



Welcome, Visitors

Our divine service is Christ-centered worship, and includes two main parts; what God has revealed about his plan for making us members of his family, and our response of praises and prayers.

We are eager to share more about God and about Bethlehem. If you are seeking a spiritual family where you can feel at home, please accept our invitation to speak to the pastor, or to one of our members.

Liturgy and Hymns

Page numbers for the liturgy begin in the front of the red hymnal. The hymns follow and are numbered in order. Liturgy pages and hymns are posted on the hymn board.



The Lord through the Apostle Paul tells us it is necessary to recognize Jesus' true body and blood in the sacrament through a belief in the teaching of the Real Presence. Otherwise, the communicant is sinning against that body and blood. "For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself (sins)." 1 Corinthians 11:29.

Joint reception of the Lord's Supper also is an expression of the common faith we declare primarily by unity with other Christians in church membership.

We ask visitors from congregations not in our fellowship to delay communing with us until the pastor has a chance to speak with you about the Lord's Supper. We thank you for respecting our communion practice.

Members of WELS and ELS, please speak with pastor prior to the service, if possible.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your church; and because we cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN 🎵

The Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11, God gives all his children the solemn obligation of watching over each other's souls.

Psalms of the Day: *Psalm 51a, page 86 CW* 🎵

Second Lesson: Romans 13:1-10, We owe a debt of love to our neighbors which includes the government.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. [Philippians 4:4]

Please remain seated for the alleluia; please stand for the gospel.

Gospel Lesson: St. Matthew 18:15-20, We use the law and gospel always to call our erring brother to repentance and win the brother over. Then, we pronounce full forgiveness to the penitent sinner.

Sermon: Romans 13:1-10 (Second Lesson)

"Our Outstanding Debt of Love to Our Neighbor."

1. It is because of God's undeserved love for us.
2. It includes our government authorities.

Next Week Lessons:

Sunday School: Quail and manna

Worship: Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:5-9; St. Matthew 18:21-35



Hymn: # 261 CW (red hymnal)
Please stand for last stanza

Liturgy: Common Service, page 15, CW

Prayer of the Day

Lessons

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 51a

Verse of the Day

St. Mathew 18:15-20

Apostles' Creed

Hymn: #617 CW

Sermon

Offering and Prayers

Sacrament, page 21 CW

Hymns: #596, 597 CW

Thanksgiving: page 24, CW

Hymn: #619 CW

Please remain standing

Benediction

C: AMEN 🎵