

"We constantly pray for
you, that our God may make
you worthy of his calling."

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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 222

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

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: 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 — Year C

The Old Testament — Jeremiah 26: 1-6

Early in the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the Lord: "This is what the Lord says: Stand in the courtyard of the Lord's house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the Lord. Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from their evil ways. Then I will relent and not inflict on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done. Say to them, 'This is what the Lord says: If you do not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you, and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (though you have

not listened), then I will make this house like Shiloh and this city a curse among all the nations of the earth.”

The Epistle — 2 Thessalonians 1: 3-12

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Gospel — Luke 19: 11-27

While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. ‘Put this money to work,’ he said, ‘until I come back.’

“But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, ‘We don’t want this man to be our king.’

“He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they

had gained with it.

“The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’

“‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’

“The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’

“His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’

“Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’

“His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’

“Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’

“‘Sir,’ they said, ‘he already has ten!’

“He replied, ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.’”

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 413

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

THE SERMON *What's It Worth...Your Religion That Is?* 2 Thessalonians 1: 3-12

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 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

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 207

Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way

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 403

God Loved the World So that He Gave

Organist: Darek Hartwig





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Jenny Boettcher
Marty Lamers
Ryan Lamers
Jason Hougan

LAST WEEK

38 people, out of love for Jesus, offered \$704, of which \$70 was for Missions.

PASTOR

As most of you know by now, Trent Saari has accepted the Call to be the next Pastor of Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church. As of this writing the date of his Installation is tentatively set for December 8th or 15th.

POTLUCK

Thank you to everyone that helped with the renovation of the Fellowship Hall. To celebrate the completion of that project and to thank God for the good fall harvest and many blessings that we have, a special potluck lunch will follow our service this morning.

BIBLE CLASS

There will be no Bible Class today. We will resume next week by completing the slide presentation of the life of Martin Luther.

BACK TO BASICS

The next Back To Basics class will be held at the Vennevoll Club House this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.. The subject will deal with Holy Communion. There are many, many questions and thoughts on this subject...what does one receive in this Sacrament, why go often, and why is Communion denied to some people (is that a judgement on their faith?)? If interested in this subject, please come.

OWLS

The OWLS chapter will have its November gathering at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Johnson Creek (Farmington) on November 19 at 1:30 PM. Mr Sean Young, Director of WELS Missions Operations, will bring us the latest exciting news about "Our Hmong Seminary in Hanoi, Vietnam." As you may know, the Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in this communist country. Here is a wonderful opportunity for us older folks to grow spiritually and enjoy the fellowship of neighboring WELS and ELS members. Immanuel is located from Johnson Creek a few miles east of State Hwy 26 on County Road B. Bring a friend with you. All are welcome.

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 (recently fell and broke her leg), Judy Zemke, Betty Gulseth, Inez Hougan, Norman & Eloise Thede, and Al Kroll. If you know of others who might be added to this list, please inform Pastor Kock.

JUST A THOUGHT

"You are the only bible that some people will ever read."