

## HOME DEVOTION CORNER:

### Suggested Readings for Home Devotion:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mark 10:1-31 Ex. 14:1-31	Mark 10:32-52 Ex. 15:1-21	Mark 11:1-33 Ex. 15:22-16:36	Mark 12:13-44 Ex. 17:1-16	Luke 4:14-44 Ex. 19:1-25	Luke 5:12-39 Ex. 20:1-23

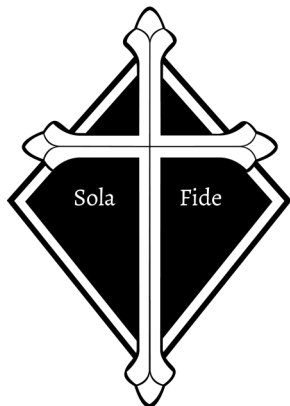
### Next Week's Hymns

families, especially children, can benefit from practicing these hymns at home during devotions

#11   "Come, Holy Ghost, in Love"	#35   "All Glory Be to God on High"	#236   "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"
#235   "Behold the Lamb of God"	#334/335   "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"	#238   "Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God"

**Prayers:** Follow the daily prayers in the *Hymnary*, pp. 167-171.

You may also pray Collects #34-38 on pp. 151-152 throughout the week.



**Next week** is Quinquagesima—the Latin word for "50". It marks 50 days before the Resurrection of our Lord. This is the last of the pre-Lent Sundays. The teaching of the day is Love: in all its glory and wonder, the love of God to man, the love of man to God, and in Christ, the love of man to his fellow. The emphasis of this Sunday is how we are saved by faith alone ("Sola Fide"). We look straight ahead to the goal of the next 50 days: Holy Week, with Jesus' suffering and dying, and Easter, with his glorious resurrection in which we share by faith.

Find the propers for the day on pp. 202-203 in the *Hymnary* after "Quinquagesima."

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Parking for our services is available in our adjacent lot, on both sides of the street, and in our gravel lot across the street.



Restrooms are located near the back steps in the church basement. The restroom on the left contains a changing table.



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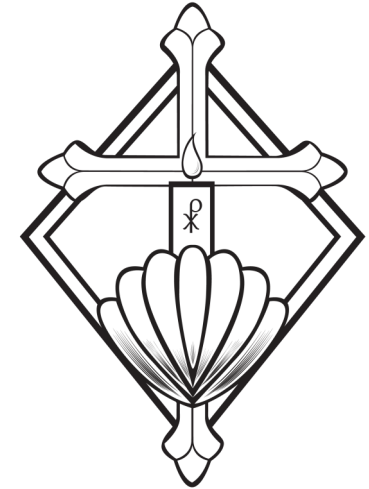
### Welcome to our Honored Guests!

We hope you are nourished by our service today and we invite you to join us again to hear of the peace we have in Jesus' name and to share in our Christian fellowship.

**Please sign our guest registry** so we have a record of your visit, and let us know if you would like to speak with our pastor to learn more about our congregation or the Bible's teachings.

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**THE DIVINE SERVICE**  
*Rite One*  
**Service of the Word**  
February 24, 2019 | 9:00 a.m.



**OUR SAVIOR'S** is a member of the *Evangelical Lutheran Synod* (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, MN. As a member of the ELS, we confess that we are saved by *Grace Alone* (Eph. 2:8) through *Faith Alone* (Acts 16:31) revealed in *Scripture Alone* (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of the Bible's teachings.

The ELS has been in fellowship with the *Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod* (WELS) since 1872.



Today in the Christian Church Year: *St. Matthias*

Spiritual Focus: *The Gospel Preached by the Apostles*

Preacher: Rev. Michael Lilienthal  
Accompanist: Arline Walker

**Greeters:**

**Fellowship Host:**

*This Week:*

Angie Nelson

*Next Week:*

**AS YOU PREPARE YOURSELF FOR WORSHIP** in the quiet moments before we receive the service of our almighty and merciful God, turn to p. 40 in the front part of the *Hymnary*, and pray quietly to yourself or as a family the **PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP** and **IN REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**. You may also turn to p. 167 and pray the **MORNING PRAYER** and the prayer for **SUNDAY MORNING**.

Whenever you see this symbol: ✠ you may make the sign of the cross over yourself. By this simple act, remember your Baptism, and how you were covered in the image of Christ, because your sins were laid on his cross, so that you may have his holiness and life.

**Last Week:**

Attendance:	Offerings Received	Weekly Need:
51	\$1672.00	\$2409.33



## I. The Service of Preparation

### 1. *The Opening Prayer*

*Please stand*

**P:** O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and ✠ Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray you to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

### 2. *The Entrance Hymn: #26 | "O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine"*

### 3. *The Confession of Sin*

**P:** Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Historically, the opening prayer was prayed by a Klokker, a deacon in the congregation specially designated to assist in the service. The congregation enters the worship space, praying that God would give us proper minds and hearts for the service.*

*1 John 1:9—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** we are studying Bible Symbols. Much of Scripture uses picture language and other symbolic details. These may be daunting to read at first, but reading these symbols in the larger context of Scripture only strengthens our faith and hope in Jesus Christ..

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** we are reading and studying the Gospel according to St. Luke. The only Gentile author of the Bible, writing to a Gentile audience, shows us how Jesus Christ fulfills the entire Old Testament and prepares us to receive the blessings of eternal life with him.

**Please offer prayers for one another throughout your week, and for our homebound and ill.** Especially please pray for:

John Dale, who is recovering from back surgery after a fall

Brian Baldwin, who is also recovering after a fall

Arine Walker, who is undergoing treatment for cancer

Jelaine Nettet, who is also undergoing treatment for cancer

Iris Giles, who will soon be undergoing treatment for cancer

Ernie Halvorson, who is going through various medical procedures

Anita Sande, mother of Karen Hagen, who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer

If you have specific prayer requests, please submit them to Pastor Lilienthal by Wednesday so that they may be published in the week's bulletin.

***This Week at Our Savior's:***

Today	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Next Sun.
Divine Service ~9:00 a.m.			Bible Study ~10:00 a.m.	Divine Service ~7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons ~6:00 p.m.		Divine Service ~9:00 a.m.
Sunday School ~10:15 a.m.			Catechism Class ~6:30 p.m.				Sunday School ~10:15 a.m.
Bible Study ~10:30 a.m.							Bible Study ~10:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Deacons will meet on Friday at 6:00 p.m.** All Deacons are asked to attend, and to please bring your Bibles.

**Brian Baldwin wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and cards and well-wishes.**

**Call for pictures & documents:** As we prepare for our church centennial celebration this summer, we would like to put together a museum display of pictures, documents, and artifacts from our history. If you have any such things that you would like to contribute to the display, please speak with Arlin Trae, Pastor Lilienthal, or someone else on the Centennial Committee.

4. *The Kyrie Eleison* ~ Lord, have mercy

C: O God the Fa-ther in heav-en, have mer-cy up-on  
us. O God the Son, Re-deem-er of the world,  
have mer-cy up-on us. O God the Ho-ly  
Ghost, true Com-fort-er, have mer-cy up-on us.

*Matthew 9:27—"Two blind men followed Jesus, calling out, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David!'"*

*We pray in this song, the prayer of the blind men, the lepers, and Israel in bondage, asking God for healing, forgiveness, and salvation, recognizing our lowliness and his greatness and ability to help.*

5. *The Absolution*

**P:** Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*How can the pastor forgive my sins? Jesus rose from the dead and came to his disciples; John 20:22-23—"he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven.'" The pastor speaks nothing but Jesus' own words, showing that this forgiveness indeed comes from God himself, on account of the payment Jesus paid on the cross.*

Because we have received the forgiveness of sins, we sing that great hymn of praise, the joyous song the angels sang when they witnessed Christ born into the world: Luke 2:14—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind."

The second part of this canticle in our liturgy is the first verse of hymn #35, a paraphrase of the ancient canticle that combines the song of the angels with the confession of the church's Creeds.

Ephesians 5:19—"Speak...to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord)."

The Collect is a brief prayer that "collects" in one short petition all that we are asking God to do for us, based on the specific section of his Word which is preached on that day.

6. *The Gloria in Excelsis Deo ~ Glory to God in the Highest*

P: Glory be to God in the highest

C: And on earth peace, good will to-ward men.

C: All glo - ry be to God on high Who hath our race be - friend - ed! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is end - ed; God show - eth His good will to men, And peace shall dwell on earth a - gain; O thank Him for His good - ness

7. *The Salutation*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spir - it.

8. *The Collect*

The Pastor sings the Prayer of the Day, ending, "...one true God, now and forever."

C: A - - - men.

21. *The Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give ✠ you peace.

C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

22. *The Closing Hymn: #586 | "How Blest Are They Who Hear"*

23. *The Closing Prayer*

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.



**AFTER THE DIVINE SERVICE**, turn to p. 40 in the front part of the *Hymnary*, and pray quietly to yourself or as a family the prayer **AT THE END OF DIVINE SERVICE**.

The pastor sings the blessing that Aaron was instructed to sing over the people of Israel, (Num. 6:24-26) blessing them with the name of the Triune God. You have received the Lord's gifts, so the blessing is the prayer that you may continue strengthened in those gifts to eternity.

The final prayer was also historically prayed by the Klokker, as the prayer of the congregation that what they have received would strengthen us all in faith and holiness to eternal life.

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14. *The Sermon*

Matthew 11:25-30

*We stand out of eagerness for the Gospel and reverence for this holiest treasure, acknowledging that our Lord is indeed present in his Gospel. Here we find Jesus revealed as the answer to all our prayers and praises.*

At that time, Jesus continued, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the

Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

C: God be prais - ed for His glad ti - dings.

**"God Is at Work in the Gospel"**

16. *The Prayer of the Church*

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17. *The Apostolic Benediction*

18. *The Offering*

*As the offering plates are returned to the altar, please rise for prayer*

19. *A Hymn: #505 | "O Lord, Who in Thy Love Divine"*

20. *The Collect (II)*

**P:** Let us give thanks and pray:

We thank You, Almighty God, that You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone. Grant that we may be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: A - - - men.

*In response to the gifts of God in his Word, we give him our thanks in praise, in song, in prayer, and in portions of our material blessings.*

*The Christian faith is not an isolated faith. In God's service today, we have seen how he has given us his gifts through his Word and those who preach it. We also may now go and share it with others, because our faith has likewise been strengthened.*

**II. The Service of The Word**

9. *The Lesson*

Isaiah 66:1, 2

This is what the LORD says. The heavens are my throne, and the earth is a footstool under my feet.

Where, then, is the house that you could build for me?

Where, then, is a place that could serve as my resting place?

<sup>2</sup>For my hand made all these things,

so all these things came into existence, declares the LORD.

Yet this is the person I will watch over:

the one who is afflicted and whose spirit is crushed,

the one who trembles at my word.



*The Old Testament lesson points us to the coming Savior.*

*The Lord delights in those who are humble and contrite in spirit. But those who pursue self-chosen ways will be put to shame. Although the glory of the Lord spans heaven and earth, God himself dwelt among us in the person of Jesus Christ. He became the sacrificial Lamb of God, whose death atoned for all our sins. Therefore we may be assured and comforted in God's sure mercy and grace.*

11. *A Psalm: Psalm 98 | p. 187 (Tone 2)*

*Odd verses: Pastor | Even verses: Congregation | "Glory be to the Father...": All*

The Epistle lesson indicates that the Old Testament is fulfilled in Christ, and we now live in the age of that fulfillment.

The disciples and others seek the Lord's will concerning the candidate of his choice to replace Judas as a leader of the Church, the new Israel. The selection falls on Matthias, rounding out the 12 apostles once again. Today, we entrust our future to the Lord in prayer. He does prepare our way before us. Since our Lord is present with us to the end of the age, he knits together in love his faithful people with himself and with one another.

### 10. The Epistle

<sup>15</sup>In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, <sup>16</sup>"Gentlemen, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry.

<sup>18</sup>"Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act. When he fell headfirst, his middle burst open, and all his intestines spilled out. <sup>19</sup>This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldema, which means Field of Blood. <sup>20</sup>Indeed, it is written in the book of Psalms:

May his residence be deserted.  
Let there be no one dwelling in it.

And,  
let someone else take his position.

<sup>21</sup>"Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection."

<sup>23</sup>They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place."

<sup>26</sup>Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.

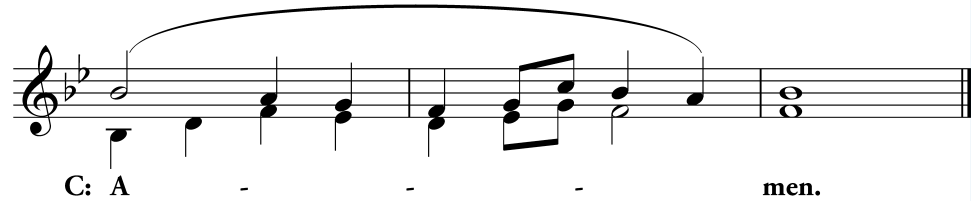
Acts 1:15-26



### 13. The Apostles' Creed

**P:** Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead. 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.**



### 14. The Chief Hymn: #558 | "From All Thy Saints in Warfare"

Please note, we will sing the hymn as printed below:

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| <p>1. From all Thy saints in warfare,<br/>For all Thy saints at rest,<br/>To Thee, O blessed Jesus,<br/>All praises be addressed.<br/>Thou, Lord, didst win the battle<br/>That they might conqu'rors be;<br/>Their crowns of living glory<br/>Are lit with rays from Thee.</p> | <p>2. For one in place of Judas,<br/>Th'apostles sought God's choice;<br/>The lot fell to Matthias<br/>For whom we now rejoice.<br/>May we like true apostles<br/>Thy holy Church defend,<br/>And not betray our calling<br/>But serve Thee to the end.</p> |
| <p>3. Then praise we God the Father,<br/>And praise we God the Son,<br/>And God the Holy Spirit,<br/>Eternal Three in One;<br/>Till all the ransomed number<br/>Fall down before the throne,<br/>And honor pow'r, and glory<br/>Ascribe to God alone.</p>                       |   |

2 Corinthians 4:13—  
"Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, 'I believed, and so I spoke,' we also believe, and so we also speak."

"Of the worship of saints we teach that the memory of saints may be set before us that we may follow their faith and good works according to our calling, as the Emperor may follow the example of David in making war to drive away the Turk from his country, for both are kings. But the Scriptures do not teach the invocation of saints, or to ask help of saints, since it sets before us Christ as the only Mediator, Propitiation, High Priest, and Intercessor. He is to be prayed to and has promised that He will hear our prayer. This worship he approves above all: that in afflictions He be called upon: 'If any man sins, we have an Advocate with the Father' [1 John 2:1], etc."

~Augsburg Confession, article XXI, ELH p. 14