

Welcome! We are happy to share God's peace with everyone. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have any questions, the ushers are ready to help. Feel free to visit after the service.

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- Large Print Hymnal Binders are available on the tract desk for those with vision difficulties.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255-258 in the hymnal.

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632 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

CW 632

- 1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
and through your Word to me draw near.
Let me your Word e'er pure retain;
let me your child and heir remain.

2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
your Word grants healing from my sin.
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
your Word brings peace and happiness.

Please stand for the final stanza

3 To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
shall glory, praise, and honor be
now and throughout eternity.

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In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and
the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts,
words, and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

**I deserve your punishment both now and
forever.**

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a
sinner.**

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

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

CW 174

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.

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

Refrain

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

First Reading

Amos 6:1–7

¹Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
you distinguished people of the leading nation,
to whom the house of Israel comes.

²Travel to Kalneh and look.

Go from there to Hamath Rabbah,
and go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than those kingdoms?

Are their territories greater than your territory?

³You who are trying to put off the evil day,

you bring near the session for violence!

⁴Those who lie on ivory beds,

sprawling upon their couches,

eating lambs from the flock

and calves straight from the stall,

⁵improvising tunes on the lyre,

composing music for themselves on musical

instruments like David,

⁶drinking large bowls of wine—

they slather themselves with the most expensive
perfumed oils,

but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

⁷That is why they will go into exile as the first of the
exiles.

Those who sprawl out at their feasts for the dead
will depart.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the
LORD loves the righteous.**

I will praise the LORD / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

Do not put your trust in / princes,

in human beings, who / cannot save.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of / Jacob,

whose hope is in the / LORD their God. *Refrain*

He upholds the cause of / the oppressed

and gives food to the / hungry.

The LORD sets / pris'ners free,

the LORD gives sight / to the blind.

The LORD reigns for- / ever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations. / Praise the

LORD.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1–6

¹Continue to show brotherly love. ²Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it. ³Remember those in prison, as if you were fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were also suffering bodily.

⁴Marriage is to be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed is to be kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers. ⁵Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said:

I will never leave you,
and I will never forsake you.

⁶So then we say with confidence:

The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid.
What will man do to me?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 16:31

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets,
they will not be convinced even if someone rises from
the dead.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. ²⁰A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and ²¹longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. ²²Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴He called out and said, ‘Father

Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.'

²⁵"But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. ²⁶Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷"He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's home, ²⁸because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹"Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.'

³⁰"'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹"Abraham replied to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

817 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

CW 817

- 1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart;
I pray thee, ne'er from me depart,
with tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share;
yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
if thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
my trust in thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and
Lord,
forsake me not! I trust thy Word.
- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich bounty gave
my body, soul, and all I have
in this poor life of labor.

Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
may glorify thy lavish grace
and help and serve my neighbor.

Let no false doctrine me beguile;
let Satan not my soul defile.

Give strength and patience unto me
to bear my cross and follow thee.

Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and
Lord,

in death thy comfort still afford.

3 Lord, let at last thine angels come,
to Abr'ham's bosom bear me home
that I may die unfearing;
and in its narrow chamber keep
my body safe in peaceful sleep
until thy reappearing.

And then from death awaken me
that these mine eyes with joy may see,

O Son of God, thy glorious face,
my Savior and my fount of grace.

Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer

attend,
and I will praise thee without end.

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Sermon

1 John 2:15-17

God Delivers Us from Bad Love

I. By warning us of the world's illusions

II. By winning us with the real thing

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Be seated)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

730 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

CW 730

**1 Blest be the tie that binds
 our hearts in Christian love;**

the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 When here our pathways part,
we suffer bitter pain;
yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
we hope to meet again.

5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

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(Stand)

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.

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.

502 Children of the Heavenly Father

CW 502

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday 09/28/2025.....9:00 AM Worship Service

Monday 09/29/2025.....7:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday 10/05/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service

Monday 10/06/2025.....7:00 PM Communion Service

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 101, Communed: 86

No Monday Service

Bible Class: 41, Sunday School: 11

Our **Time** to Our Lord

October Servers

Sundays Paul & Silas Schultz, Carter Korthals, Eri
Korthals

Monday: David Atkins

Finance: Gabe Fall, Sam Korthals, Carter Korthals

Altar Guild: Fran Emling & Theresa Atkins

Organist: Olivia Marker

**Sunday Morning Bible Class: The Study of
Ecclesiastes**

Snack Volunteers:

Sept 28: Walker and Walker---October 5: Einhardt and
Arnold---October 12 Dudewicz:---October 19: Schultz---

October 26: Solgat

Our Talents to Our Lord

Harvest Festival: Please pen into your calendars this year's Harvest Festival (for those using an actual calendar) otherwise get it into your phone calendar! Fellowship, Fun, and Food. As in 'days of yore' let's make this a Harvest Festival to remember. Come one, come all! **October 25th at the school, time TBD.**

Euchre/Game Night: Cards, board games, fellowship!!! No dates have been set yet. More information to come.

Eggs Anyone? There are eggs in the kitchen refrigerator with a donation container on the counter. Feel free to get what you need!



Our Treasures to Our Lord

Budgetary Gifts: \$5,143.00

Memorial Gifts for Vera Talaski: \$2,240.00

These offerings reflect our worship service on
September 21st

Daily Devotions

<https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/>

The address above links to a site featured on the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) website, offering a variety of devotional resources for God's people. It's a beautiful and meaningful way to spend a few precious moments each day in close connection with our Lord.

Here are the devotional topics available:

- . Daily Devotions**
- . Family Devotions**
- . Military Devotions**
- . Early Childhood Ministry Educator's Devotions**
 - . Teen Devotions**
 - . Unique Callings**
 - . Christian Life**
- . Questions and Answers**
 - . Through My Bible**
 - . Prayers**

These resources provide encouragement, spiritual growth, and daily guidance for individuals in all walks of life.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

Braylin plays on the Varsity Football team

Phoebe and Piper run cross country

Their schedules are on the MLS bulletin board!

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***Football:** September 26th at Valley Lutheran...October 3rd Carrolton, home...October 10th Hemlock, home...October 17th at Reese*

***Cross Country:** September 30th at Birch Run...October 7th at Freeland, October 11th at Mayville*

Join us on Friday, October 10, 2025, as the Cardinals host Hemlock for our **Salute to Service** football game. All active and retired service members will receive complimentary admission as we honor their sacrifice and dedication. MLS alumni veterans will also receive a special **Salute to Service shirt** and a **meal ticket** as a token of our gratitude.

The MLS Jr. Cardinal Volleyball Club is open to students in grades 4-8 from a WELS/ELS church or school. **Participants will meet for five skill sessions on Sundays from October 19 to November 16.** When

you register, please select the dates you will be attending. If you don't select a date but then end up coming that is fine. It's just helpful for planning purposes. You can link to this address for more information:

<https://www.mlsem.org/announcements/19>

The deadline to register is October 5 at midnight.

MLS Drama is pleased to present "***The Diary of Anne Frank***" on November 15-16. An impassioned drama about the lives of eight people hiding from the Nazis in a concealed storage attic, "***The Diary of Anne Frank***" captures the claustrophobic realities of their daily existence - their fear, their hope, their laughter, their grief. Tickets are available for purchase starting on October 15 at 10:00 am.

Showtimes are Saturday at 6:30 pm and Sunday at 3:00 pm.

Tickets Prices: \$10 for adults \$5 for Children (Age 3-12)