

**Christmas at Camp** This Sunday, June 30, we will have a Christmas at Camp workday to help us get prepared for all the events taking place at school for the next three days. If you have an hour or two free after the service, please join us in the commons. Thank you in advance for your service to the Lord! 3K and 4K students are reminded that your program runs, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Please be on time. 5K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students are reminded that your program runs 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. You will need to bring a sack lunch and drink for all three days. If you have any questions, please email or call Mr. Humann.

**“One Another” Bible Class** Next Sunday we will focus on “Encourage One Another.” These classes have proved very beneficial in the past. Please join us! We meet at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement.

**Open Forum & Voters’ Meeting** The Open Forum will be after worship on July 14. The Voters’ Meeting will be after worship on July 21. At the last voters’ meeting the voters decided to have two Sunday services. In the May newsletter there was a full page of the Worship Committee’s recommendations on how we might proceed with two services. This sheet has also been available in the church basement. This topic will be discussed at the Open Forum. The voters will decided on times and other items at their meeting.

**The Believer Follows Christ** is the theme of worship the next six weeks. The topics are:

*Followers of Christ support kingdom work*

*Followers of Christ love their neighbor*

*Followers of Christ listen when God speaks*

*Followers of Christ pray boldly*

*Followers of Christ know that earthly wealth is meaningless*

*Followers of Christ find true treasure in trusting God’s promises*

If you know of someone who could benefit from one of these topics in their walk with Jesus please invite them to join us!

**Parking Lots** The church and school parking lots will be resealed and restriped during the week of July 8. Elders and council meeting members are asked to park on the road to enter school. The parking lots will be done by evening worship on July 11.

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June 30, 2013

*Following Christ calls for total commitment. The life of faith walks in lock step with the will of God and does not following the meandering ways of this world. Elisha’s response to the Lord’s call stands in contrast to the initially willing, but ultimately uncommitted “followers” of Jesus. Our Prayer of the Day says it well, “Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises...”*

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 396

STAND

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: Andy my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: Come, oh, come, let us worship.

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**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the 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 our worship.

COME, OH, COME LET US SING TO THE LORD

The congregation will sing the refrain and the verses

Refrain

1  
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

2  
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

3  
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon  
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain  
you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

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PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless and keep you.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord’s face ever shine upon you.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 563

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 267 (33, 232) Communion: 165 (45, 120) Bible Class: 31

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Christmas at Camp Workday, school
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Softball at home
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	“Encourage One Another” Study, church basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship

**Baptism** On Thursday, Emytt Danlee Pues, the son of Jordyn and Danielle Pues, was baptized into Christ. Emytt was born on June 15, 2013. Please remember this new child of God and his family in prayer!

**Christian Weddings** On Friday, Blaine Bodart and Jessica Becker were united in Christian Marriage by Pastor Ott at Sepia Chapel in Green Bay. On Saturday, Nicole Wendt and Nicholas Trebesch were united in Christian Marriage by Pastor Ott at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Appleton. Please remember these new families in your prayers!

*Final Refrain*

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,

all cre - a-tion of - fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

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## OFFERING

*STAND*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## 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: O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 62 (page 88)

## SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 11:21b-30

*How easy it would have been for Paul to give up the Way to return to the way of the world! Yet by grace, through faith, Paul continued to follow Christ. Even in the face of a host of dangers and hardships he did not look back. Every Christian is called to similarly follow Christ with unswerving devotion.*

Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

## GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

*Following Christ leaves no room for vengeance, self-preservation or wrong priorities. So many want to follow Jesus, but only if a life of faith can be lived as much of the world as in the world. Breathless excitement wasn’t enough; cultural conventions weren’t enough; not even seemingly loving acts were enough to change Jesus’ claim: Following Christ is all or nothing—it calls for total commitment.*

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?”<sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom

of God.”

Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

**SEASONAL RESPONSE** Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Hymn 465

**SERMON**

Jonah 3:3-4:4

*Jonah could best be described as the Lord’s reluctant prophet. Jonah thought he could outmaneuver God, but a fish spit him back into line with the Lord’s will. He preached the Word and to his dismay saw enemy of Israel in the dust and ashes of repentance. Jonah would rather have died than seen the mercy of the Lord showered upon them. He was unwilling to commit to God’s will and leave behind his hatred and prejudice. God calls Jonah to leave them behind and instead follow him on the path of mercy and forgiveness.*

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

**The Believer Follows Christ**

**Followers of Christ Understand the Call for Total Commitment**

1. Total obedience to God’s command    2.Total submission to God’s will

STAND

**YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU** *Te Deum*

The congregation will sing the refrain and the verses

*Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we acclaim you.



To you, O Father holy, all creation offers praise.

*Verses*



1. With the angels in heaven,  
2. Creator of all things, We praise you, we  
3. O Christ, King of glory,



praise you! With the cherubim and seraphim,  
O Jesus Christ, the Son of God, We  
You became a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With apostles and prophets,  
O Spirit, most holy, We  
You have risen to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the martyrs and your  
To the Trinity most  
And with all your saints in



holy Church,  
blessed, We sing in endless praise! *to Refrain*  
glory, *to Refrain*  
*to Final Refrain*