



**FOOD
& FREEDOM**

Welcome, guests! Here we meet with God. We have intimate conversations with him. We tell him our greatest and darkest secrets. He declares how much he loves us through his Son's living, dying and rising for us. We tell him our desires and our fears. He advises us in the ways of his wisdom, and then we walk out together with him into life.



What's next?

If you're just getting back to church or looking for a new church, let this be your road map on the journey.

- **Come back next week.** The connection between yourself and Christ gets closer and stronger with more listening to his word, the Bible. And the connection with his people grows also as we experience his truth and love together, extending his peace in our relationships.
- **Sign up for The Four Key Concepts.** This short course gives you the very basics for a good relationship with God. If you know anything from the Bible, know these four keys! Then the rest of the Bible starts to open up for you.
- **Sign up for Bible Inquirer's Class.** This comparative religions course digs into the Bible's basic teachings while letting you see how other religions and denominations, including ours, handle those teachings. You get to see the Bible's own word on these topics and let God's Spirit show you what the Bible says. This is a pre-requisite for membership here because we base membership not on feelings and style but on unity in God's precious truths.

- **Personal Hearing Devices** are available in the pass-through window near the elevator.
- **Please silence** or turn off your cell, for an undisturbed worship hour!
- **Restrooms** are downstairs, through doors on the west wall.
- **For Parents:** If your child is restless during the service, please use the lobby or lower level to quiet him/her down, so you can rejoin the assembly in worship. Children's worship bags are available for small children during the service. Find them next to the upper elevator door.
- **Offerings:** Our offerings make it possible to run the programs and ministries of our church, participating with the Lord our God in his kingdom plans and expansion. Each member is taught to make his own decision what to give, based on the simple principles of giving first to God, generously and with a heart of trust. If you are a guest, you are not expected to participate in the offering. We're just glad you can be here and listen to God's Word with us!

Our Mission Statement

Learn, love, live for Christ!

- There are **resources for you and your family** to discover on the display tables in the narthex (lobby). Take home some helpful tools and news – free!
 - Adults and teens can head downstairs after the announcements where the fun begins in a topic focused on growing your lifestyle and character.
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Food and God's Glory

Food can be a touchy subject! From desperation in dieting, to allergies and choices people make in restricting their food choices, a lot of stress can be mixed in with foods today. Add a moral meaning to it, and the intensity rises. But Jesus came, and God has a lot to say about food and freedom. Then again, our subject today goes way deeper than freedom about food. Pay close attention to part six in our series through 1 Corinthians, Crazy in Corinth!

PASTOR'S WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

CW 251

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I was altogether sinful at birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Leviticus 11:1-12, 24-25 - *Unclean and Clean*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ²“Say to the Israelites: ‘Of all the animals that live on land, these are the ones you may eat: ³You may eat any animal that has a split hoof completely divided and that chews the cud.

⁴“ ‘There are some that only chew the cud or only have a split hoof, but you must not eat them. The camel, though it chews the cud, does not have a split hoof; it is ceremonially unclean for you. ⁵The coney, though it chews the cud, does not have a split hoof; it is unclean for you. ⁶The rabbit, though it chews the cud, does not have a split hoof; it is unclean for you. ⁷And the pig, though it has a split hoof completely divided, does not chew the cud; it is unclean for you. ⁸You must not eat their meat or touch their carcasses; they are unclean for you.

⁹“ ‘Of all the creatures living in the water of the seas and the streams, you may eat any that have fins and scales. ¹⁰But all creatures in the seas or streams that do not have fins and scales – whether among all the swarming things or among all the other living creatures in the water – you are to detest. ¹¹And since you are to detest them, you must not eat their meat and you must detest their carcasses. ¹²Anything living in the water that does not have fins and scales is to be detestable to you.

²⁴“ ‘You will make yourselves unclean by these; whoever touches their carcasses will be unclean till evening. ²⁵Whoever picks up one of their carcasses must wash his clothes, and he will be unclean till evening.’ ”

SECOND LESSON: Luke 15:11-24a - *The Merciful Father*

¹¹Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ ²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

HYMN - *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

CW 521

MESSAGE: *Crazy in Corinth: A Series Through First Corinthians*
Part Six: Food and Freedom

1 Corinthians 8; 10:14 - 11:1

APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

This is a good time to sign the Friendship Registers. Please share as much as you would like, ask a question, indicate change in contact information, etc.

As the offering is brought forward, please rise to sing hymn #492 verse 4, Son of God, Eternal Savior

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

HYMN - O God, My Faithful God

CW 459

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN - *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

CW 467

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special thanks to Professor Daniel Balge for leading us in worship and sharing God's good word with us today. Prof. Balge comes from Martin Luther College where he is the Academic Dean and also teaches courses in Greek and other languages to students preparing for pastoral ministry

Adult Bible Class: See the verses today's section of 1 Corinthians cover? Some will be used for the sermon, but the rest we'll dig into and learn from in Bible Class after the service today! Come and deepen your grasp on the powerful lessons of 1 Corinthians!

Next Sunday's Worship Theme: Read ahead! Next week we'll study the Apostle Paul's rights and responsibilities, and how we need to be thinking about God's workers even still today: 9:1-27. Bring your Bible too, since we'll have lots of context to see watch!

There's a Prayer for That: Still time for new prayer book companions! Order will be placed after July 29!

Together Newsletter: You can pick up the latest edition of our synod's bi-monthly newsletter from the back table.

Concessions at Prairieview Park: Don't forget to look for an opportunity to help out selling concessions. See the signup sheet on the back table. Thanks!

Thrivent Appetizers and Education Workshop: You are invited to an educational event to learn about tax law changes that could impact you and your family. Join New Ulm Area Group of Thrivent Financial at the New Ulm Country Club for complimentary appetizers and education on this important topic! Choose from four available workshop times: Wed., July 18, at either 5:00 or 7:00 p.m. and again Wed., August 8 at either 5:00 or 7:00pm. Please reserve your spot by contacting Susan Plocher at 507-354-4413 or susan.plocher@thrivent.com.

Wanted: Recording Secretary: This church council position simply requires taking notes at the council meetings and voters' meetings (maximum of 18 total). If you are interested or have questions, please call Jon Meyer at (507)276-0288.

Trinity Ice Cream and Pie Social: The Ladies Guild of Trinity Lutheran Church in Nicollet, MN at 604 Main St. is inviting you to join them for an Ice Cream and Pie Social on Wednesday, July 25th from 4:30-7:00 pm. Other items served are BBQs, Ham & Egg Salad Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Pie, Ice Cream, Assorted Desserts, Root Beer Floats, Coffee and Pop.

Stepping Forward for Dementia: The Lutheran Home Belle Plaine Campus is sponsoring a walk to raise awareness about dementia and those it affects on Saturday, August 4. Walk in memory or honor of a loved one with memory loss. All proceeds will support memory care funding on their campus. You can register at tlha.org by July 12. The costs are \$20 for adults and \$7 for children aged 12 and younger. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board, or go to tlha.org

Pumpkin Patch Palooza Meeting - We will hold an initial meeting to consider plans for another Pumpkin Patch this Fall! We will meet on Wednesday, July 25th at 7 pm, in the church basement. If you have a desire to promote our church or school in the community, please come and share your ideas!

Altar Flowers List: A new list of volunteers is being created for helping out with altar flowers and communion napkins. Two flower helpers and one communion napkin helper per month would be ideal. Would you be able to lend a hand at some point during the year? A signup sheet is in the narthex, and the new list should be ready by mid-August. Any person over confirmation age is welcome to help out. Details of the duties are available next to the sign up sheet.

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COMING EVENTS

Sun Jul 22

- 10:30am Spiritual growth for adults and teens!

Mon Jul 23

- 7:00pm Worship
- 7:05pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 7:45pm Spiritual growth for adults and teens!

Tue Jul 24

- 6:00pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Sleepy Eye

Wed Jul 25

- 9:00am Newsletter Assembly
- 1:30pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Sleepy Eye
- 7:00pm Pumpkin Patch Palooza meeting in church basement

Thu Jul 26

- 10:00am St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 4:00pm Worship service at Sleepy Eye Care Center

Sun Jul 29

- 9:00am Worship - Theme: *Food and God's Glory*
- 10:15am Spiritual growth for adults and teens!

Mon Jul 30

- 7:00pm Worship
- 7:05pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 7:45pm Spiritual growth for adults and teens!

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