' Conference, St. Paul, Howard's Grove
Wed:	6:00 p.m. Catechism instructions
Thu:	7:00 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Online Bible study
Fri:	2:00 p.m. Hope Rehab devotion, Lomira
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m. Worship 8:30 / 8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Bible Study

Home in Heaven Marilyn Martin was called home to heaven this past Friday night (October 11th). Funeral arrangements are pending. May God comfort all who grieve with the knowledge that because Jesus lives, so do all who die in him.

In Our Prayers Rhea Schmidt, back home in Lomira after being hospitalized this week; also the family of Laura Justman (Herbie's sister) who passed away this week.

Baptism Walker Armand Gehl, infant son of Lucas and Missy, will be baptized in the late service today (Sunday). Walker was born on September 4th. May God keep him in his baptismal grace all his life.

Holy Communion We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive the Lord's Supper is a testimony of the confession, commitment and unity we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are

not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

We thank Barb Olsen for serving as our organist this weekend.

Check the table in the entryway for any items you may be missing. There are plates, dishes, food containers, clothes and miscellaneous items left behind after our picnic as well as from throughout the year. After today the remainder of items will be donated to charity.

Pick up a *Forward in Christ* (October edition) from the cabinets in the entryway, an October calendar, as well as the church newsletter.

The WELS Connection, a monthly news video from our national church body - the WELS, will be shown after church today. This month, meet the WELS European Civilian Chaplain, a pastor who serves military members and their families as well as civilians who are scattered across Europe.

WELS Youth Night at WLC—Calling all youth in grades 9-12! Join us at Wisconsin Lutheran College next 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 Hurricanes If you would like to support the relief efforts after the devastation of the recent hurricanes, 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

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 This 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.

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