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

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. 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:
- **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.

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Pastor Glende – Cell: 910-868-9663 | didymusglende@gmail.com "Come unto me, you weary, and I will give you rest."

- O blessed voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!
- It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace, Of joy that has no ending, of Love that cannot cease.

"Come unto me, you wanderers, and I will give you light." O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night! Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our

- way;
- But you have brought us gladness and songs at break of day.

"Come unto me, you fainting, and I will give you life." O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife! The foe is stern and eager; The fight is fierce and long; But you have made us mighty and stronger than the strong!

"And whosoever comes here, I will not cast him out." O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt, Which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free, Invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to thee!

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: We gather for worship today in the name of the one true God

C: who writes his name on us:

M: Our Father in heaven

C: who adopts us as his own children

M: And of the Son

C: who clothes us with his righteousness

M: And of the Holy Spirit

C: who makes us God's family through faith. Amen.

- M: May the holy, merciful, and triune God be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- C: And also with you.

CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION

- M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: who made heaven and earth.
- M: Dear friends, let us approach God with an honest heart and confess our sins to him asking him for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Silence for reflection

- C: O most holy and righteous Lord, I am a sinner whose thoughts, words, and actions testify to the evil that lives in me. Be merciful to me. Take from me the sin that I have inherited and the sins that I have committed, for the sake of your holy, precious blood and innocent suffering and death.
- M: The Savior's work is finished. The price is paid in full. Our Lord says, "Come, let us reason together: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool, for I will forgive your sins and remember your wickedness no more." According to the Lord's command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son [⁺] and of the Holy Spirit.

(Isaiah 1:18, John 20:23)

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

(Romans 7:24-25)

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

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: Lord God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to destroy the works of the devil and protect us poor people against such an evil foe. Uphold us in all affliction by your Holy Spirit so that we may have peace from such enemies and remain forever blessed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
- C: Amen.
- **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Deuteronomy 33:26-27a, Lamentations 3:19-26, Isaiah 40:28-31
- 26 "There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty.
- 27 The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.
- 19 I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.
- 20 I well remember them,
 - and my soul is downcast within me.

21 Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

24 I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

25 The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,

to the one who seeks him;

26 it is good to wait quietly

for the salvation of the Lord.

28 Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.
29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

M: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 146

M: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God, C: the maker of heaven and earth.

M: The LORD gives food to the hungry.

C: The LORD sets prisoners free.

M: The LORD gives sight to the blind,

C: the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

M: The LORD watches over the outcast

C: and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

- M: The LORD remains faithful forever.
- C: He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we[b] boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we[c] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-11

- 6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast

in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- M: The Word of the Lord.C: Thanks be to God!
- **GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 11:28-29, John 10 selected verses
- 28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- "The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ... the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.
- "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for

the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. 17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.
27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

HYMN OF THE DAY 847

BE STILL, MY SOUL

SERMON

Please Stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

spoken responsively

First Article

Heavenly Father, Creator of all things, you give us all that we need for body and life.

Every good and perfect gift comes from you, the Father of the heavenly lights. James 1:17

Second Article

Lord Jesus Christ, by your suffering and death you have opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

We approach your throne, O God, with confidence, for mercy and grace in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

Third Article

Holy Spirit, counselor and guide, you have raised us from death by your powerful Word.

You, O Spirit of God, have made us. Your breath, almighty One, gave us life. Job 33:4

Lord, fill our hearts with thanksgiving for your mercy and love.

Move us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess your saving name. Amen. Romans 10:10 **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.

BLESSING

- M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.
- M: "Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the Lord. "Peace to this house."
- C: Peace to all of you who are in Christ.
- M: The Lord gives strength to his people.
- C: The Lord blesses his people with peace.
- M: 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. (Numbers 6:24-26)
- C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 813 HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

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Schedule

TUES Women's gathering 10:30am Bible Foundations Class (topic #3) WED 7:15pm THURS Bible Information Class: topic - the 10 commandments 4:30pm Next Sunday Men's Bible Study 9am Girls' Teen Bible Study. Topic: Understanding yourldentity in Christ 9am Worship 10am

- Congregational info and input gathering: June 29, following worship.
- Voters' meeting: June 29, following Congregational info and input.
- Camp Chi Rho July 28-August 1. More info? Find it at <u>campchirho.org/</u>.