



GO and Tell What the  
Lord Has Done

**Welcome to the place of change!** Here is where God admonishes the proud, soothes the hurting, awakens the dead, comforts the despairing, strengthens the weak, empowers the willing, encourages the timid, connects the disconnected, focuses the mind, and beams his smile on us all. If you're not changed today, let us know and we'll restart the service for you.

### **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!*

- **Holy Communion**

- *Guests:* Our Lord Jesus has given us this holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

Because of the differences in backgrounds and denominations, we ask guests who are not yet members of a WELS or ELS church **to wait** before communing. This will give you time to work with Pastor on joining our fellowship and communing in a way that truly fits God’s will and promises.

- *The List:* Those communing today, please find your name on the Communion lists by the main entry and indicate that you have communed today. This record helps us keep healthy, accurate statistics and an understanding of our communing members. If your name is not on the list, please write it in. Alternatively, you may use the red Friendship Registers to record your presence at the Lord’s table.

- *Procedure:* At the direction of the ushers, move up the side aisle nearest you, and form a line standing before the front pews. Pastor will distribute the bread. The elder will offer individual cups to all who wish one. Pastor will then bring the chalice to those without an individual cup. Take the chalice from his hands, drink from it, and then hand it back to him. He will then pronounce the blessing to all, before you return to your seat down the center aisle.

- *Gluten-free?* If you prefer gluten-free wafers, just point to the container in Pastor’s hand as he distributes the bread.

- 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!

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## Mission Festival!

*One of the greatest thrills of a person’s life is bringing a child into this world. Whether doting dad or loving mother, it’s hard to find anything that can compare to the birth of your own child. Except for the spiritual birth of someone. To bring a new life into this world is amazing, but to bring God’s new, spiritual life to a human heart, whether your own child’s or the heart of even a stranger – spiritual birth tops all thrills. God felt it was so wonderful, he sent his own Son to make it possible. And then he sends us with the privilege of helping him bring the saving word to other people. Today we celebrate this high honor in our Mission Festival.*

### PASTOR’S WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN** – *Rise, Shine, You People*

CW 556

## CONFESSION AND PRAISE

Minister: Oh, come, let us praise the Lord our God!

**Congregation: Let us bring to him our songs of joy and our words of honor!**

M: Let us lift up our voices to the God of all the earth and come before him in spirit and in truth.

**C: We acknowledge before you, O King, and in the presence of one another, that we have not earned the right to stand in your presence, for our failings and our wrongs, our desires and our words, prove we are sinners. But your mercy is great, and your Son is the proof. All we need is your assurance of peace.**

M: And the Great One, the King of the Universe and the Hope of Sinners, reminds you again, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. I have come to you and helped you: Here is my Son, whom I love. He has covered you with his life and death. Blessed are all who take refuge in him!”

**C: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled!**

M: O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.

**C: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!**

M: We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

**C: You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

**CHOIR – *Our Lord Reigns***

by Stan Pethel

*Our Lord reigns, let all the earth rejoice,  
Let the islands of the sea be glad, come, people, lift your voice!  
Righteousness and judgment shall remain,  
The heavens declare his glory, for our Lord reigns!*

*A fire goes before him, burning unbelief;  
All idols fall before him, slain by heaven's heat.  
For you, O Lord, are worthy; before you all shall bow  
And worship you forever as King of Glory now!*

## THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

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### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

### DISTRIBUTION

*During the distribution the congregation may sing hymn 313, Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior.*

## THANKSGIVING

### THANK THE LORD

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON: Exodus 4:1-9 – *How can I convince them?!*

Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you?’”

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?”

“A staff,” he replied.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD said, “Throw it on the ground.”

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. <sup>5</sup>“This,” said the LORD, “is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob – has appeared to you.”

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD said, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow.

<sup>7</sup>“Now put it back into your cloak,” he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

<sup>8</sup>Then the LORD said, “If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may believe the second. <sup>9</sup>But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground.”

**PRAISE!** – *Earth and All Stars (based on Psalms 148 & 150)*

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### SECOND LESSON: I Corinthians 9:19-23 – *Whatever it takes*

<sup>19</sup>Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

### **You Have Something More Powerful than a Miracle!**

*All children are invited to the front rows near the pulpit for a special message geared to them.  
Young ones who might not listen quietly can easily be accompanied by an older person!*

HYMN – *The Son of God, Our Christ*

CW 525

## MESSAGE

### ***Go Home to Your People***

Mark 5:1-20

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. <sup>3</sup>This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup>For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup>When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. <sup>7</sup>He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!” <sup>8</sup>For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you evil spirit!”

<sup>9</sup>Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” <sup>10</sup>And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

<sup>11</sup>A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. <sup>12</sup>The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” <sup>13</sup>He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>14</sup>Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. <sup>15</sup>When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man – and told about the pigs as well. <sup>17</sup>Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

<sup>18</sup>As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. <sup>19</sup>Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” <sup>20</sup>So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

## OFFERING

*At this time please use the red Friendship Registers to mark your presence today, as well as indicate if you communed and/or you have any requests or information updates to make.*

## MISSION PRAYER

M: Loving God, we thank you for all the blessings you have showered on us. You sent your Son, our Lord Jesus, to live and die in our place so that you could declare us forgiven and free from sin forever. You joined us to Jesus in Holy Baptism, and by Word and Meal your Spirit strengthens our faith and keeps us safe for eternal life.

**C: Keep our faith in Christ strong, O Lord. We love your Word and Sacraments!**

M: In his great love for us, your Son commissioned us and all his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, to baptize and teach everything he commanded. What an honor we have! What a privilege! That we are able to participate in the great work of saving the lost and strengthening the found gives special meaning to all we do as your people.

**C: Thank you for calling us to share the gospel of Jesus with people nearby and far away.**

M: For whatever times we have allowed other duties and pleasures to derail us from helping to make fully devoted followers of yours, we apologize. Forgive all our sins, Lord, and renew us in the joy of your salvation.

**C: Give us strength to stand firm with you against temptation, and endow us with power to live as your forgiven, loved and graced disciples.**

M: We praise you for filling men and women with the courage and enthusiasm to go around the globe in our place. Where we cannot go individually or as a church, may their labors for you be mighty and mightily blessed!

**C: We thank you for all those who serve with us and for us as disciple-makers in the world.**

M: Keep in your care, O Lord, all those who are sick and suffering distress. Comfort those who feel unloved, forgive those bowed down with guilt, open the eyes of those nearing death so they see the gates of heaven. According to your will prosper our economy, and always help us bring our best offerings for the ministry of the gospel.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Keep in your care our dear synod and all with whom we share a common allegiance to your Word. Keep your Word pure among us, give us purpose as we proclaim the gospel to all nations, and free us from whatever burdens weigh us down and limit our

work. Fire us up with the power of your Spirit and give us a renewed enthusiasm to work while it is day before the night comes when no one can work. United in you, and for your kingdom's benefit, we boldly ask these gifts from you, and so many others, in the prayer your Son taught us...

**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!**

## BLESSING

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 – *Lord of the Living Harvest*

CW 559

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today after the service you can stay for a special presentation by Latin American Missionary Johnston, followed by some fellowship and great food at the potluck dinner!

**Our thanks to Missionary Andrew Johnston** for bringing us God's word today and for sharing God's mission work with us! Pastor Johnston serves as missionary in our synod's Latin American field, with his wife Cindy and their children Aida (11), Sienna (9), Grady (7), and Adelin (3). They live in León, Guanajuato, Mexico (right in the middle of the country). We can give some special support to his mission efforts by participating in a door offering in the narthex and via the baskets on the tables for lunch!

Would you like to keep up with our WELS mission activities, across all our mission

fields? Check out the Mission Blogs at <https://wels.net/news-media/blogs/missions-blogs> !

**Next Sunday we begin a brand new series** based on the last chapters of the book of Revelation. It's the end of the church year, a good time to consider the end of the world and our readiness for it. Spread the word! Bring a friend to hear *Revelation's View of the End!*

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

**Regional Reformation Service:** The festival service, with special music and message, will be held at Martin Luther College's Chapel of the Christ next Sunday (October 28) at 3pm. All are welcome!

**Martin Luther College Food Shelf:** We are collecting non-perishable items for the students at MLC during the month of October. Please put donations in the designated boxes on the kitchen counter (west side).

**Snow Removal Opportunity:** We are looking for someone to take up the responsibility for snow removal for church and school parking and sidewalks this winter. Please contact Gary Kuelbs by October 28.

**Items to Claim:** Please check the Lost and Found (the west counter in the kitchen) for anything of yours that might be there. Whatever is left at the end of the month will be taken to the Treasure Haus.

**Holiday Lights in Motion can use your help!** The food wagon that we used for the Pumpkin Patch Palooza was provided rent-free, with the hope that we, the members of St. John's, would **provide some volunteer hours for the setting up/taking down of the lights** for the display at Sportsmen's Park during the holiday season. If you can help in any way, you can either go to the website, [sleepyeyeholidaylights.org](http://sleepyeyeholidaylights.org) to find and print the donor sheet, or send an email ([shari@sleepyeyeholidaylights.org](mailto:shari@sleepyeyeholidaylights.org)) to Shari Hittesdorf. She will be able to answer any questions you may have. Thank you!

**Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School Wreath Sales:** MVL students will be in their taking orders for Christmas wreaths today and the following three Sundays. Deliveries will be made before Thanksgiving.

**MLC Forum Productions** will present the Gershwin hit *Crazy for You* on Friday and Saturday, November 2-3, at 7:30pm and Sunday, November 4, at 2:00pm. Order your tickets now by visiting [mlc-wels.edu/forum](http://mlc-wels.edu/forum) or calling 233-9114. Ticket prices are discounted online but will be full price at the door, so don't wait to purchase!

**MVL Fall Play:** This year's fall play is a comedy by Pat Cook titled *You Can't Beat the House*. Performances in the MVL gymnasium are Friday, November 2 at 7pm and Saturday, November 3 at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, and kids under six are free.

**Veterans' Day Program at MVL:** The Veterans' Day recognition will be held Wednesday, November 7. Veterans and their guests are invited to a breakfast in the MVL commons before the program. Please contact Kristin Matzke, 507-233-8662 or [kmatzke@mvlhs.org](mailto:kmatzke@mvlhs.org), to RSVP. The public is invited to the hour-long program, which begins at 9am in the MVL gymnasium.

**WELS Marriage Enrichment & Getaway Weekend:** Enjoy a marriage enrichment weekend January 11-13, 2019. The cost is \$349 per couple and includes lodging, breakfast both days and lunch on Saturday. Spend your weekend learning how to know each other better, appreciate each other more, gain trust, manage conflict, nurture intimacy and connect with each other intentionally - all in the light of God's grace. Space is limited, and rooms cannot be guaranteed after **November 21**, so register today! See the brochure in the back table for more information.

**Bethany Lutheran College** would like to fill two faculty positions for next school year. One is in computer science, and the other is engineering. The application deadline is November 26 with interviews being held the week of January 7, 2019. Rachel has more information in our school office, if you are interested.

**Veterans' Day Remembrance:** We want to make sure we have as complete a list as possible of all service people in our congregation. On November 11 we'll have a prayer and would like to print their names in bulletin, including final rank and where they served. If you notice someone is missing from this list, please call Rachel or Lisa in the office (507-794-6200) and let them know who it is, their rank, and where and when they served. Thanks!

Harold Bartz  
James Bloemke  
Jane Dallmann  
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Dennis Dittbenner  
Rhonda Groebner  
Ralph Grundmeyer  
Todd Hammerschmidt  
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Gerald Milbrodt  
James Piotter  
Willard Romberg  
Delbert Sandhoefner  
Richard Siegler  
Clarence Siegmann  
James Sommerfeld  
Byron Tessmer  
Michael Walden

**Lutheran Single Adults:** Did you know that there's a website for WELS and ELS singles? It seems to get progressively harder, as time goes by, to find other singles who share one's Christian beliefs. This website, **[lutheransinglesconnect.com](http://lutheransinglesconnect.com)**, makes it just a little easier. There's also a Facebook group, WELS & ELS Lutheran Singles. Check them out!

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## COMING EVENTS

### Sun Oct 21

- 10:15am Special mission presentation for all ages!
- 11:30am Potluck Dinner!

### Mon Oct 22

- 7:00pm No worship on Mission Fest weekend
- 7:05pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 7:45pm No Bible class this evening

### Tue Oct 23

- 8:10am Catechism class
- 6:00pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Sleepy Eye

### Wed Oct 24

- 9:00am Newsletter assembly
- 1:30pm St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Sleepy Eye
- 7:00pm Choir practice

### Thu Oct 25

- 10:00am St. John's on TV - Channel 8, Springfield
- 4:00pm Worship service at Sleepy Eye Care Center
- 6:30pm Women's Bible class at the parsonage - topic: *Close Communion*

### Sat Oct 27

- 8:00am LWMS Rally

### Sun Oct 28

- 9:00am Worship – Theme: *Reformation and the Real Millennium*
- 10:15am Spiritual growth for kids, teens, and adults!
- 3:00pm Regional Reformation Service at Martin Luther College

### Mon Oct 29

- 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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