



**“BUT WHO DO
YOU
SAY THAT
I AM?”**

MATTHEW 16:15

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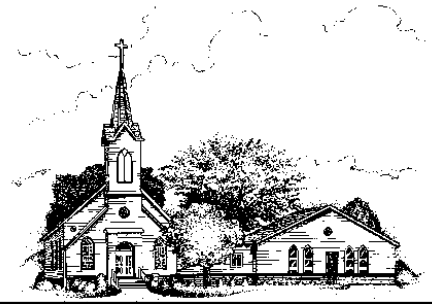
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Welcome to God's House

Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" The most important question in the world, and a question every human must answer. A complimentary



answer can still be dead wrong. Some in Jesus' day thought he was John the Baptist or the prophet Elijah come back from the dead. Complimentary, but dead wrong. Today plenty of people believe Jesus existed. They believe he

was a wise teacher or a role model for love. Complimentary, but dead wrong if missing the main point.

Jesus is both Lord and Savior, the Messiah, the Son of the living God. This truth is the core of saving faith. It is the central message God has called our church to proclaim. What does God want in a church? He wants a church *that really knows Jesus*.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Onward, Christian Soldiers #869

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.

Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;
forward into battle see his banners go! **Refrain**

***Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.***

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we,
one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. ***Refrain***

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
but the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail. ***Refrain***

Onward, then, ye faithful, join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King;
this through countless ages saints and angels sing. ***Refrain***

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.**

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.

Glory Be to God on High

WEBB - CW #1002

Tune: WEBB



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 - mighty - 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.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him

to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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

Exodus 34:5-9

⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

⁸Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. ⁹"Lord," he said, "if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Blessed Be the Name of the LORD - Psalm 113D

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust; he seats them with the princes of his people.

He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-13

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:68

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

In Christ Alone #510

In Christ alone my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe;
this gift of love and righteousness,

scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Sermon

Matthew 16:13-20

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.

Prayer of the Church

Lord, compassionate and gracious God, let us find favor in your eyes. Be with us wherever we go.

We will praise you, Lord, with all our hearts. **We praise your unfailing love and faithfulness.**

Build your church on the truth of Christ, the Son of the living God, that it may remain on your solid foundation and withstand the attacks of the Devil.

We will praise you, Lord, with all our hearts. **We praise your unfailing love and faithfulness.**

Salvation is found in the name of your Son alone. Let your Word be declared to all nations, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord may be saved.

We will praise you, Lord, with all our hearts. **We praise your unfailing love and faithfulness.**

You have committed to your holy Church the care and nurture of your children. Give wisdom to those who teach and those who learn, that they may rejoice in the knowledge of your truth and serve you from generation to generation.

We will praise you, Lord, with all our hearts. **We praise your unfailing love and faithfulness.**

Your Son Jesus gave his apostles power to tread on serpents and scorpions. Strengthen us by your grace, that in your might we may overcome all our spiritual enemies, and serve you with pure hearts.

We will praise you, Lord, with all our hearts. **We praise your unfailing love and faithfulness.**

Lord, you look kindly on the lowly. Preserve the lives of all who are in trouble, [especially...]. Save them with your right hand, since your love endures forever.

We will praise you, Lord, with all our hearts. **We praise your unfailing love and faithfulness.**

Silent prayers and special intercessions may follow

Gracious and merciful God, uphold us in the true faith in our Lord Christ, and grant that we may remain steadfast under all crosses, and praise and glorify you with our hearts, mouths and godly lives until we receive eternal life; 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW #1048

Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN



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

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you

in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW #1057

Tune: GOTTLOB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head #861

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foundation;
in you she trusts, before you bows, and waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, your Church shall endure
though all the world decay and all things pass away.

O hear, O hear us, Jesus!

O Lord, let this your little flock, your name alone confessing,
continue in your loving care, true unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, and your saving Word
to us e'er pure retain; grant that they may remain
our only strength and comfort.

Help us to serve you evermore with hearts both pure and lowly;
and may your Word, that light divine, shine on in splendor holy
that we repentance show, in faith ever grow;
the pow'r of sin destroy and evils that annoy.

O make us faithful Christians.

And for your gospel let us dare to sacrifice all treasure;
teach us to bear your blessèd cross, to find in you all pleasure.
O grant us steadfastness in joy and distress.
Lord, for your mercy's sake, let us by grace partake
of endless joy and glory.

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

There Is a Redeemer #519:1, 3



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
there I'll serve my King for-ev - er in that ho - ly place.



Refrain
Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us your Son



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This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Mon:	10:00 a.m.	OWLS meeting at Peace, Hartford
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:00 p.m.	Endowment committee
Sun:	7:30 / 9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

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.

Schedule Change We will depart from our normal schedule next week by offering the Lord's Supper again. Because of our scheduled outdoor service and church picnic on September 10th, the Council decided that Holy Communion would be offered on the first weekend of September instead of the second weekend.

Only 2 weeks before Sunday School kicks off and we gather for our annual church picnic. On September 10th, Sunday School (Pre-K through 8th grade) begins at 8:30 a.m.; an outdoor worship service begins at 9:45 a.m.; and the picnic begins at 10:45 a.m. Main course meats and refreshments will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass. There will be plenty of games and activities for all ages, as well as a "best dessert" contest. Check the newsletter for more information.

Call Received Pastor Bode has received a call to teach religion at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. Prayers are appreciated as he deliberates where he could best serve.

Congregational Communications If you returned a questionnaire from several months ago you should have received an e-mail from the church office concerning our church picnic and greeter signup. We're still trying to find the best way to communicate important news to our members. If you did not receive that e-mail, please talk to Janet Salzman, our church secretary after the service. She will be at a table in the entryway on your way out of church today. Thank you.

We thank Jared Peterson, who served as our accompanist for all the worship services this weekend.

Volunteer Opportunities at Church 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.

Dartball League The gameboard is here and the stand is here. Now we just need some practice and a team to play. If you'd like to help bring back the tradition of a dirtball team here at Zion, we will be having a couple practices the next two Wednesdays (9/6 & 9/13 @7pm.) This is for those who have already agreed to playing and of course anyone else who is still interested. If you have questions, please contact Rustin Billings at 920 979 3458.

Save the date The Fall LWMS Rally will be at St. Lucas in Kewaskum on Saturday, October 7th. Zion will serve as the co-host for the rally. It will be held in their school gymnasium across the street from the church. Registration starts at 8:30, with rally from 9 to 12:30. Our speaker will be from WELS Campus Ministry.

Great Hymns of Faith You are invited to the WELS Museum / Salem Landmark Church for a hymn sing and to learn the history behind some of the great hymns of our Christian musical heritage. It will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Salem Landmark Church at 6814 N 107th Street, Milwaukee. Mr. Carl Nolte will be the presenter.

Koine Concert You are invited for an evening of music and wonder this evening in Watertown at the Bentzin Family Town Square (1 W. Main St., starting at 4:00 PM). Daniel Jaspersen will kick off the night with mind-blowing illusions that'll leave you amazed and Koine will perform immediately following. Koine is celebrating 20 years of ministry and will be performing some new tunes as well as some of their classic favorites. Come for a night of melodies that will touch your heart and lift your spirits. The best part? This event is totally free, and it's perfect for the whole family. Grab your crew, pack a picnic, and join us for a fantastic time in Watertown. Hope to see you there! This event is presented by St. Luke's, Watertown and Koiné.

Pick up the new church calendars and newsletters with all the news concerning this busy time of year at church, the new *Forward in Christ*, and a copy of the new *Meditations* devotional booklet – all on the cabinets in the entryway.