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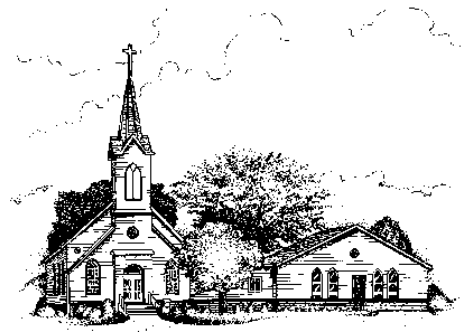
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Welcome to God's House

The door to God and the glory he has prepared for us stands wide open. However, he has mapped out a specific pathway to that door. It is not an easy one. As it did with Jesus, this route takes us through opposition, suffering, and even death. While our human nature may cause us to want to take a detour around these things, Jesus's own life shows us that no detour is allowed. His cross came before his crown. The same path lies ahead of us. However, at the end of it, through the open door, we are offered a reward far better to anything the world can offer.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near #867



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in
4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall
flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -

lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. *v. 2*
 flee, that as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*
 see that as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*
 ty, still as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*

Refrain

So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the

vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;

yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

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.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸ But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the Lord had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! ⁹ Why do you prophesy in the Lord’s name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the Lord and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the Lord’s house. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!”

¹² Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have

heard. ¹³Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the Lord your God. Then the Lord will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. ¹⁵Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

As the Deer - 42A



1 As the deer pants_ for the wa - ter, so my
2 You're my friend, and_ you're my broth - er, e - ven
3 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly



soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my
though you are a King. I love you more than
you can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the




heart's de - sire_ and I long to wor - ship you.
an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.
real joy giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a -



lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8

Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

³¹At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

³²He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ ³³In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day**Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart #817**

Lord, thee I love with all my heart;
I pray thee, ne'er from me depart,
with tender mercy cheer me.

Earth has no pleasure I would share;
yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
if thou, Lord, wert not near me.

And should my heart for sorrow break,
my trust in thee can nothing shake.

Thou art the portion I have sought;
thy precious blood my soul has bought.

Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
forsake me not! I trust thy Word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich bounty gave
my body, soul, and all I have
in this poor life of labor.

Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
may glorify thy lavish grace
and help and serve my neighbor.

Let no false doctrine me beguile;
let Satan not my soul defile.

Give strength and patience unto me
to bear my cross and follow thee.

Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
in death thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last thine angels come,
to Abr'ham's bosom bear me home
that I may die unfearing;
and in its narrow chamber keep
my body safe in peaceful sleep
until thy reappearing.

And then from death awaken me
that these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, thy glorious face,
my Savior and my fount of grace.

Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
and I will praise thee without end.

Sermon

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

We are in your hands, Lord. You have called us to faith, you have put your message in our mouths. Keep us standing firm as we serve you.

We put our hope in God. We will praise you, our Savior and our God.

Draw our eyes toward you in heaven that we always remember our heavenly goal and find our highest joy in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We put our hope in God. We will praise you, our Savior and our God.

Many live as the enemies of Christ and his people. Let the faith of your people shine with patience and love, that with faithful witness in words and actions we may draw people to you.

We put our hope in God. We will praise you, our Savior and our God.

Govern and guide all those who are elected to serve us, the President, the

governor, and all national and state legislatures and courts. Through their work, grant us peace and safety and preserve freedom and justice among us.

We put our hope in God. We will praise you, our Savior and our God.

Give joy and steadfastness to missionaries who bring your gospel to people in places where we ourselves cannot go. Fill them with eagerness to reach and serve the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We put our hope in God. We will praise you, our Savior and our God.

Look on all who are downcast, weary, or ill, [especially...], and give them hope. Guide and provide for them through life, and deliver them from every evil of body and soul according to your will.

We put our hope in God. We will praise you, our Savior and our God.

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow.

Lord God, merciful Father, you do not despise the sighing of a contrite heart or the desire of those who are sorrowful. Help us in all our troubles, that those evils which the devil or humanity work against us may be brought to nothing by your will and purpose, that your people may be hurt by no persecutions and that we may forever give thanks to you; 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

What Grace Is This #395



1 What grace is this! My Lord and King
2 What grace is this— that ver - y God
3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,
4 What grace is this! Rude ag - o - nies!



has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -
would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a
he yields to Pon - tius Pi - late's law and lets the
With com - mon thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sin - less



ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.
road of rock and blood, a sin - ner's road, for me.
Ro - man ham - mers draw a rush of blood for me.
Son bears each mis - deed; he pays for all, for me.

5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths
and gently laid in manger-trough,
he's taken, dead, from wretched cross
and wrapped again for me.

6 What grace is this? How can it be?
He wears this raw humility
to lift me to eternity.
Such grace—sweet grace—for me.

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

**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.

I'm but a stranger here, heav'n is my home;
earth is a desert drear, heav'n is my home;
danger and sorrow stand round me on ev'ry hand;
heav'n is my fatherland, heav'n is my home.

What though the tempest rage, heav'n is my home;
short is my pilgrimage, heav'n is my home;
and time's wild, wintry blast soon shall be overpast;
I shall reach home at last, heav'n is my home.

Therefore I murmur not, heav'n is my home;
whate'er my earthly lot, heav'n is my home;
and I shall surely stand there at my Lord's right hand;
heav'n is my fatherland, heav'n is my home.

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This Week at Zion

- Today:** 7:30 / 9:45 a.m. Worship
8:30 / 8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible study
- Tue:** 6:30 p.m. Ladies' Aid
- Wed:** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship
- Thu:** 7:00 p.m. Worship
7:00 p.m. 175th Anniversary Joint Seminary Chorus and
WLC Choir concert at St. John's on the Hillside
- Sat:** 9:00 p.m. Catechism instructions
- Sun:** 7:30 / 9:45 a.m. Worship
8:30 / 8:45 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Bible study

Lenten Worship Join us this Wednesday evening for our third midweek Lenten service, focusing on Psalm 51:8-9 using the theme *Removing Our Guilt*. Pastor Mark Rohrback from Redeemer Lutheran in Cedarburg will be our guest preacher.

We thank Jared Peterson and Barb Olsen for serving as our organists this weekend.

The WELS Connection This month's story is about Caleb Rothfuss who was encouraged by many others to be a pastor. Is there anyone you could encourage to serve as a pastor?

Easter Flowers If you'd like to beautify our altar on Easter Sunday with an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, there are order forms and information on the cabinets in the entryway. Fill one out and place it in the ladies' aid mailbox (top center).

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Bags / Cornhole Tournament Join us for a fun evening of food, friendly competition, and the chance to win some great prizes. The date is Saturday, April 5th, starting at 5:00 p.m. and the place is our church fellowship hall. Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Projects & Pizza All Sunday School children, adults and anyone interested are invited to a night out on Friday night, March 28th at church. They'll be making cards to give to our shut-in members, watch a movie and / or play some games and have plenty of food and fun from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Sign up to attend or provide some of the needed items and refreshments by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F45ACAD28A64-55125198-zions>

LWMS Rally The Spring LWMS Rally will take place on April 5th at St. Paul's, Neosho (with Bethany Hustisford co-hosting). 8:30 a.m. is registration but it will officially begin at 9:00 a.m. and run through 12:30 p.m. The speaker is Rev. John Borgwardt who will give an overview of our WELS district mission work and share mission work being done at his home congregation of Living Word in Waukesha, WI.

WELS Youth Night If you're reading this on Thursday night, you're invited to Kettle Moraine Lutheran tomorrow night (Friday) from 7-9 p.m. at KML in the PAC. You'll enjoy games, worship, a keynote presentation, breakout sessions, and snacks. Register by scanning the QR code on the bulletin board. 8th – 12 grades are invited.

Joint concert The Seminary Chorus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and the College Choir of Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN, invite you to a special joint concert to celebrate the synod's 175th anniversary. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. this Thursday, March 20, at St. John's on the Hillside (804 Vliet Street) in Milwaukee. St. John's is a historic church, serving as the site of the constituting convention of the Synodical Conference meeting in 1872, and was one of the largest Lutheran churches in the U.S. when it was dedicated in 1890, St. John's is currently going through a period of revitalization as a WELS home mission.

Charger Wear Coordinator Needed KML is looking for a volunteer Charger Wear Coordinator! We are very thankful for Kristie Waldvogel who has done a great job serving in this position for the last couple of years. If you have an eye for design and enjoy working independently, this volunteer position could be right for you! Interested? Have any questions? Contact Mr. Joe Greefkes, Activities Director (262.677.4051 x4003; joe.greefkes@kmlhs.org).