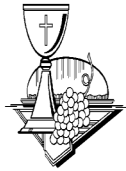


October 1 & 2, 2017 17th Sunday after Pentecost

To our friends, welcome again. To the visitor, it's great to have you here! To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today. The Bible tells us that this is a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicine, of course, the right person must use it at the right time and for the right purpose, lest it do more harm than good. For this reason we ask our visitors to speak to our pastor before joining us at the table. **We follow "The Common Service," - pg 15.**



We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.

Today's Hymns: 282, 293, 493, 280, 290, 203

Prayer of the Day: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit:, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Today we continue a celebration of the core beliefs of the Lutheran Reformation. We sum the truth of our salvation up with the words;



***By Grace Alone
By Faith Alone
Through Scripture Alone***



Our Sunday Bible classes between services and at 6:30pm tonight will study further the truth that we are saved through Scripture alone.

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Psalm 103 (page 105)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²²Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Today's Message: (based on Matthew 18:21-35)

"We Learn and Relearn the Powerful Word of Forgiveness!"

Thank you to our Sunday organist, Jennifer Knutson and Monday pianist, Amibeth Olderman.



Flowers on the altar are from Lyndon & Ann Pearson in celebration of their 31st wedding Anniversary.

- TODAY:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am
Adult Bible Class at 9:20am & 6:30pm - Reformation Theme - "By Scripture Alone"
Junior Lancer Youth Choir rehearsal at MLHS (in the band room) 6:30pm
- Mon:** Pastor's Conference at WI Lutheran Seminary / Worship 6:30pm
- Tue:** Catechism Class 5:30pm
- Wed:** Bible Classes 1:30 & 6:30pm - "Lie #3 - God doesn't understand my suffering"
- Sat:** Repeat Performance 13th Anniversary storewide half price sale - all day
- Sun:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am
Adult Bible Classes at 9:20am & 6:30pm - Reformation Theme - "By Christ Alone"
Jr Lancer Choir & Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale rehearsals @ MLHS 6:30pm
- Mon:** Worship 6:30pm

Upcoming Events in October:

- † Grace Circle Meeting: Thursday, Oct 12 6:30pm
- † Grade School Volleyball Tournaments: Saturday, Oct 14th at various locations
- † LWMS Circuit Rally: Saturday, Oct 14 @ Kewaunee 9:00am - noon
- † Council Meeting, Thursday, Oct 19 6:00pm
- † "Fall Fest": Saturday, Oct 21 from 9:45 - 11:00am
- † MLHS Fall Showcase & Concert: Sunday, Oct 22: Showcase 2:00pm / Concert 4:00pm
- † Red Cross Blood Drive: Monday, Oct 23 2:00 - 6:00pm in the fellowship hall
- † Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, Oct 28 starting at 8:00am
- † 500th Anniversary Worship Service: Sat, Oct 28 at the PAC in Appleton 2:00pm

Grace October Newsletter - Thank you to Lois Bergquist for doing our Grace newsletter. Please pick up your copy from your member box.

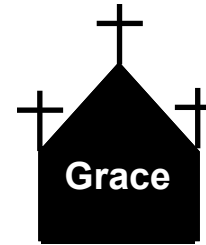
"Forward In Christ" for October is available on the Information Table. This month's publication focuses on Martin Luther and the Reformation. There is a special Reformation timeline fold out in the center that covers the years 1455 - 1588. Feel free to take one home to learn even more about Luther and the Reformation.

Repeat Performance - Half price 13th Anniversary sale! Please come to the store on Saturday, October 7th and help us celebrate 13 years in business. You just never know what kind of 'treasures' you might find! And everything in the store is half price! Hope to see you there! Judy La Grow

Collection for the WELS Christian Hurricane Aid Relief: Grace members donated a total of \$1,122 during the month of September for this relief effort. This total does not include any of the personal online donations made through either the WELS or Thrivent websites. Thank you to everyone for their generosity!

WELS Online Interactive Bible Study Series: The next six week Interactive Faith online Bible study will **begin Wed, Oct. 4th**. Prof. Joel Otto from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will lead a study entitled "Luther's Lasting Impact." **The studies take place twice each Wednesday at 6:00 & 8:00pm through Nov 8.** Prof. Otto writes, "Luther's Reformation led to profound developments that impacted the church and how people learn, confess, and live their faith. As Lutherans living in the 21st century, what Luther brought about is still part of who we are as Christians and as a church. This study will examine those developments that continue to have a lasting impact." You can participate in this study by going online to: wels.net/interactivefaith. Study guides will be made available to you online prior to each session. If you have any questions, please contact Staff Minister Bob.

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday 8:00 - #74, 10:45 - #60, Monday - #47= Total - #181



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