

THE SUN OF
righteousness
SHALL RISE
WITH HEALING
IN ITS WINGS.

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☞ WELCOME ☞

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

☞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ☞

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN 209

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord, have mercy*)

C: [sing, p. 42] **O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Glory to God in the Highest*)

P: Glory be to God in the highest.

C: [sing p. 44] **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

All glory be to God on high Who hath our race befriended!

To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;

God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth again;

O thank Him for His Goodness!

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT (Prayer of the Day)

C: **O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and the hope You have given us of the resurrection of the body, we may be motivated to live a holy life here in time and look forward to dwelling with You forever in eternity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

READINGS — Christian Worship 3-Year Series (All readings from the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

The Old Testament — Malachi 4: 1, 2a

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.

The Epistle — Hebrews 9: 24-28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

The Holy Gospel — John 5: 19-24

Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.

RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

THE CREED

P: Having heard God's Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 shall 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.

C: [sing, p. 46} Amen.

HYMN 552

Forever with the Lord

THE SERMON

“Is It Worth It?”

Malachi 4:1-3

HYMN VERSE

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymn 384*)

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| 1 | Our Father, throned in heav'n above,
All glory to Thy name of love.
Thy Kingdom come; Thy holy will
May earth as well as heav'n fulfill. | 2 | Give us this day our daily food
With all we need of promised good;
And freely all our sins remit
As we our debtors freely quit. |
| 3 | Defend us from the tempter's ways
Uphold when tried, when fallen raise: | | |

**For pow'r is Thine, and boundless reign,
In glory evermore, Amen.**

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

OFFERING

HYMN VERSE

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate're the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

HYMN 160

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

THE COLLECT

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You gather Your people into Your Christian Church. We humbly ask, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: [sing p. 58] **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: 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: [sing p. 59] **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN 197

My Hope Is Built

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death.
Amen.



HONORING ★ OUR ★ VETERANS

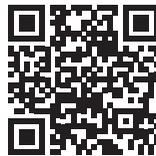
On this special day, we want to express our thanks and gratitude to any and all veterans of our congregation. Words cannot express what you have all done.

THANK YOU!



Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at this Service (it will not be on the following Sunday)...please take note.



Our mission is to proclaim the gospel of Christ through the pure word and sacraments, witnessing to the lost, and nurturing fellow believers so that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. This we do through worship, education, service, and fellowship.



❧ ANNOUNCEMENTS ❧



Ryan Lamers
Jason Hougan

LAST WEEK

39 people, out of love for Jesus, offered \$1,161.00 of which \$50.00 was for Missions. An additional \$370.00 was received in memory of Eunice Phillips.

BIBLE CLASS

We will be doing something different in Bible Class today. We will be showing a movie entitled "A Return To Grace". The basement will be set up differently so that you can have your "snacks" and still watch the movie. The movie is a story of the Reformation. I encourage all of you to come and learn about this important time when the Gospel was brought back to the prominence that it deserves.

CALL

At last weeks meeting of the congregation, Samuel Schmeling was called to be the next pastor of Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church. Pastor Schmeling, who is single, graduated from Bethany Lutheran Seminary in 2005. Since 2011 he has served Zion Lutheran Church in Tracy, Minn. Pray that God guides him as to where now to serve, here, or in Tracy.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will be held at Western Koshkonong this coming Tuesday, November 13. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. with desserts provided by the Grace Lutheran and Western Koshkonong Lutheran ladies. Jake Krier, Manager of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at Bethany will speak to us about financial aid packages and scholarships available to Bethany students. All parents and grandparents attending will receive some valuable information. All ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend.

CLEAN UP

Continued help is needed to ready the parsonage for a new pastor. Saturday mornings have been set aside for this. All type of skills etc can be used.

PRAYERS

You are encouraged to keep the following members of our congregation in your prayers...members who are confined to nursing homes, sick or something other: Eileen Brekken, Boyd Daley, Charlotte Nelson, and Lois Pieper. If you know of others who might be added to this list, please inform Pastor Kock.

JUST A THOUGHT

"Spend less time on Facebook, and more time with His Book."