A member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

## Pentecost 22

## VERSE OF THE DAY I PETER 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive strength through hearing God's holy Word and through receiving the Lord's Supper. We also gather to offer him our worship and praise.

**Welcome to our guests & visitors.** We are glad that you are here. Please join us again soon.

We want you to feel welcome and comfortable. Here are a few notes to help with that:

**Large print worship folders** are available. You'll find them at the entryway table. Please ask if we can be of help with this.

**Connection cards** are also located on the entryway table. We'd love the opportunity to get connected with you in additional ways – either in person or digitally. **You can hand** the card to Pastor Glende, or simply place it into the offering box.

**Restrooms** are located down the hallway on the right.

And please ask if there are any other questions we can answer for you.

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#### **OPENING HYMN**

Please Stand

#### THE INVOCATION

The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with an honest heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

The forgiveness extended by the pastor to the congregation is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners. (See John 20:21-23)

Please be seated

## **HYMN OF PRAISE 877**

REFORMATION SONG

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### THE WORD

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. 24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

**28** Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

29 Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

**30** So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.

M: The Word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### **PSALM 121**

M: I lift up my eyes to the hills,

C: Where does my help come from?

M: My help comes from the LORD,

C: The maker of heaven and earth.

M: He will not let your foot slip,

C: He who watches over you will not slumber;

M: Indeed, he who watches over Israel

C: will neither slumber nor sleep.

M: The LORD watches over you,

C: the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

M: The LORD will keep you from all harm,

C: He will watch over your life,

M: The LORD will watch over your coming and going

C: Both now and forevermore.

All: 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.

GOSPEL READING LUKE 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **2** He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. **3** And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

**4** "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, **5** yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"

**6** And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. **7** And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? **8** I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

**HYMN OF THE DAY 539** 

O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER

**SERMON** 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

#### NICENE CREED

After hearing God's Word, we give expression with our lips to the faith which lives in our heart. The confession of faith also serves as a regular review of the teachings of how we are saved.

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.

Please be seated

**OFFERING** Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offering goes to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.



(There is an opportunity for giving via the offering box at the back of the sanctuary or online.)

#### PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

#### THE SACRAMENT

**M**: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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 sung in unison Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

C: Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus took the bread and gave thanks (Matthew 26:26)

Believers join with the saints and angels in responsive praise: (Matthew 21:9 and Revelation 4:8)

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will for us.By his innocent death, he overcame hell for us.By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven for us.

**M**: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen!

As he speaks the words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

**M:** 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.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

- 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 OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

A note to our visitors: Out of sincere love for the truth of God's Word and precious souls, we practice close communion. This practice is thoroughly Scriptural. It questions the faith of no individual, yet asks that there be full doctrinal agreement among those who commune. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Glende after the service.

HYMN 950 SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32 Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

#### THE BLESSING

The blessing of our Triune God is declared to God's people

Numbers 6

**M:** 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 + give you peace.

C: Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN 721** 

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

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<u>Schedule</u>		
TODAY	Potluck meal	following worship
TUES	Women's gathering / study	1pm
WED	Youth Catechism Class	6:30pm
	Bible Information Class	7:30pm
The Ten Commandments - part 1		
SAT	Men's gathering / study	8am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	All Ages Bible Study Time	9am
	Worship	10am

Our congregation is hosting a Michigan Lutheran Seminary student for what is called Taste of Ministry. Michigan Lutheran Seminary is located in Saginaw MI. It is one of two high schools run by our church body. Tyler is a Senior at MLS. This opportunity gives the MLS students a chance to see what ministry and the life of a called worker can look like. Even for those students who do not go on to become called workers, this experience can help them to grow in their appreciation of our collective mission efforts and help them to be better equipped as involved, supportive members in their future congregations.

# Further ahead:

Church work day: Sat Nov 1 9am and following. Indoor / outdoor clean up and property care.

**Reformation Sunday Potluck: Sun Nov 2** following worship.

# **Ongoing Volunteer opportunities:**

- Weekly Cleaning signup sheet is now online, to better give members who would like to help out in this way the opportunity. Ask to get on the weekly email update for receiving the link for the google document for signup.
- Property care please share your phone number to Dewey Stevenson if you'd like to help with lawn care. Dewey will add you to the text group that he contacts for covering the mowing, trimming, edging, etc.
- Weekly snacks it's a "Yes!" You're welcome to bring something for snacks on Sundays. People love having a little something while we spend some extra time with one another. Thanks to everyone who does!