



**NOT GLEE AND GRATITUDE,
BUT REJECTION AND RESENTMENT**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

July 7 & 8, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, you have graciously made me a part of your gospel ministry. Give me strength today as I consider that not everyone to whom I minister will want or accept what I offer them. Help me take in the readings that show me I'm not alone and in fact am in good company when I receive such rejection and resentment. Encourage me all the more to serve you and please you in this meaningful ministry you've given me. In you I pray. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



HOLY COMMUNION

Today St. Paul's will be celebrating Holy Communion. The Bible tells us that those who take the Lord's Supper together are to recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29), examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and be united in faith with their fellow communicants (1 Cor. 10:17). For these reasons, it is our practice that only those who are members of St. Paul's or of a congregation within our fellowship join us at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning how you can partake of Holy Communion with us in the future, the pastor would be pleased to speak with you after the service.

SETTING ONE

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The Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that highlights the Word of God and the forgiveness, life, and salvation we receive through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN

872 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Stand for final verse.



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss.
forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
this day the noise of bat - tle, the next, the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my shall he lead
Ye that are brave, now serve him a - gainst un-num-bered foes;
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with prayer;
To him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be;



till ev - 'ry foe is van-quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
let cour - age rise with dan - ger and strength to strength op - pose.
where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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Tune: George J. Webb, 1803–1887

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INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



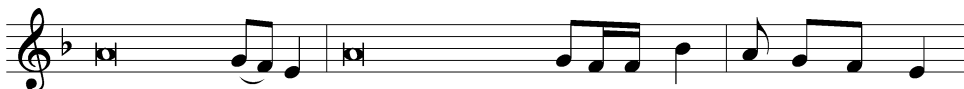
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



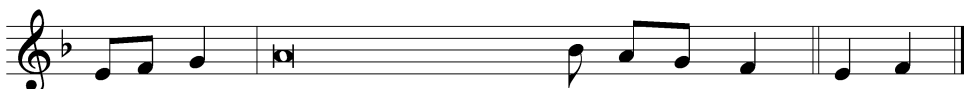
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal and righteous God, you revealed your divine Word to teach us what we should do and what we should avoid. Strengthen and lead us by your Holy Spirit that we serve you in new obedience here until we come to complete holiness before you in that life to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:1–7

¹He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.”

²The Spirit entered into me as he spoke to me and brought me up to my feet. Then I heard him speaking to me.

³He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to disloyal nations, who have been disloyal to me. They and their fathers have rebelled against me to this very day. ⁴These children of mine are brazen-faced and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you are to tell them that this is what the LORD God says. ⁵Then, whether they listen or do not listen—for they are a rebellious house—then they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶But you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words. Even though briars and thorns surround you and you are living with scorpions, do not be afraid of their words, and do not be intimidated by the look on their faces, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷You are to speak my words to them whether they listen or they do not, for they are rebellious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:1–13

¹You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²Entrust the things you heard from me, in the presence of many witnesses, to faithful men who will also be able to teach others.

³Share hardships as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the affairs of everyday life. If he does, he will not please the one who enlisted him. ⁵Also, if someone competes as an athlete, he does not receive a crown unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶The hardworking farmer should receive a share of the crops first. ⁷Think about what I am saying, because the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, a descendant of David, in accordance with my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰For this reason I endure all things for the sake of the elect, so that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, along with eternal glory. ¹¹This saying is trustworthy:

Indeed, if we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²If we endure, we will also reign with him;

If we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³If we are faithless, he remains faithful, because he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ezekiel 2:7

Alleluia!

**You must speak my words to them,
whether they listen or fail to listen.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

¹Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? ³Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house." ⁵He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

869 *Onward, Christian Soldiers*



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, join our hap - py throng,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
broth - ers, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod.
but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main.
blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song:

continued...



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, all one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the King;



for - ward in - to bat - tle see his ban - ners go!
one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
this through count - less a - ges saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

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SERMON

Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

Don't Be Afraid; Only Believe

Stand

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

OFFERING

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6,7).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The pastor speaks the Prayer of the Church on behalf of the congregation.

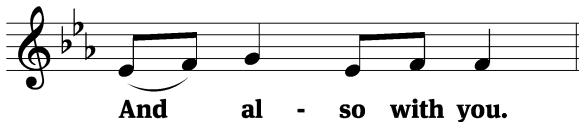
Stand

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 also bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. See p.295 in the hymnal for preparation.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

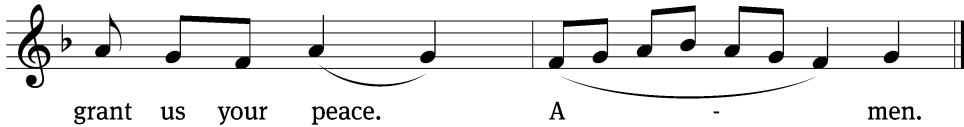
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



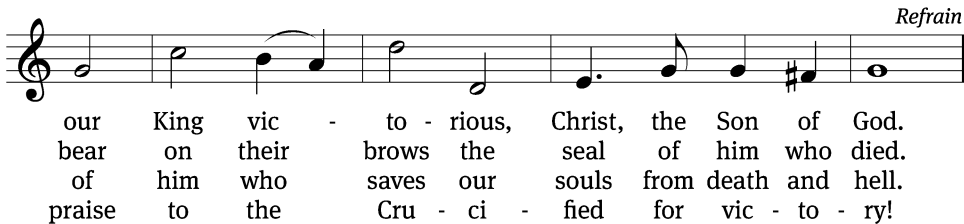
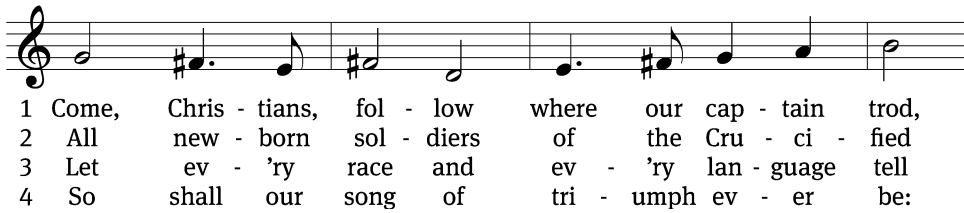
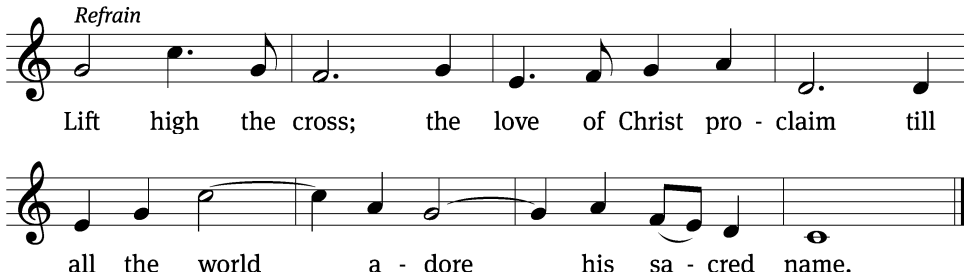
Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread” (1 Corinthians 10:16,17). Please follow the directions of the ushers during distribution.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

900 Lift High the Cross



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

895 Preach You the Word



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home to those who
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task your ser - vant
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love scat - ters a -
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched and some be



like or like it not, the Word that shall en -
bids us un - der - take: to preach your Word and
broad the good - ly seed, in - tent a - lone that
choked and mat - ted flat, the sow - er sows; his



ture and stand when flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.
nev - er ask what pride - ful prof - it it may make.
there may be the whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

- 5 Of all his scattered plenteousness
one-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
and bears a harvest, hundredfold:
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"
- 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home
and never faint; the Harvest Lord
who gave the sower seed to sow
will watch and tend his planted Word.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

902 Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word



1 Spread a - broad, O might - y Word, tell - ing
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will made the
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, who for -
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to



of a gra - cious Lord whose all - pow'r - ful
world, up - holds it still, how his on - ly
ev - er does re - move by his ho - ly
guide us on to heav'n, strong and ho - ly,



gos - pel call fills his heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
Son he gave all from sin and death to save.
sac - ri - fice all the guilt that on us lies.
just and true, work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Spread abroad! Ripe fields of grain
all throughout the world remain,
but the reapers still are few;
great the work they have to do.
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.

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Stand

THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

774 *God Bless Our Native Land*



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may she ev - er stand
2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;



thro' storm and night! When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with



wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU, PASTOR JOHNS

We thank Pastor Johns for leading our worship and sharing God's Word with us today as Pastor Groth does the same for Pastor Johns' congregation in Burr Oak. May the Lord continue to bless our ministries and fellowship to his glory.

MEANINGFUL MINISTRY – SERIES EXPLANATION

"Ministry" is one of those churchy words that is often used, yet perhaps not fully understood. Ministry comes from the Latin word for "service." Ministry involves serving others with love, compassion, and empathy. Helping someone with physical needs is sometimes called "compassion ministry." Helping someone with their spiritual needs, sharing the good news of Christ, is generally called "gospel ministry." We misunderstand ministry if we think of it as something only ministers do. While pastors are called to perform gospel ministry on behalf of others, ultimately every believer is called by God to reflect Christ-like love and share the message of salvation as God provides those opportunities.

In this worship series we will see our efforts to meet the needs of those God brings into our sphere of influence as meaningful ministry. In our service to them, those people see God's love and God sees our faith.

JULY VOTERS' MEETING

Our next quarterly voters' meeting will be Sunday, July 14, at 11:15 am in the church basement. Note: In order to satisfy continuing school Accreditation requirements, there is a proposed amendment to the Bylaws which inserts the redline language into the current Bylaw concerning the Education Committee. Because this is a change to our Bylaws, it must be voted on by the voters in the July meeting and appear in the bulletin twice before the vote. If there are any questions on this, please feel free to call Congregational President Dan Arndt or Education Committee Chairman Dale Arndt.

ST. PAUL'S @ THE COUNTY FAIR

We will once again be manning the WELS fair booth on the opening night of the La Crosse County Fair, Wednesday, July 17, from 5:00-10:00 pm. If you're able to help out and tell people about Jesus while inviting them to one of our area WELS churches for eternal comfort and hope, the Lord would appreciate it. Also, if you'd like to donate some school supplies for prizes, you can place them in the box in the lobby anytime between now and the Sunday before the fair.

CROSS TO GLORY CONCERT

Faith Lutheran Church of Black River Falls and Cataract, Wisconsin, would like to invite you to a Christian concert by WELS band - Cross to Glory. This will be a part of Black River Falls' concerts in the park series at the Lunda Community Park (1400 Tyler St, Black River Falls, WI 54615). It is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, at 7 pm. There is no cost. Cross to Glory started in 2010 and the group has played throughout the Midwest as well as Arizona, Texas, and Florida and as far away as Israel. The music of Cross to Glory has been described as a mix of Christian Rock, Country, Folk and Gospel. For more information on the concert, check out Faith's website: www.faithwels.com. In addition to sponsoring the band, Faith will provide free popcorn and lemonade. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. In case of stormy weather tune to WWIS Radio (99.7) to hear if the concert will be moved to the church building.

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OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2024 Weekly Budget: \$11,826.00

Budget to Date: \$307,476.00

Received Last Week: \$5,751.43

Rec'd to Date: \$213,513.37

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 138 Online Viewers: 38 10:00 am: 50 Monday: 30 Total: 256

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Worship with Communion
WEDNESDAY	6:00 pm	Education Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
THURSDAY	6:00 pm	Bible Information Class
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Christopher Johns, Christ Lutheran, Burr Oak
Harriet Langrehr

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AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME
I AM SENDING YOU





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