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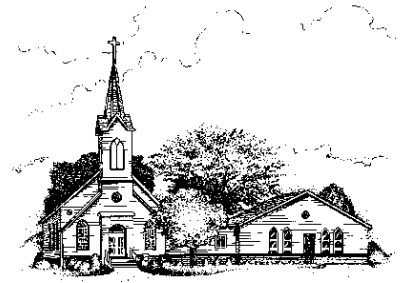
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Welcome to God's House

You've probably heard the saying, "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." In other words, while you still can, use what you have in order to enjoy life to the fullest. If this life is all there is, St. Paul agrees that would be a good philosophy. Paul wrote, "If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die'" (1 Corinthians 15:32). However, note the "if." Paul was saying that the Epicurean approach to life makes sense only if this life is all we have. But it isn't.

Jesus has forgiven us. Jesus will raise us from the dead and take us to live in his home, a place of perfect comfort and beauty. In other words, God will meet our every need.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending #749

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door—
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful songs shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Invocation

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

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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

When All Your Mercies, O My God #604:1-2



1 When all your mer - cies, O my God, my
2 Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts my



wak - ing soul sur - veys, trans - port - ed with the
dai - ly thanks em - ploy, nor is the least a



view, I'm lost in won - der, love, and praise.
cheer - ful heart that tastes these gifts with joy.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; 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

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

¹² “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

¹³ Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him 146D:1-2



1 Praise the Al - mighty; my soul, a - dore him!
2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even

beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 9:11

Alleluia. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴²But a poor widow came and put in

two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

All Depends on Our Possessing #807:1–3, 6

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

6 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.

Sermon

1 Kings 17:8-16

Things aren't like they Used to Be
*We gather our sticks and prepare to die...
but God makes sure our oil never runs dry*

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

Father of the heavenly lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Your goodness, mercy and love do not change like shifting shadows.

Glorious and majestic are your deeds. Your righteousness endures forever.

Give us wisdom to use your gifts, and teach us to be wise and faithful stewards of our time, talents, and treasure.

Glorious and majestic are your deeds. Your righteousness endures forever.

You give us the ability to work and to provide for the needs of our families. Focus our attention on what we truly need for body and life: food, clothing, and shelter.

Glorious and majestic are your deeds. Your righteousness endures forever.

You have put your authorities over us as servants for our good to provide peace and order. Lead us to be good citizens, to pay our taxes and work for peace and safety.

Glorious and majestic are your deeds. Your righteousness endures forever.

We give thanks for those who have served their country, and risked life and limb for the defense of its people. Watch over those who still serve. Maintain our freedom and safety.

Glorious and majestic are your deeds. Your righteousness endures forever.

You are gracious and compassionate, and you display your power to your people. Help your servants who suffer poverty, loneliness, pain, or illness, [especially...]. Your works are faithful and just, and you provide redemption for your people.

Glorious and majestic are your deeds. Your righteousness endures forever.

Silent prayers and special intercessions

O most merciful and gracious God, we have all received the gifts of your goodness. Accept the offerings of your people. Bless our gifts with your love, that they may help advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and promote peace and good will among all people; 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.

Hymn

As Morning Dawns, Dear Savior #777:1-2, 4-5



1 As morn - ing dawns, dear Sav - ior, my praise and thanks I
2 All through the night you kept me se - cure - ly in your
4 What - ev - er my en - deav - or, your ho - ly an - gel
5 Your Word shall al - ways guide me, rich wis - dom to be -



bring for your rich grace and fa - vor; with
arms; your pres - ence did pro - tect me, pre -
send, that Sa - tan's guile may nev - er my
stow; you will with grace pro - vide me and



songs of joy I sing. Though seated on your
serv - ing me from harm. To you I hum - bly
faith bring to an end. Though thou - sand foes as -
cause my faith to grow. Your pow - er from a -



throne, you still are ev - er near me, with prom - is -
plead; with shame my sin con - fess - ing, I seek your
sail, I stand, God's Word be - liev - ing, his prom - is -
bove will keep me and pro - tect me; in all I



es to cheer me, your love for me made known.
great - est bless - ing— for - give - ness that I need.
es re - ceiv - ing; in Christ I shall pre - vail.
do di - rect me, in keep - ing with your love.

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 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer #609:2-3

2 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
 through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
 and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
 and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us;
 to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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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
Mon:	6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher meeting
Tue:	6:30 p.m.	Ladies' Aid
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
Thu:	7 :00 p.m.	Worship
Fri:	2:00 p.m.	Hope Rehab Devotion, Lomira
	5:00 p.m.	Zion at Light-house Youth Center, MKE
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Bible Study

In Our Prayers Kenn Kurtz, undergoing shoulder surgery this week; Tina Uelmen, moving to The Marquardt in Watertown; the family of Arlene Justman (Herbie & Darlene's sister-in-law), who passed away this past week.

Guest Preacher We thank Cooper Knoll for being with us today (Sunday) and leading us in worship and Bible study. Cooper is a Middler (2nd year) student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and is looking forward to being assigned to a congregation this coming May for his Vicar (intern) year.

Thanksgiving Worship Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his mercy endures forever. If we believe that his mercies are new every morning and they endure forever, why not take some time on our national day of Thanksgiving to worship our God from whom all blessings flow? You can do so on Wednesday, November 27th at 7 p.m. or on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Christmas Practice In just a few weeks, we'll be starting our organized Sunday School practices for the Christmas Eve service. The first one will be on November 30th from 9 – 10:30 a.m. If you have children in Sunday School, please make every effort to bring them to these important practices.

We thank Jared Peterson (Thursday) and Barb Olsen (Sunday), who served as our organists this weekend.

Choral Fest This weekend hundreds of high school students from WELS Lutheran high schools gathered together in the Twin Cities for the annual Choral Fest. You can tune into the livestream of the sacred concert this afternoon (Sunday) by going to www.youtube.com/stcroixlutheran.

Lighthouse Our congregation is signed up to serve the youth of Lighthouse Ministries on Friday, November 22nd this year. A list of needed food items is on the bulletin board if you would like to contribute anything. Also, if you'd like to learn more about this ministry, you're welcome to come down on November 22nd to see it firsthand.

Food Drive The ladies' aid is sponsoring a food and clothing drive to benefit the Kewaskum Community food pantry. Money collected will be used to buy meat and other staples to fill the freezers at the Pantry. The

baskets will be out until Thanksgiving. Don't miss this twice - a - year opportunity to show your love for neighbors.

Wreaths Across America This program honors veterans by placing Christmas wreaths on their headstones. If you would like to honor a veteran, the wreaths will be approximately \$17 and the deadline to order one will be at the end of November. Additional information and registration sheets are available near the double entrance doors at the bottom of the ramp. If you have questions, call Ralph Hagner at 262.224.5395 or e-mail lahagner@gmail.com.

Pick up the November edition of the *Forward in Christ* from the cabinets in the entryway, as well as the church calendar, newsletter and remaining copies of the devotional book *Meditations*.

Job Opening KML has 1-2 positions available for an evening janitor. The workday is from 3 - 7 p.m. and includes standard janitorial duties, such as cleaning classrooms, hallways and bathrooms. The pay is \$17.00/hr. Additional hours available for weekend events will be as needed. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Mr. Dave Murphy (262.677.4051 x4094; dave.murphy@kmlhs.org)

Pew Cushions Is your back sore? You're welcome to use one of the new pew cushions, available on the coat rack shelves in the old entryway.