

Meetings, Events & Activities through Mid November:

- † Tue, Nov 13: JLOG Staff Meeting, 6:00pm
- † Tue, Nov 13: Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm at the home of Ann Hornes
- † Wed, Nov 14: Staff Meeting, 8:30am
- † Wed, Nov 14: Pastor preaches at Harborview, 10:30am
- † Wed, Nov 14: Sunday School Staff Meeting, 6:30pm
- † Thu, Nov 15: Council Meeting, 6:00pm

Upcoming Bible Classes:

- **Adult Bible Class Themes for this week:**
 - ◇ Today 9:20am & Wed 1:30pm: "To the Ends of the Earth" continues
 - ◇ Tonight at 6:30pm: "Christianity & the Competition" - Religions of the Middle East
- **Men's Breakfast Bible Class:** Men - please join us for the 2nd class in this series on Saturday, Nov 10 from 8:00 - 9:15am.

OWLS Meeting - Tue, Nov 13 @ St Peter's, Mishicot at 12 noon starting with lunch. The speaker is Kathie Wendland who recently served in Africa. Persons 55 & older are invited.



Repeat Performance Update: In October, we celebrated our 14th year in business with a special Anniversary Sale. We thank our volunteers, customers & other supporters for making this sale a big success – one of our busiest sales yet! So, we made room for lots of great merchandise with more to come for the holidays. Please stop in and visit us soon!

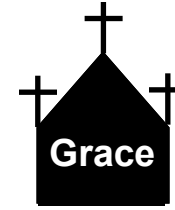
Can you help? Jesus' Lambs of Grace is having a Bingo & Pie Party. **They need Bingo prizes for the children** - specifically looking for dollar store or inexpensive items. Suggestions for children: small toys, coloring books, PlayDoh, easy reader books, stickers, pencils. No food items, please! Donations can be placed in the labeled box located on the floor by the Information Table by Monday, Nov 19th.

Please stop by the round table in the fellowship hall for the following:

- **Poinsettia Sign-up:** Cost is \$5 per plant with a sign-up deadline of Mon, 12/10
- **Midweek Advent Meal Sign-up:** If you would like to host a meal between services on Wed, Dec 5, 12 or 19, please sign up. If no one signs up, there will be no meal that night.

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday - 8:00 #89, 10:45 #50, Monday - #40 = Total - #179

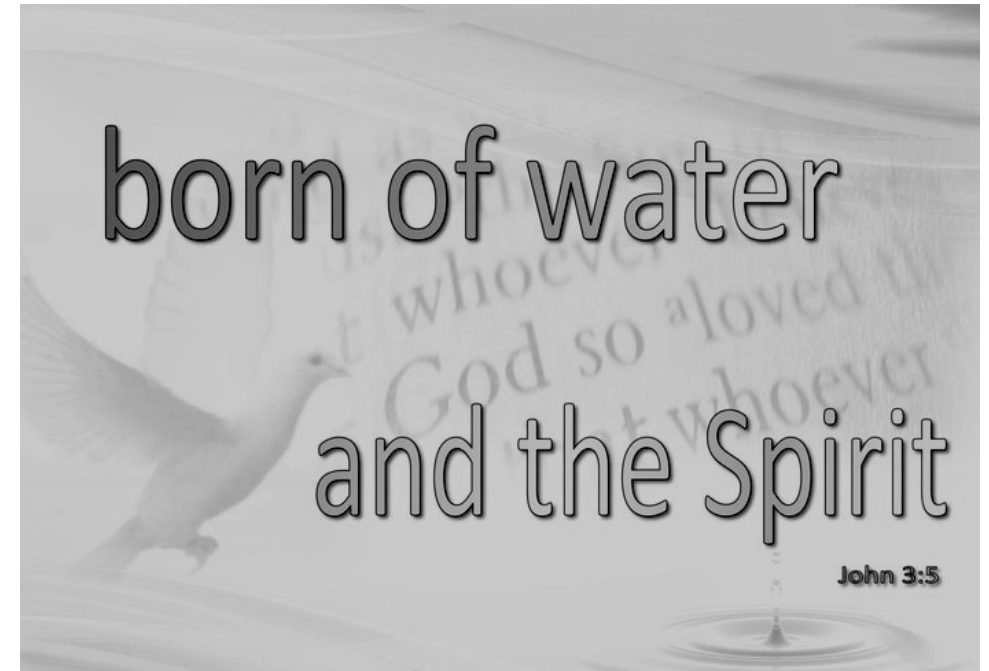
 THANKSGIVING	 Wednesday, Nov 21 @ 6:30pm & Thursday, Nov 22 @ 9:30am
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First Sunday of End Time– Reformation
November 4 & 5, 2018

**Large Print Service Binders & Listening Assist Aids are available.
Please ask an usher if you are interested in either of these.**

Welcome to Grace ...To our friends, welcome. 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 & citizenship in His eternal kingdom.

We receive the Lord's Supper today - 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, or it does more harm than good. We ask our visitors to speak to pastor before joining us.

EXPLANATION OF SERVICE - It is said that when Martin Luther was struggling with a guilty conscience he would say "*Baptizatus sum*" (Latin for "I am baptized"). There is so much comfort in your baptism. Baptism is a true treasure, a means of grace, a washing of water and Word that connects us to Christ's saving work. Baptism saves us and empowers us to live godly lives. It is also one of the great biblical truths restored to the Church through the Lutheran Reformation. Today we join Martin Luther and find great joy and peace in saying, "I am baptized."

Opening Hymn #203: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

INVOCATION (*The invocation calls to mind the words spoken at Baptism.*)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We were buried with Christ through Baptism into death,

C: That just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too may live a new life.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you rescued me from sin; you gave me a heart of faith and made me your child. Though you have loved me, I continue to sin against you. I often fail to value my Baptism. I do not always feel sorrow over my sins, or turn away from them as you desire. I repent of my evil deeds and sinful ways. I turn to Jesus your Son and beg for forgiveness. I plead for strength to overcome the devil and my sinful nature.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

ABSOLUTION: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and

SONG OF SIMEON (*By faith through God's Word and Sacrament we have seen Jesus and find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.*)

**1. O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!**

**2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

STAND

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26 (*This blessing has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on the Israelites and I will bless them." [Numbers 6:27]*)

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn #200: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - We stand for the final stanza.

Thank you to our weekend pianists: Sunday, Amibeth Olderman & Monday, Darci Matzke.

This week - God willing.....

TODAY: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS, Teen& Adult Bible Class 9:20am Class
Wyatt Abbet baptism & party 12:00 -2pm / MLHS Play 2pm / Bible Class 6:30pm

Mon: MLHS Fundraiser at Buffalo WW all day / Worship 6:30pm

Wed: LWMS Board Mtg 1pm - Conf room / Bible Class 1:30pm / Catechism 5:30pm

Thu: Grace Circle Meeting 2:00pm

Sat: Men's Breakfast Bible Class 8:00am / Don Pearson funeral 2:00pm w/ lunch after

Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS, Teen& Adult Bible Classes 9:20am

Gossen party in fellowship hall - PM / Bible Class 6:30pm

Mon: Pastor Circuit Mtg 10am Bethany / Grandparent's Day MLHS / Worship 6:30pm

Lamb of God - Agnus Dei (page 36 in Supplement)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn #736: "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" (in Supplement)

your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are at peace with God now and forever. Enjoy the blessing of your baptism.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Lord God, by your grace you save us through Baptism. Direct our hearts continually to the font so that we may rejoice in your forgiveness and serve you in thanks for your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 2:36-39

³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

M: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 (page 46 in the Supplement)

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-6

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN #289: "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

SERMON: (based on John 3:1-6)

**“Baptism Un-watered Down...The Born Again Power of Baptism!”
So necessary! So certain!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Romans 6:3

M: “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were, therefore, buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives new life in Christ our Lord. He links you to Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

C: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: Yes, I believe 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

M: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: Yes, 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. Amen.

M: Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the **p**ause of Word and sacrament and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

C: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

OFFERING - During this time we ask all worshipers to sign the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, you are our mighty fortress. In you we find our strength, our protection and our peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through the shield of faith and the sword of your Word, help us in our every need. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: The devil has sworn to harm us, deceive us and to lead us away from you, O Lord. We cannot fight him or resist him in our own strength. We cannot conquer him with our good works or with our own power. We praise you for sending Jesus, who fights for us. Through his holy cross, Jesus has forever conquered Satan and set us free. Continue to raise up faithful messengers of the gospel, warriors in your Kingdom, who proclaim Jesus and his cross as our only hope and joy. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: In holy baptism you made us your own, granted and strengthen faith and clothed us with your robe of righteousness. Help us think of our baptism each day as we confess our sins and hold onto your promise that you justify us by faith apart from our works. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

(Special prayers included here)

M: Lord, you have charged your Church to proclaim your eternal Gospel to all who dwell on earth, to sing good news to every people, tribe, language and nation. You have promised that your words will accomplish what you desire and lead in joy all who trust in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

PREFACE *(The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers’ hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.)*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Matthew 26:26-28 & I Corinthians 11:24,25*

(The minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord’s use.)

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.