

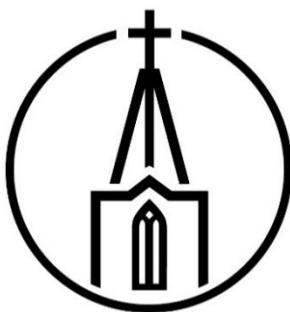
Saturday/Sunday, June 19/20, 2021
The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

The Kingdom of God



FIRST A LEAF
BLADE PUSHED
THROUGH. AND
LATER THE WHEAT
HEADS APPEARED
AND FINALLY THE
GRAIN RIPPENED.

M A R K 4:28



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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We welcome you all to our worship service! We are gathered for the purpose of worshiping our God who showed His love for all people by sending His Son to die for our sins on the cross of Calvary. We're also gathered to strengthen our faith through using His means of Grace, the Gospel in Word and Sacrament!

There are LARGE PRINT copies of this bulletin on the counter in the narthex, please feel free to take one. Bathroom facilities are available both upstairs (across from the west car-port entrance) and in the basement.

If you have any questions about the school or the teachings of St. Paul's, which is part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please don't be afraid to contact Principal Aaron Markgraf about the school, or Pastor Paul Hirsch, whose numbers are listed on the back cover of this folder.

We invite our guests to come again and worship with us again. You are always welcome here in God's house!

Our Holy Communion Practice

Dear visitors and guests: You may be relieved to know that we do not want to impose our practice of Holy Communion on you. In fact, God's Word teaches that Communion is intended only for those who have been taught the Biblical truths and meaning of the Sacrament, and for those who have previously expressed their doctrinal unity (communion...common-union) with the congregation. This is what is meant by the scriptural practice of "close communion."

It wasn't too long ago that most Lutheran church bodies held to this practice, but now many have now abandoned it in the age of political correctness. We still appreciate it and retain it, and extend fellowship at the Lord's Table to the communicant members of our Wisconsin Synod and also those of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), with whom we are presently in doctrinal fellowship. If, as our guest today, you have not had the opportunity to explore or express your fellowship with us, please observe our Communion service today, and speak with our pastor later if you have questions. We'd be happy to spend time over an open Bible and explain why we do what we do as we try to faithfully follow Scripture.

Opening Hymn #188 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's
 2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, The Fa -
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high In an -
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, At - tend

foun - da - tions first were laid, Come, vis - it
 ther's help to us as - sure. Come down, as
 swer to our ear - nest cry. Help us e -
 th' al - might - y Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior -

ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come, pour your joys on
 prom - ised, with your fire, And hearts with heav'n - ly
 ter - nal truths re - ceive And prac - tice all that
 Son be glo - ri - fied, Who for all hu - man -

hu - man-kind. From sin and sor - row set us
 love in - spire. Your sa - cred, heal - ing mes - sage
 we be - lieve. Give us your wis - dom that we
 kind has died; And e - qual ad - o - ra - tion

free; May we your liv - ing tem - ples be.
 bring To sanc - ti - fy us when we sing.
 see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.
 rise To you, O Spir - it, in the skies.

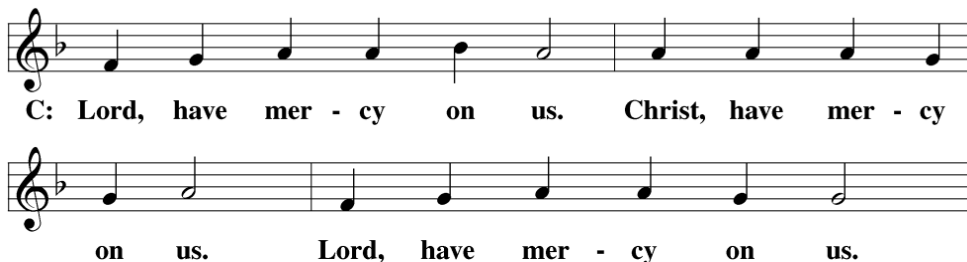
The Order of Worship Based on CW, p. 15 "The Common Service"

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

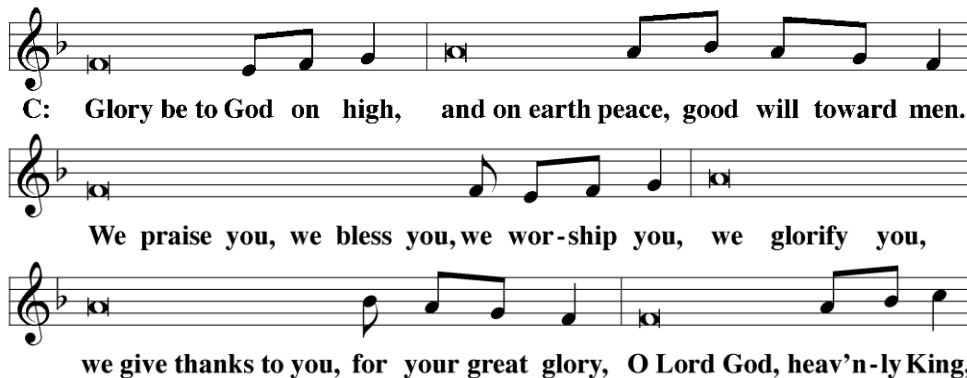
ALL: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in 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 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.



P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

O almighty God, You protect and provide for all Your faithful children. You alone make us strong to deal with the challenges in our lives, and You alone forgive our sins. We ask that You show us Your mercy and forgive our sins day after day. Guide us through our earthly lives so that we do not lose the grace and blessings

You have prepared for us, here in this life, and for our eternal life in heaven;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.



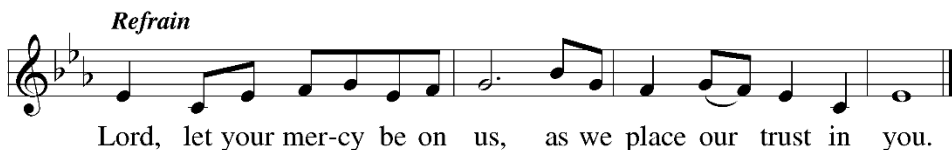
The First Lesson Ezekiel 17:22-24

In spite of our (mankind's) sinful rebelliousness, God's will will be done no matter what we try to accomplish.

²² “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.”

The Psalm Psalm 92 *Let's sing the Psalm together!*



How great are your works, O LORD,*
 how profound your thoughts!

The senseless man does not know,*
 fools do not understand,

that though the wicked spring up like grass*
and all evildoers flourish,

they will be forever destroyed.*
But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.

REFRAIN

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,*
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still bear fruit in old age,*
they will stay fresh and green,

proclaiming, “The LORD is upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”

**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.**

REFRAIN

The Second Lesson Mark 4:26-34

The growth and strengthening of God’s kingdom lies completely in God’s hands. Certainly, you and I are commanded to faithfully share the Word, but it is GOD who uses that Word to accomplish His will.

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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.

Hymn #417 "I'm But a Stranger Here"



1 I'm	but	a	stran - ger	here;	Heav'n	is	my	home.
2 What	though	the	tem - pest	rage,	Heav'n	is	my	home.
3 There	at	my	Sav - ior's	side—	Heav'n	is	my	home—
4 There - fore	I		mur - mur	not;	Heav'n	is	my	home.



Earth	is	a	des - ert	drear;	Heav'n	is	my	home.
Short	is	my	pil - grim -	age;	Heav'n	is	my	home.
I	shall	be	glo - ri -	fied;	Heav'n	is	my	home.
What - e'er	my		earth - ly	lot,	Heav'n	is	my	home.



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand.
And time's wild, win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.
And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.

The Sermon Meditation

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Be a Happy Camper for the Lord

- 1) Don't grumble or complain
- 2) Focus on the future glory
- 3) Serve the Lord

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Sermon Response *All sing!*




C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

The Offering

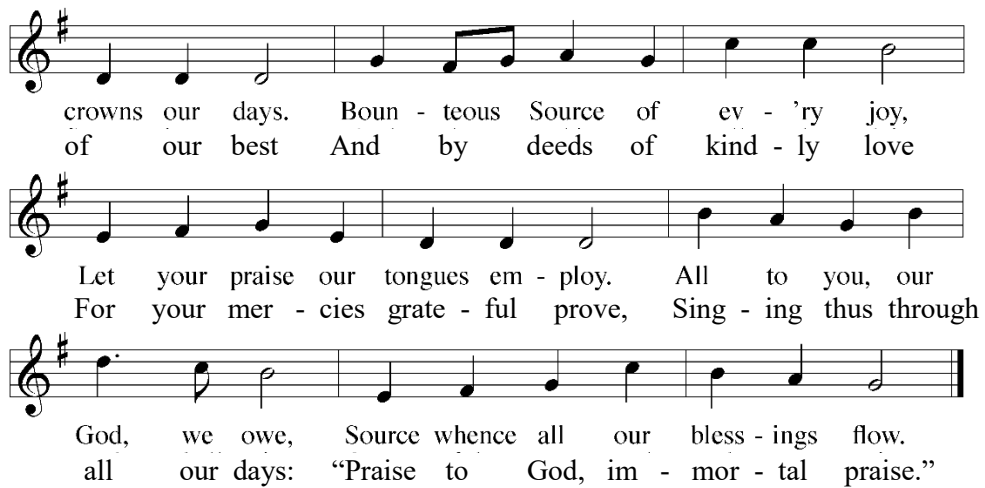
Our financial offerings are one way we give back to God in response for ALL He has done for us! As members of St. Paul's, we gather our thank-offerings which are used to fund the operations of this congregation, our Christian high school – Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School, and the work of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We don't expect or ask our visitors and guests to give toward this offering since it is our pleasure just to have you with us! But if you would like to, please feel free. It is our joy and privilege as Christians to generously give to the work of our Lord! Scan the QR code to give digitally, or offering plates are located at the rear of church.



Offering Hymn #612 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that
4 As your pros-p'ring hand has blest, May we give you



crowns our days. Boun - teous Source of ev - 'ry joy,
of our best And by deeds of kind - ly love

Let your praise our tongues em - ploy. All to you, our
For your mer - cies grate - ful prove, Sing - ing thus through

God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.
all our days: "Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise."

Prayers & 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

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



C: It is good and right so to do.

P: 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 till 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.

A series of seven staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a continuous line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the seventh staff.

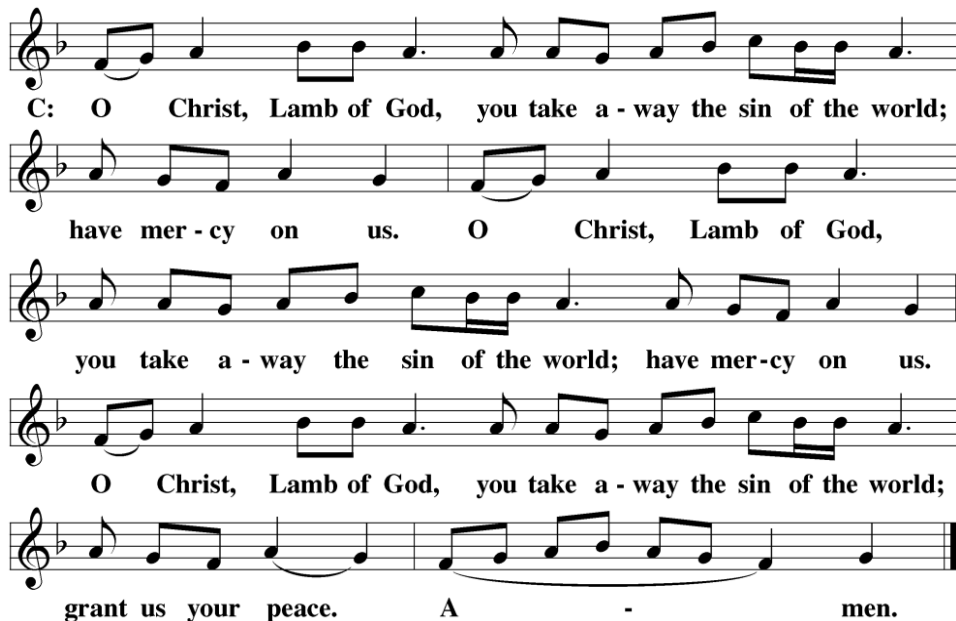
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na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Jesus' Words Instituting His Holy Supper

P: 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.



The Distribution

For the distribution, please follow the direction of the usher to file forward single file. If you're sitting together as a family unit or couple in the pew, come forward in that single file, but feel free to join together as that same family unit or couple to receive the bread and then the wine together.

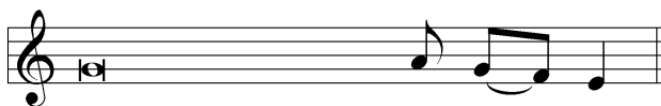


Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

*P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.
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.*



C: A - men.

The Blessing

*P: 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn

#213 "Forever with the Lord"

1 For - ev - er with the Lord! A - men! So
2 While time on earth is spent, Ab - sent from
3 My Fa - ther's house on high, Home of my
4 Lord, be at my right hand, Then can I
5 So when my dy - ing breath Shall rend the

let it be. Life from the dead is
him I roam, Yet night - ly pitch my
soul, how near At times, to faith's fore -
nev - er fail. If you up - hold me,
veil in two, By death I shall es -

in that word, My im - mor - tal - i - ty.
mov - ing tent A day's march near - er home.
see - ing eye The gold - en gates ap - pear!
I shall stand; With you I shall pre - vail.
cape from death To end - less life with you.

6 I'll know as I am known;
How shall I love that word
And oft repeat before the throne,
"Forever with the Lord!"

*Thanks again for all the help this last Sunday
for the outdoor service!! It was so nice to have
all the help and enjoy each other's company
for a bit. We'll do something like that again!*

SOME CHURCH FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 6/20 = Worship Service w/Holy Communion, 9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship / NO Bible Study, 10:15 AM
Special Communion Service, 6:00 PM

Monday, 6/21 = Sisters In Faith, 6:30 PM, @ Miss Lindemann's (900 E. Sycamore)

Tuesday, 6/22 = Men's Softball Game (field 2 vs Sacred Heart Maroon) 7:30 PM
Men's Softball Game (field 3 vs Our Savior Gospel) 9:30 PM

Wednesday, 6/23 = Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM
Bible Class (Schlieve), 10:00 AM

Saturday, 6/26 = Worship Service, 6:30 PM *Organist: Mrs. Alicia Moyer*

Sunday, 6/27 = Worship Service, 9:00 AM
Coffee / Bible Study, 10:15 AM

Church Cleaning Teams:

June 20 – Team 3 (Loren & Marianne Bloomquist, Jim & Diane Herbolzheimer, John & Sarah Kouba)

June 27 & July 4 – Team 4 (Pat Jamison, Leonard Janovec, John & Jan Schlomer, Debbie Webb, Marlin & JoAnn Winter)

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Times to Formally Gather around the Gospel:

Saturday: 6:30 PM Worship Service

Sunday: 9:00 AM Worship Service & 10:15 AM Bible Class

6:00 PM Special Communion Service (1st & 3rd Sunday of the month)

Monday: 6:30 PM Sisters In Faith (in church narthex)

Wednesday: 10:00 AM Bible Class (in church basement)

*The Sunday service is broadcast live every week on KNEN, 94.7 FM,
and livestreamed via our website – stpls.com.*

These Sunday service video recordings are also archived on Youtube.

Serving In the Lord's House Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Richard Schliewe

Organist: Mrs. Karen Pufahl

Radio Broadcasters: Glynn Grebe & Lee Grebe

Video Tech: Chad Moyer

Power Point: Micah Brown (Sun.)

Elder: Joel Wiedeman

Greeters: Leonard & Kathy Janovec (Saturday)

Ushers: Curt Dinkel & Randy Anderson

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Elder: Curt Dinkel

Ushers: Leon Sweigard & Zach Kruse

Power Point: Weinrichs (Sat.) Katherine Moyer (Sun.)

Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM – 71; Sun. 9:00 AM – 111; **Total = 182**

Sunday Bible Class – NA; Sisters in Faith - NA; Wednesday Bible Class – 16

Announcements – June 19/20, 2021

- 1) As another part of our return to some previous happenings and service, the “**Greeter Program**” is re-starting. This effort consists of several friendly faces in the narthex welcoming worshippers to the service, and especially looking to lend a helping hand for new faces who may not be familiar with our building etc. Sign-up sheets for this are at the Communication Center.
- 2) The **Annual Congregational Budget Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, June 22, 6:00 PM in the church basement. Any and all members are encouraged to attend. When it’s time for any final decision, the voters will take up that responsibility.
- 3) **Madison County Fair** Sunday, July 11, **9:30 AM**, is the date for our service down in Madison. There’ll still be the regular Saturday evening worship service here on July 10, but would be awesome to have as many as possible down in Madison!!
- 4) **Sunday Bible Class** There will be NO Bible Class today (6/20). The plan is to go through the 3rd Article on Sunday, June 28, and then pause the class for the month of July. The Fellowship Group is providing goodies this morning for enjoying each others’ company, but no formal class.
- 5) A **General Motors vehicle key & FOB** were found this last Sunday in the grass on the east side of school after our outdoor service. No one claimed it then, so the thought is someone lost it prior to this last Sunday?? Call to the church office (371-1233) if you think it’s yours.
- 6) **Camp Messiah – 2021** After last summer’s hiatus, Camp Messiah is back up and running! This year’s version is Sunday August 1 – Wednesday, August 4, to be held once again at Camp Calvin Crest, just south across the river from Fremont.

Students entering Grades 5-9 are eligible as “campers.” Students in high school (sophomores, juniors, seniors) and college are welcome to attend Camp Messiah as “Junior Counselors.” Information letters and registration forms are available at the Communication Center. All campers and junior counselors must complete an application and send in the appropriate registration fee. Application and fees are due by Wednesday, June 30.

- 7) Some more gradual steps will be taken to re-implement past church regular functions...greeters, Communion registration, and hymnals to name a few. Also as part of this process, more ribbons have been removed from pews. The east section of pews will still be set aside for a while.