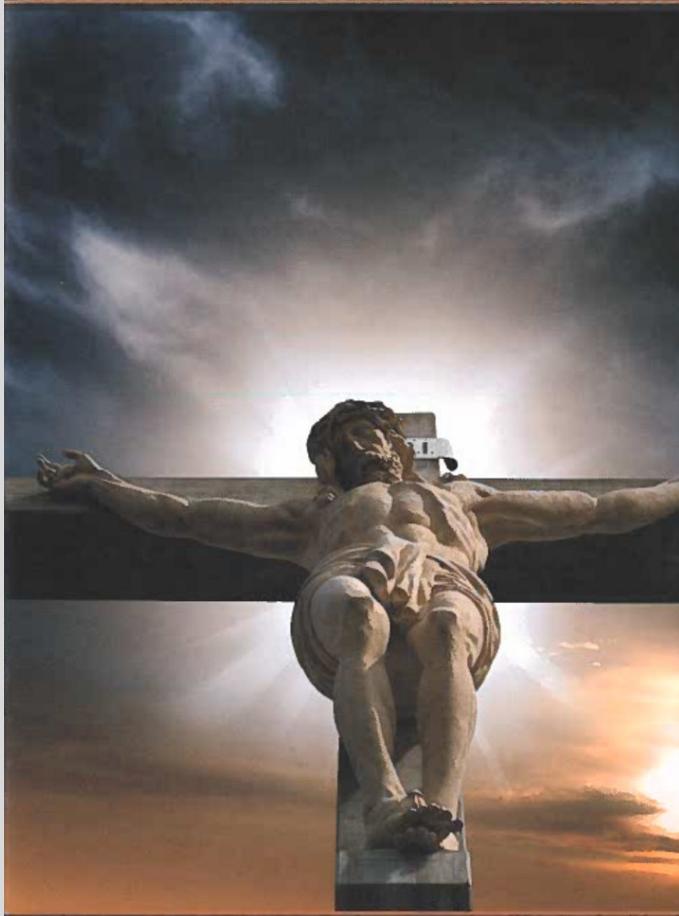


If anyone would come after Me,



Let him deny himself and
Take up his cross and follow me.

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

“Take Up Your Cross”

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AS WE GATHER

P: In the quiet refuge of this sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, cursed by death, and filled with wickedness. Although we confront it every day, this very present evil will not overcome us. God’s desire is for us to be saved and delivered by His Son, Jesus, so that we are enabled to love, to live, and to overcome evil with good. In our worship service today, we receive the same Jesus who once overcame evil by carrying His cross to suffer for our salvation. Trouncing over all the evil we will ever face, our risen Savior lives to love, to bless, and to deliver us as His people.

OPENING HYMN “With the Lord Begin Your Task” #869 Verses 1,3,5

With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise, and when day is ended,
In His name then close our eyes; be to Him commended.

With your Savior at your side, foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide, and no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose in the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows how to stem disaster.

(please rise)

Thus, Lord Jesus, ev’ry task be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask, until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun be the day’s endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done to Your praise forever.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God’s Word

P: Gracious Lord,
C: We come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
P: God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

INTROIT Psalm 37:5-7 (antiphon: v. 4)

P: Delight yourself in the Lord,
C: and He will give you the desires of your heart.
P: Commit your way to the Lord;
C: trust in Him, and He will act.
P: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
C: and your justice as the noonday.
P: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him;
C: Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
P: Delight yourself in the Lord,
C: and He will give you the desires of your heart.
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise to You and Adoration" #692

Praise to You and adoration, blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation, came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may from Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding follow where Your steps are leading.

Hold me ever in Your keeping; comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You, and my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion, in Your death and resurrection.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 15:15-21

The Lord gives His precious, saving words.

15You understand, O Lord ; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering-do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. **16**When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty. **17**I never sat in the company of revellers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. **18**Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails?

19Therefore this is what the Lord says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. **20**I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you

for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the Lord . **21**"I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel."

GRADUAL (Psalm 34:9)

P: Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing!

C: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:9-21

With genuine love, overcome evil with good.

9Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **10**Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. **11**Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **12**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **13**Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **15**Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. **16**Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

17Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody . **18**If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. **19**Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. **20**On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." **21**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ALLELUIA and VERSE (please rise)

P: Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,

C: But whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus calls His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C: (sing) Glory to You, O Lord.

21From 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 el-

ders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

23Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." **24**Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25**For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. **26**What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? **27**For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. **28**I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THIRD ARTICLE OF APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ Be My Leader" #861

Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though sifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

MESSAGE "It's Not Easy, But It's Worth the Cost"

HYMN "Jesus, Lead Thou On" #718

Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guides us by Thy hand to our fa-ther-land.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'er-take us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many-a woe to our home we go.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

Jesus, lead Thou on, till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand in our fa-ther-land.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” #722

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life’s way;
Direct, protect and feed me from day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, are always near
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,
I know that You will strengthen my steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed friend;
So take my hand and lead me unto the end.

GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Take My Moments and My Days

Sunday, August 30

9:00 am Worship Service

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am Worship Communion Service

September Sunday Services will be held at 9:00 am . On Sunday, September 20th Sunday school classes will meet in their classrooms at church at 10:15 (following the 9:00 worship service).

Rally Day is Sunday, September 13 . Our church service and activities will be held at Everett Park (located on Fox Lake between Sherburn and Welcome). Service will be at 10:00 am. Brunch and activities are planned for after the service. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship!

Planning Council will meet on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 pm.

Nominating Committee will meet after the Planning Council meeting on the 9th. If you would like to have your name considered for nomination to one of boards, please contact the church or congregation president, Paul Stueven.

Sunday School Teacher Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 pm for all teachers and helpers. A supper will be served before the meeting. Please confirm that you will be attending by emailing Mandi Kosbab (5kosbabs@gmail.com) or call her at 507-399-1177

The LWML Gifts from the Heart is for the Correctional Ministry which helps Christian men and women who have been recently released from prison. The ministry provides housing, jobs, referrals to treatment, welcoming congregations, etc. Until they receive their first paycheck, they have some needs: The LWML is collecting the following items:

- ◆ Used good condition backpacks, duffle bags or luggage
- ◆ Tide pods
- ◆ Socks—men/women tube or crew socks (black or white)
- ◆ Food—complete meal non perishable such as soup, SpaghettiOs, ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly
- ◆ Bibles



Prayers: Mary Kay Schultz, Bruce Behne

Coping With Cancer: Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Bob Blazejak, Nathan Behne, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

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Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week Matthias Bliesmer, Carrie Hemiller, Sarah Potthoff, Lori Bettin, Lynette Laue, Doug Rosenberg, Ben Johnson, Megan Stade, Kam Domeier, Tim Eisenmenger, Logan LaMont, Janet Sparks, Audra Yahnke, Loretta Peterson, Travis Runge, Vern Swanson, Cade Williamson, Ashley Fausch, Ryan Behne, Mary Johnson, Tim Sparks, Sarah Hanson, Josh Markquart, Shirley Skogerboe

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Kurt & Karen Koehler, Steve & Molly Roben, Kevin & Nora Kahler, Trevor & Chelsea Reese, Tom & Penny Claussen, Ken & Vickie Weber

Congratulations to Tyler & Kali Jo (Swanson) Fransen who were united in marriage here at St. John's Lutheran on Saturday, August 29.