

June 10 & 11, 2018 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship! 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. Parents, there is a "sitting room" with visual and sound of the service along the south wall. **We follow the Service of the Word, starting on page 38.**

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

Today's Hymns: #270, #596, #256, #333

Prayer of the Day: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Psalm 51a (page 86)

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself.

¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are

achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Sermon Theme: (based on Mark 3:20-35)

"When it comes to Christ's Family... 'Are you in, or are you out?'"

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

This week - God willing.....

TODAY: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Morning Bible Class 9:20am "Religions of the Far East"
Evening Bible Class 6:30pm "Buried Clues" - A Christian understanding of Fossils.

Mon: Worship 6:30pm

Tue-Wed: WELS District Convention at MLHS

Wed: Pastor preaches @ Harborview 10:30am / NO Afternoon Bible Class
VBS Meeting 6:00pm

Thu: Red Cross Blood Drive in fellowship hall 2:00 - 6:00pm

Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / **OPEN FORUM between services**
Evening Bible Class: "Flood or Fiction?"

Mon: Worship 6:30pm - **OPEN FORUM following worship**

Tue: **VOTER'S MEETING 6:30pm**

Last Weekend's Attendance: Sunday: 8:00 - #74, 10:45 - #59, Monday - #36, Total - #169

VBS Meetings on Wednesdays in June at 6:00pm. There is much work to be done to get ready for our "Shipwrecked" VBS week on July 16-20! If you can't make it to any of these meetings but are able to help the week of VBS, please call Heidi Malley in the office at 682-7377. Watch for the display with slips listing the "Items Needed". Take slips for anything you wish to donate & bring it to church by the date listed. Thanks in Jesus!

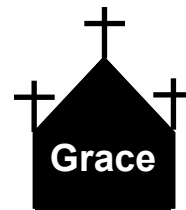
Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace this week Thursday, June 14 from 2:00 - 6:00pm. Sign up sheets are located on the round table display in fellowship hall.

The WELS International Youth Rally is on June 26 - 29 in Bowling Green OH. We have 12 Grace teens and 3 adults going. Cash or checks payable to "Grace Church" (please write 'Youth Rally' on the memo line), can be given at the display table in the fellowship hall. Thank you to everyone that has supported this effort.

Summer Camp Help Needed! Our JLOG Summer Camp is looking for a high school or college student (18 years +) to work part-time from June 4 – Aug 17. Hours may vary but average 20 hours/ week. Responsibilities include assisting teachers with play time, helping with snacks/lunch & resting time. **Please contact Julie ASAP** at jesuslambs@grace@gmail.com or 920-482-0001 or the church office at 682-7737.

Invitation from St. John's Two Rivers: Pastor Stephen Kruschel will be installed as associate pastor next Sunday, June 17 at 3:30 pm at St. John's school gymnasium. A reception will follow.

'Canticum Novum', a WELS Chamber Choir, invites you to attend its sacred choral concert presented on Friday, June 22, 7:00pm at Bethany Lutheran - FREE admission. Music presented this year will focus on the theme "On My Journey Home." A free will offering will be taken to help support the mission of 'Canticum Novum'.



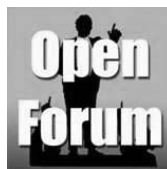
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Worship Services Sundays 8:00 & 10:45am, Mondays 6:30pm



**"Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."
Mark 3:35**



Open Forums:

Sunday, June 17 - between services
Monday, June 18 - following evening service



Voters Meeting

Voter's Meeting: Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30pm

Let's review our ministry goals through which we ask the Lord to keep us in His Family of faith and grow His Family of faith.

There are some handouts available on the table in the fellowship hall for anyone that would like to look these over before the meetings. Help yourself!

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“The Privilege and Practice of Prayer”
– a study of the Prayer Jesus Taught Us.

God commands you to pray for all your needs. He also lovingly invites you to bring your needs and praises – He loves you so much, he has so many gifts to give you. All of your needs, and all of God’s gifts...how many hours, how many thousands of words, would it take?

Well, actually, you could do it in about 30 seconds. Because that’s how long it takes to pray the Lord’s Prayer. How can you possibly cover all of your needs and all of God’s gifts in that short of a time? Apparently, our Lord Jesus Christ seems to think that it’s possible. In fact, he even gave us this prayer that does all of that.

We call it the “Lord’s Prayer” or the “Our Father.” In this short prayer, which we can pray every day, we are invited by God to come to him and call upon him, to seek his help in all of our needs and to ask for all of his gifts. It really is a remarkable prayer.

We will focus on the privilege and practice of prayer as we study the Lord’s Prayer this summer. Christ teaches and invites us to pray this prayer every day and to come to our dear Father who promises to hear and answer us. This is a prayer we can be sure of, one that we can conclude with a hearty “Amen”. For Christ himself is the one who has given it to us. Think of what a treasure we have here in this prayer! Our only problem is that we do not pray it often enough, with thought and in faith.

The Lord’s Prayer also works as a model and a springboard for further praying, that is, as a pattern for prayer. So this summer starting on Father’s Day, we will consider “3 P’s that Power Your Faith Life – the Privilege and Practice of “Prayer.” Let’s see how each part of the Lord’s Prayer can lead to further praying, further praise to our gracious God, and further blessing in His Name.

Next weekend, on Father’s Day, God’s truth leads us to ponder the opening words of the Lord’s Prayer, “Our Father in Heaven.”

Items Needed for Grace VBS
the week of July 16 to 20.

(Please see our VBS display that lists items we need.)

We would also like to borrow some items that would be returned after VBS is done.

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON ANYTHING YOU WANT RETURNED.

- 12 Small blankets/throw rugs – big enough for 5-6 kids to sit on
- Wire rack (like an oven rack)
- Electric campfire - either imitation or real.
- 10-12 Fancy unbreakable plates (fancy plastic would work)
- Plastic loaf of bread
- 4-6 Containers of yellow Play-doh (can be loaned or donated)
- 4-6 Rolling pins
- 4-6 Brooms
- 8-10 Decorative pillows
- Roman soldier costume (adult)
- Plastic sword
- Empty paper towel tubes (donated)
- Red and yellow cellophane (donated)
- Cardboard boxes – medium size
- Black bed sheet
- Strings of small white lights
- Straw beach mat
- Sloth stuffed animal