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thought
to your ways

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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 43

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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: **Lord God, heavenly Father, thank You for calling us by Your holy Word to the blessed marriage feast of Your Son; through Him You forgive us all our sins. Because we are daily assaulted by temptation, protect us by Your Holy Spirit, that we might not fall into sin. But if we fall and defile our wedding garment, with which Your Son has clothed us, graciously help us again and lead us to repentance, so that we do not fall forever. Preserve us in a constant faith in Your grace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 — Amos 5: 6,7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live,

or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire;
it will devour them,

and Bethel will have no one to quench it.
There are those who turn justice into bitterness
and cast righteousness to the ground.
There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court
and detest the one who tells the truth.
You levy a straw tax on the poor
and impose a tax on their grain.
Therefore, though you have built stone mansions,
you will not live in them;
though you have planted lush vineyards,
you will not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your offenses
and how great your sins.
There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes
and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.
Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times,
for the times are evil.
Seek good, not evil,
that you may live.
Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you,
just as you say he is.
Hate evil, love good;
maintain justice in the courts.
Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy
on the remnant of Joseph.

The Epistle — Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

The Holy Gospel — Mark 10:17-27

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

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 468

All Depends on Our Possessing

THE SERMON

“Give Careful Thought To Your Ways”

Haggai 1:2-11

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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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | |

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 446, vv. 1-4

What Is the World to Me

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 upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

HYMN 446, vv. 5-8

What Is the World to Me

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.

Musician: Shelly Thompson

☪ ANNOUNCEMENTS ☪

Birthdays this Week: Alan Schiferl, Daniel Johnson

LAST WEEK

27 people, out of love for Jesus, offered \$808 of which \$50 was for Missions.

DEATH

The Lord called to Himself the soul of Eunice Phillips this past Thursday morning. Funeral Services are scheduled for this Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. here at the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Anyone interested in Sunday School, please text Linda Manteufel at 402-360-1397 or call 608-429-2312 no later than 7:30 am the Sunday your child will be in attendance and we will have a Sunday School lesson that day.

BIBLE CLASSES AT VENNEVOLL

16 people were present Tuesday for the special Bible Classes being conducted at the Venevoll Club House in Stoughton (400 N. Morris St). The city that we will be looking at this coming Tuesday will be Jerusalem. There is perhaps, no other city in all the world that is more well known throughout history than this city. So much happened there in our Lord's life. Even now, the city is in the news regularly. You are invited to learn more about this place this Tuesday. We meet from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m..

CLEAN UP

The first 3 Saturdays in October have been designated as days for cleaning up the church grounds and the parsonage. Any help that you can give will be appreciated.

ELS ANNIVERSARY

Next Sunday we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. There will be a special Service, special music, and a special sermon delivered by a guest speaker. Following the Service there will be an 18 minute video depicting the history of the Synod (Western Koshkonong is part of this). It is a special Sunday...plan to come. Holy Communion is incorporated into this Service.

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, Lois Pieper, and Inez Hougan. If you know of others who might be added to this list, please inform Pastor Kock.

REFORMATION

Looking ahead a bit, we will observe the 501st Anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday the 28th. This too, is very special occasion...so do plan to attend that also. An area-wide WELS/ELS Reformation Service is planned for 4:00 p.m. at Luther Prep in Watertown, Wis.(1300 Western Ave.)

JUST A THOUGHT

"Autumn leaves. Jesus doesn't."