



September 10 & 11, 2017 14th Sunday after Pentecost
“Welcome Back Sunday”

To our friends, welcome again. To the first time visitor, we extend our sincere greeting. 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 begin the service with the “Gathering Rite on the Word of God” beginning on page 11 of Christian Worship Supplement.**

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

Today’s Hymns: #752, #778, #771 (all in supplement) & #293 (red hymnal)

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command. You have committed to us the task of making disciples of all nations. Bless those who teach and those who learn and inspire our witness that all may know the power of your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 16-21

¹ Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always. ² Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the LORD your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm; ³ the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country; ⁴ what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea^[a] as they were pursuing you, and how the LORD brought lasting ruin on them. ⁵ It was not your children who saw what he did for you in the wilderness until you arrived at this place,⁶ and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their households, their tents and every living thing that belonged to them. ⁷ But it was your own eyes that saw all these great things the LORD has done.

¹⁶ Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. ¹⁷ Then the LORD’s anger will burn against you, and he will shut up the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you. ¹⁸ **Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.** ¹⁹ **Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.** ²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates,²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

Psalm 122 (page 58 in supplement)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Today’s Message (based on Matthew 16:13-20)



“Who He is Makes All the Difference!”

We thank our pianists: Sunday - Amibeth Olderman and Monday - Darci Matzke.

“Welcome Back”

Please join us between services today for a program that kicks off our schedule of Sunday School, Teen and Adult Bible Class, Catechism Class, and ministry efforts to strengthen the saved and reach the lost. We will enjoy a brief visit from MLHS President Norv Kock and will also have a special “Care Packaging Event” for our Grace family members away at college, in the military as well as our shut-ins.

If you are not able to stay for this program, donated items can be dropped off here at church by this week Monday. A list of suggested items is on the display table.

This week’s schedule...God Willing....

TODAY: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / “Welcome Back” program between services

Monday: Pastor’s Conference in AM at St John’s TR / Catechism 5:00pm / Worship 6:30pm

Tuesday: OWLS Meeting 1:30pm at St John’s School in TR / JLOG Staff Meeting 6:30pm

Wed: Pastor preaches at Bethany 8:00am & Harborview 10:30am
Bible Classes 1:30 & 6:30pm - “10 Lies About God - “Lie #1 God is Whatever We Want Him to be” “

Thursday: Council Meeting 6:00pm / GriefShare 6:30pm / Grace Circle meeting 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am
SS, Teen & Adult Bible Class 9:20am -
Adult BC Reformation theme: “Scripture Alone”

Monday: Catechism 5:00pm / Worship 6:30pm

OWLS September Meeting is this coming Tuesday, Sep 12 at St John's School in Two Rivers. Guest Speaker is Pasto Keith Tullberg of Our Savior TR – his topic will be "Inner City Ministry". Pastor Tullberg served for many years in the city of Milwaukee. Anyone 55 or older and guests are welcome to attend.

Grace Circle will begin the new season with its meeting at 6:30pm this coming Thursday, Sep14. Join us for a short devotion with Pastor, the business meeting, refreshments and social hour with good friends. We welcome any and all women of Grace.

Collection for Hurricane Harvey victims: We are still collecting monetary donations for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. This can be done several ways:

- **Here at Grace** - there is a collection box in the back of church for cash and checks (payable to "WELS" with a memo 'Hurricane Harvey'). These donations will be collected over the next few weeks and then sent into the WELS Christian Aid Relief effort.
- **Online through the WELS website** (from checking account or credit card)
- **Online for Thrivent members: Your gift to the WELS will be matched by Thrivent** (match limit is \$3,000,000!). To qualify for this match, your donation must be made online through the Thrivent.com website and can come out of a checking account or credit card. If you need assistance on how to do this, see Ann Hornes in the office.

We may also send some of our Welcome Back care packages (toiletries, non perishable food items, school supplies) to our sister churches. More to come on this!

Last Weekend's Attendance: Sunday: 8:00am: #65, 10:45am: #56, Tuesday #60 Total: #181



Fall Adult Bible Classes begin this week

*(see poster for complete list
of dates & themes)*

- **Wednesdays, starting 9/13 (1:30 & 6:30pm)** - a 10 week series with the theme "10 Lies About God". This week's discussion will be on the statement "God is whatever we want him to be."
- **Sundays, starting 9/17- (9:20am & 6:30pm)** - a 9 week Reformation-themed series. The first week's topic is "Scripture Alone".

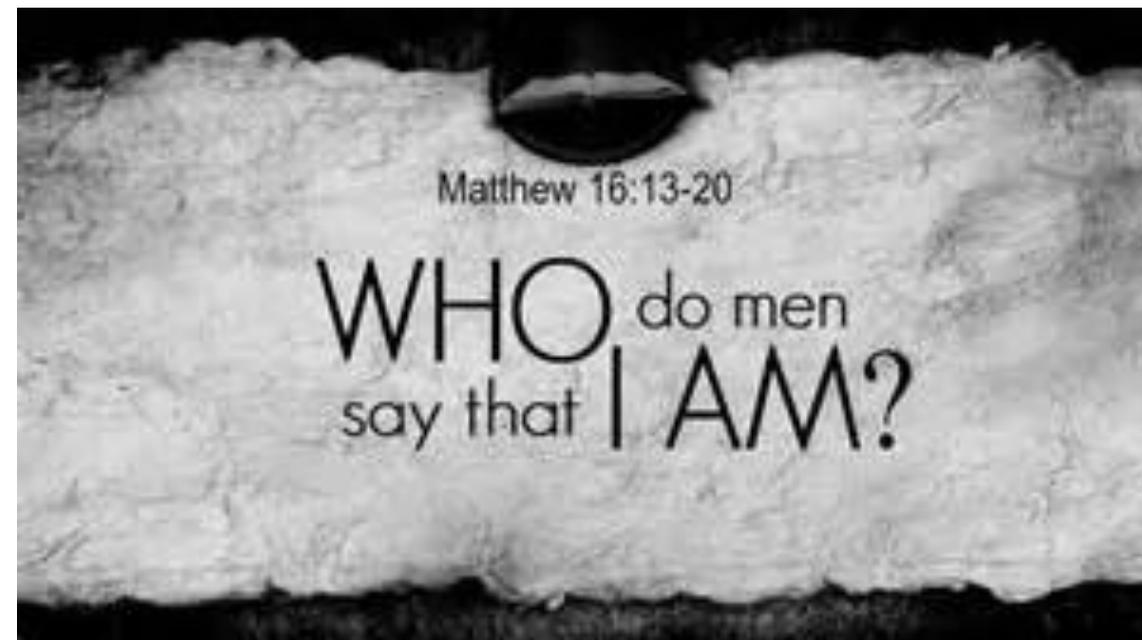
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