



TEACHING THE UNCHANGING TRUTH OF GOD'S SALVATION TO ALL PEOPLE

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Meeting Times

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM
Bible Study	9:45 AM

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elcome! If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the "guest register" in the back of the sanctuary so that we might better get to know you.

- **Restrooms** are located in the Fellowship Hall and a baby changing station is located in the Women's bathroom in the Preschool wing.
- **Cry-room.** If you have need of a cry-room, you may use the entryway couch area.

OPENING HYMN: #345 – “THROUGH JESUS’ BLOOD AND MERIT”

Pastor: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: (spoken) And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for all our sins. 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.

C: (spoken) Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: (Sung) Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, Maker and Preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care.

C: (Sung) Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: (Sung) O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, You crown our life with Your love. You take away our sin; You comfort our spirit; You make us pure and holy in Your sight. You did not spare Your only Son, but gave Him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, You came to live with us; You made Your Father known; You washed us from our sins in Your own blood. You are the King of glory; You are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

EXODUS 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” (NIV 1984)

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 19 on page 70 in the front of the hymnal

SECOND LESSON:

1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

²² JEWS DEMAND MIRACULOUS SIGNS AND GREEKS LOOK FOR WISDOM, ²³ BUT WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED: A STUMBLING BLOCK TO JEWS AND FOOLISHNESS TO GENTILES, ²⁴ BUT TO THOSE WHOM GOD HAS CALLED, BOTH JEWS AND GREEKS, CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD. ²⁵ FOR THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD IS WISER THAN MAN’S WISDOM, AND THE WEAKNESS OF GOD IS STRONGER THAN MAN’S STRENGTH. (NIV 1984)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 2:13-22

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a market!”

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸Then the Jews demanded of him, “What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰The Jews replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. (NIV 1984)

C: (Sung) Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: #387 – “*Drawn to the Cross*”

SERMON

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Theme: “*Christ Crucified*”

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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 fully 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.

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THE SACRAMENT

NOTICE TO VISITORS ABOUT OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE:

Dear visitors, we request those who are not members of our congregation or a sister church in the WELS or ELS, to refrain from coming to communion today. We want you at the Lord's table with us, but we ask that there be an opportunity for Pastor and you to study God's Word together first.

Close Communion is the historic and biblical practice of the Christian Church. The practice has the purposes of ensuring that, as far as humanly possible, those receiving the Sacrament do so to their benefit and not their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), and that the oneness that is expressed in receiving the Sacrament is genuine and not contrived

(1 Corinthians 10:17).|

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(Sung)* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *(Sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: (Sung) **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of Your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt You. I will give You thanks, for You have become my Salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of Your glory.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (Sung) **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: (Sung) **O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your
peace. Amen**

DISTRIBUTION

THANK THE LORD

C: (Sung) **Thank the Lord and sing His praise. Tell ev'ry-one what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He renews His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) **Amen**

THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 † and give you peace.

C: *(Sung)* Amen. Amen. Amen

CLOSING HYMN: #477 – “WHAT IS THE WORLD TO ME”

Announcements

The flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Allan and Cynthia Champlain in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY: 52

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE: 49

PRAYERS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Chronic pain or illness – Jean Johnson; Betsy Pritchard; Evelyn Lothar;Carolynn Perkins; Allan Champlain; John Saylor; Tammie Mueller; David Champlain (brother of Allan Champlain); David Schield; John Ladner; Bill Geisser; Rose Marie Lenz; Ray Renner; Manny Vega (brother-in-law of Allan Champlain); Lois Montesano; John Roth; and Bradley Orahood (great-nephew of Cynthia Champlain)

In Rehab: Carroll Lothar

Death of a loved one: The family of Herb Phillips who passed away on Sunday, January 28th. The family of Larry Schadler who passed away on Tuesday, February 14th.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR BOTH THE **EASTER BREAKFAST** AND **EASTER LILIES** ARE LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH!
(THE COST OF THE LILIES IS AS OF YET UNKNOWN!)

TIME CHANGE IS THIS COMING SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH! PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT!

THIS WEEK: MARCH 4TH – 11TH

Sunday: **8:30 am – Worship Service with Holy Communion**
 9:30 am – Fellowship
 9:45 am – Voters’ Meeting

Wednesday: **10:30 am – Bible Study**
 12:00 pm – Lenten Soup and Sandwich Meal
 1:00 pm – Lenten Worship Service

Saturday: **9:00 am – Council Meeting**

Sunday: **8:30 am – Worship Service**
 9:30am–Fellowship
 9:45 am – Bible Study

FELLOWSHIP AND SERVING

Volunteers for this week: *Ushers:* Gordy Smith (C) & Steve Mueller *Counters:* Brenda Henschen & Cynthia Champlain *Snacks:* Cynthia Champlain *Communion Set-up:* Lois Zastrow
Communion Helper: John Henschen

Volunteers for next week *Ushers:* Don Bublitz (C) & “Volunteer” *Counters:* Brenda Henschen & Cynthia Champlain *Snacks:* Lois Zastrow

Save the Date:

Today there will be a **Voter's Meeting** immediately following the Worship Service. Please plan to stay for this meeting!

Monday, March 12th at 7:00 pm, the **Wisconsin Lutheran College Choir** will be performing at Crown of Life, in Fort Myers. All are welcome to attend!

On Saturday, March 31st, we will be setting up for the Easter Egg Bake Breakfast. If you would like to help, please meet at the church at 9:00 am.

Sunday, April 1st, is **Easter Sunday**. We will be having an Egg Bake Breakfast. If you would like to bring something, we need fruit and pastries.

LWMS:

The next rally is at Crown of Life, March 10, 2018, at 8:30 am, with the speaker Keith Free, Administrator of WELS Home Missions. If you need a ride, be at Bethany's parking lot by 8:15 am that morning. Susan Halverson

The Suncoast circuit is always looking for new officers. If interested, talk to Susan Halverson.

Thank you to all who donated to our LWMS Missions collection. \$268.50 was collected and sent to our Circuit Treasurer for distribution. Lois Zastrow

2018 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers for our worship services.

2018 Offering Envelopes are now available! If you have a mailbox, you will find them inside. If you don't have a mailbox, you will find them on the table in the rear of the church.

There is **1 Wednesday** left for you to volunteer for the Lenten Soup and Sandwich Lunch. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex!

The new **Meditations** and **Forward In Christ** are available on the table in the rear of the church!