

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.

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The greatest love we can show others is to call them from sin to faith in Jesus.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 490

STAND



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COME, OH, COME LET US SING TO THE LORD Venite

The congregation will sing the refrain and the verses

Refrain



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BE SEATED

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51a (page 86)

FIRST LESSON

Romans 13:1-10

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.

Son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?" Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?"

Who Watches the Watchmen?

The Watchman The Chief Watchman

STAND

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU Te Deum

The choir will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain and bold phrases.

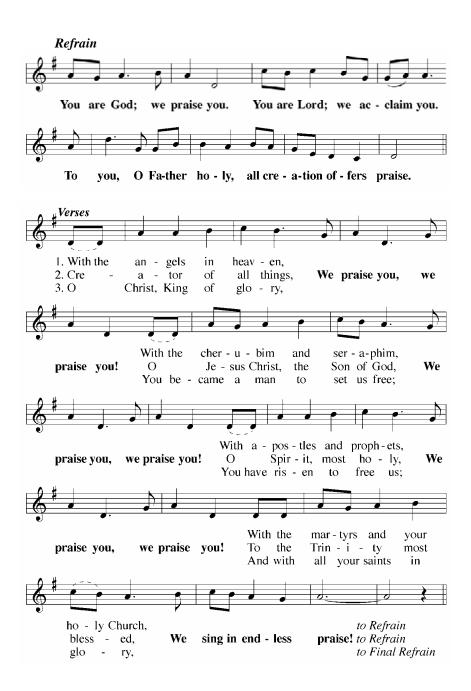
Choir: Refrain

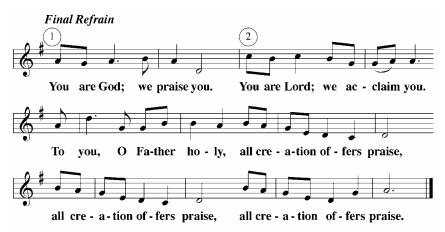
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Hymn 304

Ezekiel 33:7-11





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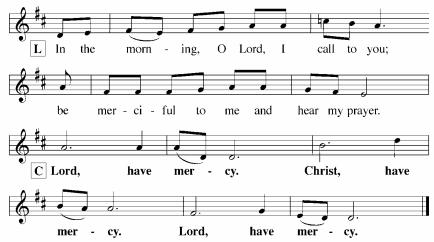
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OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

STAND

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie



LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (spoken) Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

- M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.
- C: (spoken) Amen.



BLESSING



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CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 410:6



Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

314 (25,	289) Communion: 185 (17, 168)
dy: 75 (5, 6	51, 9)
1:00 p.m.	Chase/Pantzlaff Wedding
2:00 p.m.	"Pray and Play" Bible Study, school K room
6:30 p.m.	School Board
7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee
1:00 p.m.	Fun Day
7:30 p.m.	Worship
8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
9:30 a.m.	New Life in Christ Class, church
9:00 a.m.	Budget/Tuition Presentation, commons
8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
8:00 a.m.	My Brother's Keeper Study, commons
9:00 a.m.	Worship
10:00 a.m.	Budget/Tuition Presentation, commons
10:00 a.m.	Ladies Aid, church
6:30 p.m.	His Word My Life Bible Study, church
	ly: 75 (5, 6) 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

- **Moms' Bible Study** "Pray and Play" will meet once a month beginning September 2 at 2:00 p.m. This class is for moms who have young children at home. We will meet in the Preschool/Kindergarten room where your kids can play while we have topical Bible studies. Join us as we grow in faith together! Mrs. Humann will lead this Bible Study.
- Adult Christ-Light Bible Study will move back to Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. next week. This year we will study stories from the New Testament. We will meet in the church basement. Pastor Ott will teach the class on Thursday. Mr. Muchka will teach the class on Sunday.
- **My Brother's Keeper Bible Study** A new Sunday Bible study will meet in the school commons at 8:00 a.m. Pastor Ott will lead this study. We will study *My Brother's Keeper: Regaining the Straying Brother or sister for Christ*, a four lesson study. After that we will look at *Predestination*, a seven lesson study. We will begin next Sunday.
- **Church Budget/School Tuition Presentations** In September we invite and encourage every communicant member to join us at presentations on the church budget/possibility of charging tuition in order to financially support the school. This presentation will be offered four times. The dates are: Saturday, September 6 (9:00 a.m.); Sunday, September 7; Thursday, September 11; and Sunday, September 14 (all after worship). Please make plans to join us at one of these presentations.

- **His Word My Life Bible Study** will begin next Sunday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. We will study 2 Corinthians. Join us!
- **Sunday School** We need people willing to teach the 3-5 year old Sunday School class that meets after worship on Sundays for 20 minutes. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Ott.
- **Wednesday Class** for public school students in grades 1-8 will begin on Sept. 10. 5th-8th grades will meet at 4:45. Bring a Bible and a blue Catechism. 1st-4th grade will meet at 5:30 p.m.
- **The MLHS Principal's Conference** will meet in our school commons On September 12. We need donations for this afternoon. A sign up sheet is located in the church basement or school office.
- **NEW Zoo Outing** On September 15 anyone interested in going to the Zoo for a Mom's Day Out should meet at the Zoo entrance at 10:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch to eat after enjoying the zoo. If you are interested in this event please email Mrs. Humann at school@mzluth.org or call 864-7751.
- Lutheran Ladies League Rally will be Saturday, September 20, at St. Johns Lutheran School, Two Rivers. (Note: Saturday event rather than the usual Wednesday rally.) The cost is \$5.00 (by Sept. 10) and \$7.00 at the door. Sign up sheets and more information are in the basement. If you have any questions please contact Sylvia Loppnow. Everyone is invited.
- Athletic Association would like donations for volleyball and basketball concessions. A sign up sheet is located in the church basement or the school office. Donations can be dropped off at school by September 2.

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