

*Whoever can be
trusted with very little
can also be
trusted with much.*

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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 447

Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

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: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained

servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Hymn 36: All Glory Be to God Alone*)

C: [sing] All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the Highest One, Who doth our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend. Among mankind may His good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.	We praise Thee, God, and Thee we bless; We worship Thee in humbleness; From day to day we glorify Thee, everlasting God on high. Of Thy great glory do we sing, And e'er to Thee our thanks we bring.
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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: we pray that You guide and direct us by your Holy Spirit that we may not exalt ourselves, but humbly fear You, hear and keep Your Word with our whole hearts, and keep the day of rest holy, that we also may be sanctified by Your Word. Help us, first, to place our hope and confidence in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who alone is our righteousness and Redeemer, and, then, so to amend our lives according to Your Word that we may avoid all offenses and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Your grace in Christ, 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 — Year C

The Old Testament — Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample the needy
and do away with the poor of the land,

saying,

“When will the New Moon be over
that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath be ended
that we may market wheat?” —

skimping on the measure,
boosting the price
and cheating with dishonest scales,
buying the poor with silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done.

The Epistle — 1 Timothy 2:1-8

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

The Holy Gospel — Luke 16:1-13

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

"'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it

four hundred and fifty.’

“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

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

Learning From An Unbeliever

Luke 16:1-9

HYMN VERSE

C: [sing] **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

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.**

THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING

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

C: [sing] **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 308

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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 His peace.

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

HYMN 444

Take My Life and Let It Be

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.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Alan Schiferl
Daniel Johnson

LAST WEEK

36 people, out of love for Jesus, offered \$1,496 of which \$170 was for Missions, and \$50 in memory of Sharon Midthun.

CALL MEETING

A special meeting of the voters will take place tomorrow (Oct. 14) at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to Call another full time pastor for Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church.

BACK TO BASICS

The 6th Back to Basics Class will be held Tuesday at the Vennevoll clubhouse. The subject will be "The Holy Spirit". There is a great deal of "controversy" as to who the Holy Spirit is and what he does. Join us.

CONCERT AT HOLY CROSS

The Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble will have a concert at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Friday, October 25th at 7:00p.m. entitled "Reformation and the Three B's". The program will feature the new organ and will include movements from Bach's Cantata "Ein Feste Burg", BWV 80, Mendelssohn's "Reformation Symphony", Beethoven's "Egmont Overture" and Brahms' "Variations on a Theme by Haydn" as well as "Three Becker Psalms" by Schutz, an organ solo and congregational hymn. The concert is free and open to the public. All are invited!

FALL RALLY

The 48th annual ELS Women's Missionary Society Fall Rally will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Village

of Howard (Green Bay), Wisconsin. Our speakers are Rev. Joshua Mayer and Rev. Tom Heyn.

ROCK RIVER AREA OWLS

The local chapter of the OWLS will hold its second meeting of the new 2019-2020 season at St Paul Lutheran Church in Lake Mills on October 15th at 1:30 PM. Lee and Linda Petersen will tell us about the "Branch Schools in Haiti." In 2010, Haiti was devastated by a severe earthquake followed by a cholera epidemic. An estimated quarter of a million people lost their lives and many children were orphaned. The situation is bleak - but far from hopeless. Today more than 650 children receive hope through a Christ-centered education in the para-synodical Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti. Lee Petersen is chairman of the board and Linda co-ordinates special projects for the Branch. They live in St Paul, MN. After their topic there will be refreshments, courtesy of the St Paul ladies. Pastors in Lake Mills are Bruce McKenney, Timothy Nass and Douglas Tomhave. The congregation has a staff of eleven in its elementary school. Their new sanctuary is under construction on their site at the south end of town at 1530 South Main Street adjacent to Highway 89. If coming from the north on 89 through town, follow the detour signs going east a few blocks around the public high school, south, and back west again to 89. The Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS) invites you who are retired and/or 50 years old, who are looking for meaningful activity, who wish to enjoy spiritual growth and the fellowship of neighboring WELS and ELS members. Everyone is welcome!

JUST A THOUGHT

"Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet him."