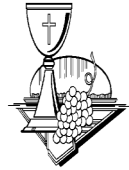


September 17 & 18, 2017 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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 at the table. We join together in **"Service of Word and Sacrament," beginning on page 26.**



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

Today's Hymns: #108, #384, #381, #379, #319

Prayer of the Day: O Lord, Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Ephesians 2:4-9

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Psalm 121 (page 112)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:21-26

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

Today's Message: (based on Matthew 16:21-26)

"His Grace is Strong Enough For Any Cross!"

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

This week - God willing.....

TODAY: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am
Adult Bible Classes at 9:20am & 6:30pm - Reformation Theme - "By Grace Alone"
Thrivent Action Team "Care Packaging" 5:00pm

Monday: Worship 6:30pm

Wed: Bible Classes 1:30 & 6:30pm - "Lie #2 - Many paths lead into God's presence"

Sunday: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am
Adult Bible Classes at 9:20am & 6:30pm - "Reformation Theme - By Grace Alone"
Junior Lancer Youth Choir rehearsal at MLHS (in the band room) 6:30pm

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

Youth Catechism starts Tuesday, September 26th at 5:30 pm

Last Week's Attendance: Sunday 8:00 - #80, 10:45 - #54, Monday - #45= Total - #179

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that so generously donated items for our Care Packages. We will assemble and mail out 13 packages for 10 college students & 2 military personnel, as well as 1 package to be delivered to a shut-in. We will also be putting together envelopes that will be delivered to our Grace Shut-In which will include the group member pictures, colored pictures and the signed "Thinking of You" card. If we have left over donated items, we will keep these and see if there is a way for us to share these with some of the people that were effected by the recent hurricanes.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for approving an "Action Team" grant that will help us offset the cost of shipping these care packages.

Monetary collections for WELS Christian Aid Hurricane Relief Effort: You can still make a donation to this effort. Cash or checks payable to "WELS" can be dropped in the basket in the back of church. You can also donate online through the WELS Website.

Thrivent Match (up to \$3,000,000): Thrivent members can make their personal online donation at Thrivent.com to qualify for this match. This must be done online (checking or credit card) through their website. WELS Christian Relief is 1 of the organizations listed here for you to choose your donation to go to. For assistance with this, please see Ann Hornes.

All ages
(including
men!) are
invited.

Chosen for His Purpose !

1 Peter 2:9

Shoreline
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Rally



Presentation, missionary updates, prayer requests and opportunity to support:

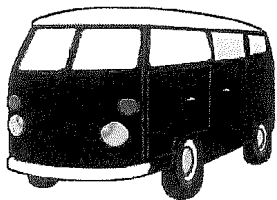
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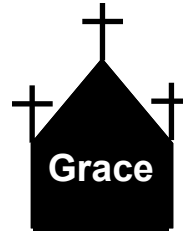
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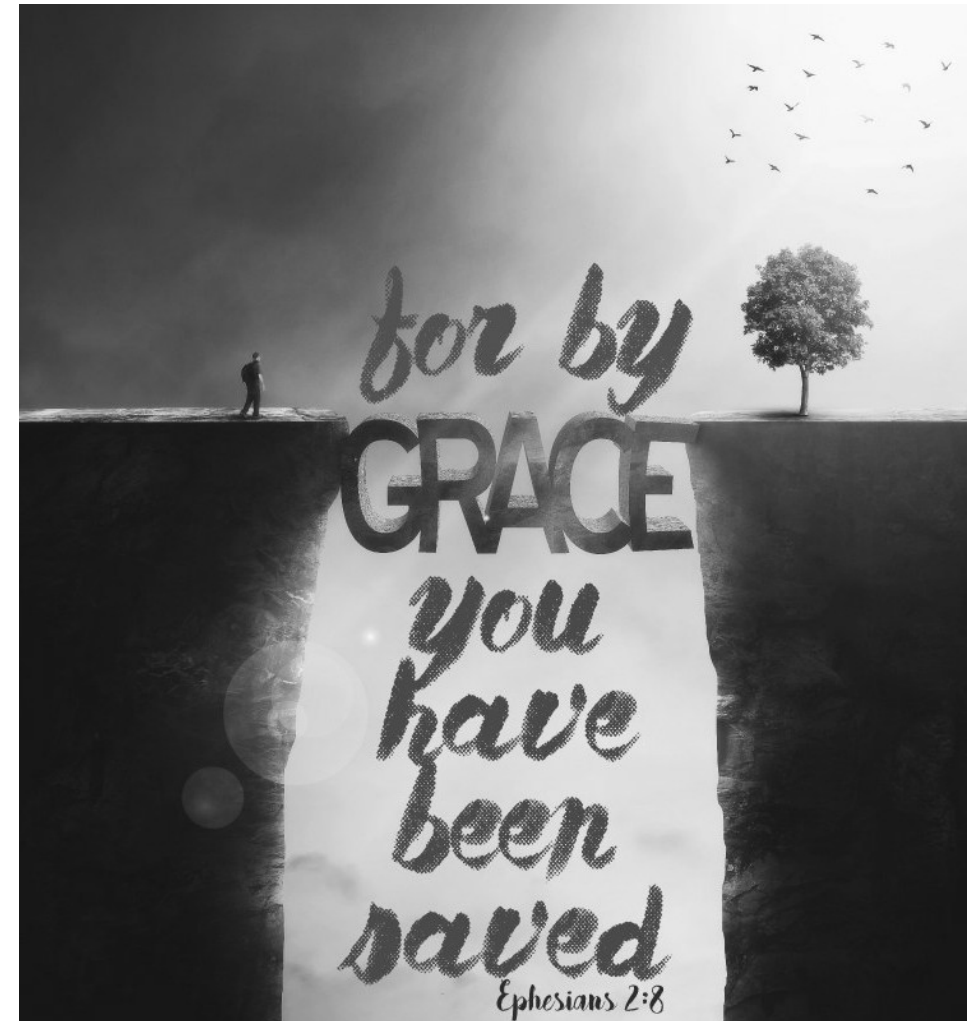
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Today's Message: Matthew 16:21-26

“A Grace Tale of Two Crosses... Christ's Cross and Yours”

Welcome Back!

As part of our Welcome Back weekend, we communicated some of the opportunities for God's people at Grace to serve in this ministry.

In an impersonal world, we want to personally serve by visiting those within our reach.

Can you be part of our team that makes “Thanks For Coming” visits. This is a brief stop at the door of our guests who joined us for worship. You simply thank them for joining us and invite them to return.

Can you be part of a team that makes “Miss You” Visits? This is a brief stop at the door of those who are members who have not worshiped with us for some time. You simply hand them a gift or brochure and invite them to join us.

Can you be part of our team that makes “How Are You?” Visits. This is a scheduled visit with members who can use encouragement.

You see sign up sheets for all three types of visits, as well as an usher and greeter request and an invitation to serve at our Fall Fest in October.

Please join us in serving our Lord in these ways.

Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma Update – Sept., 14, 2017 From the office of our WELS Christian Aid and Relief

WELS Christian Aid and Relief continues to support the local efforts of our congregations in Texas, Florida and Antigua to offer aid and relief to those affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

Over \$65,000 has already been provided to help address immediate needs of the congregations and members affected by the hurricane and the flooding in Texas.

Assessment of needs is underway in Florida and Antigua. We have provided a relief trailer with volunteers and equipment to Pastor Dave Rosenbaum and his congregation, Redeemer, Merritt Island, Fla., and Pastor Dale Raether and his congregation, New Hope, West Melbourne, Fla., as they assist cleanup efforts in their local communities.

In Texas, they have established a local committee to assess needs and coordinate relief opportunities. This may take some time as they work with FEMA and their insurance companies. They will share needs for money and manpower with WELS Christian Aid and Relief who will then assist them resources, tools, and volunteers as needed.

While out of state volunteers are not requested at this time for Florida or Texas, those who are interested in volunteering can [sign up online](#), or contact Rev. Richard Warnecke, a WELS Christian Aid and Relief committee member, at 262-424-8792; pastorwarnecke@christpewaukee.org. When volunteers are requested, we will contact you.

Our congregations in Texas and Florida are not requesting that supplies or donated items be sent to them at this time. If you wish to support this relief effort, direct your financial gifts to WELS Christian Aid and Relief and designate the Hurricane Fund. To promote good coordination of efforts, please direct questions about hurricane relief to Warnecke or to Hein, 262-334-7881; revrhein@gmail.com, rather than to local Texas and Florida congregations.

Donate to Hurricane Harvey relief online at wels.net/give or by sending checks made payable to WELS. In the memo section of the check please note “hurricane relief” and send to WELS Center for Mission and Ministry, N16W23377 Stone Ridge Dr, Waukesha, WI 53188.

Thank you to everyone for their prayers and encouragement, your special gifts and offers to help. May our gracious Lord bless the recovery efforts!