

We welcome you in the name of our Savior whose glory still shines in the dark world. May the gifts of salvation, which he alone can give be yours in abundance through faith in him. If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register at the bottom of the stairs on your way out. We invite you to worship with us again.

Our Worship

Order of Service: “Service Of Word And Sacrament”, can also be found on page 26 in Christian Worship if you would like to follow the music there.

HYMN: 599

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve

your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: (Sung) Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: (Sung) O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

M: Let us pray.

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen

BE SEATED

THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 11:19-26 (NIV): *The Word of the Lord spreads after the first great persecution in Jerusalem. The church at Antioch experienced substantial growth, especially among the heathen.*

¹⁹Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews.

²⁰Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. ²²News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

²³When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were

brought to the Lord. ²⁵Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 98 on page 103

The Epistle Lesson: 1 John 4:1-11 (NIV): *John urges us to “test the spirits to see whether they are from God.” The spirit of God can be recognized in those who acknowledge that “Jesus Christ has come into the flesh.” John also tells us to love one another, since God loved us by sending his Son as a sacrifice for our sin.*

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. ⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. ⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from

God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

The Gospel: John 15:9-17 (NIV): *Jesus points out the connection between love and obedience, and he tells us to put our faith into action by loving one another.*

⁹"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be

complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: 380

SERMON TEXT: John 15:9-17

“ GROW UP AND GROW INTO CHRIST’S LOVE”

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING - Choir Sings: *"Go Ye Into All The World"*

STAND

RITE OF CONFIRMATION:

Alexander Jeffrey Kasten
Alexander James Kenneke
Julie Marie Lietzau
Stephen Joseph Propson
Matthew James Schreiber

LORD'S PRAYER

(Saturday)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Or

(Sunday)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

7th & 8th Graders sing – *“Jesus Your Blood And Righteousness”*

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (Sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (Sung) We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: (Sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

M: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your Glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (Sung) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: (Sung) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 312

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD

C: (Sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 596

Announcements

Organist

Our organist this weekend is Jen Coutts. We thank her for helping to beautify our worship.

Congratulations Confirmands

We congratulate Alexander Kasten, Alexander Kenneke, Julie Lietzau, Stephen Propson, and Matthew Schreiber on their confirmation. May you continue to grow and follow in the path the Lord has put down before you.

Important Summer Dates To Mark On Your Calendar

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a camp-out the weekend of July 7th, 8th, & 9th at Rainbow's End Campgrounds at Reedsville. The cost will be \$48.30 for 2 nights, which includes water, electricity and use of the dumping station. Please contact Harold Luebke after the next couple of Sunday services or by phone at 775-4883 for information & brochures. We would like to have you sign up & pay by June 18th. The Fellowship Committee has also planned the Church picnic for July 23, 2006 and the summer outing will be a Brewer game on July 30, 2006. Details will be coming within the next month. Please mark these dates on your calendars!! A sign up sheet has been put in your mailboxes if you would care to help or plan any of the Fellowship Committee events. Also Trinity Lutheran Vacation Bible School will be held on August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (Tuesday-Thursday). More information coming soon!

Thank you

We thank everyone who was able to come out and help for the outside church clean up day. It was greatly appreciated!

Messenger/ Bulletin Surveys

There are surveys included in the May Messenger regarding the Messenger and the bulletin. Your input would be greatly appreciated. A box is in the narthex for the finished surveys.

Building Committee Meeting

There will be a building committee meeting on Tuesday June 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

Please Check Mailboxes

Mailboxes are finally back over at the church! Please remember to check them incase someone has left you anything important! 😊

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- *The family of Harold Lawrence, who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday May 12th. May they find comfort knowing that he has full relief from suffering now and is with his Lord.
- * Yvonne Netzer, who is in the ICU at Aurora Hospital.
- * Lucille Teesch who was hospitalized this week.

(If you have any prayer requests please let Pastor Pope or the church secretary know).

MLHS Prism Concert

The MLHS Prism Concert & Art Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, May 21st at 3:00 p.m. A cookout will be held from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Proceeds from the cookout will go toward completing this summer's Extreme Makeover projects. Carry-Outs will also be available.

Camp Phillip VBS at Newtonburg

Camp Phillip is doing Vacation Bible School at St. John's - Newtonburg from July 24 -28, 9 AM - 3 PM! Two Camp Phillip staff members will oversee the program. We'll have activities for campers from Preschool to 6th grade and volunteer opportunities for all other age groups. If you are interested in volunteering, please take a yellow form from the church entryway and return it to St. John's or call the office at 758-2633 by May 15. The VBS registration forms (lavender) are also available in our church entryway and should be returned to St. John's by May 29th. There is no cost to you. They are eager for you to join them in some good Christian fellowship!!

MLHS Volunteer Help Needed

MLHS is in need of some volunteer help with some summer projects in early June, including touch-up painting and changing of lockers as part of their Extreme Makeover project. We are looking for a few people from each Federation congregation for just a few hours each, and all work is light- or medium- duty, so anyone can help! In addition, some lawn trimming help is also needed. Please contact Rick Schwarz, MLHS Physical Plant Chairman, at 682-8396 or rschwarz@manitowoc.org.

Calendar of Events

Saturday 20th	3:00 P.M.	Andy Kiesow, Jackie Durr Wedding
	7:00 P.M.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 21st	8:30 A.M.	Last day of Bible Study
	8:30 A.M.	Last day of Sunday School
	9:00 A.M.	WCUB Radio Broadcast
	9:30 A.M.	Worship with Holy Communion/ Confirmation
Tuesday 23rd	2:00 P.M.	Northridge
	3:00 P.M.	Rivers Bend
Thursday 25th	6:30 P.M.	Pioneers – Work On Birdhouses
Saturday 27th	7:00 P.M.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	9:30 A.M.	Worship With Holy Communion
	2:00 P.M.	MLHS Graduation

Greeters:

This Sunday 21st: Donna Nagel & Harold Bratz

Next Sunday 28th: Shelby & Ivy Johnson Family

Ushers:

This Saturday 20th: John Smith (Server), Jim Liermann
Brad Liermann (Server), Peter Liermann

Sunday 21st: Len Arnold (Server), Gary Vetter,
Mark Knutson (Server), Derrick Krey

Next Saturday 27th: Warren Lutze (Server), Jim Liermann,
David Schultz (Server), Peter Liermann

Next Sunday 28th: James Glaeser (Server), James Ott,
Brad Liermann (Server) Wayne Otto,

Altar Guild: May: Group 1: Helen Isaacson, Elaine Petersen,
Donna Nagel, Bonnie Wagner

Date: Ushers on Schedule:

- May 27th Warren Lutze (Server), David Schultz (Server),
Jim Liermann, Peter Liermann
- May 28th James Glaeser (Server), Brad Liermann (Server),
James Ott, Wayne Otto
- June 3rd Harold Bratz, Juel Knutson
June 4th Eli Kenneke, Elwood Free,
Keith Petersen, Dan Knutson
- June 10th Al Bonfigt (Server), Brad Liermann (Server),
Steve Pleuss
- June 11th Warren Lutze (Server), Mark Knutson (Server),
Mike Enders, Gary Vetter
- June 17th John Smith, Mark Kiesow
June 18th Len Arnold, Bob Lietzau, Jesse Lietzau, Fritz Wehausen
- June 24th James Glaeser (Server), Mark Knutson (Server),
Jim Liermann
- June 25th Warren Lutze (Server), David Schultz (Server),
Larry Hochkammer, Brian Glaeser

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, please call Brian Glaeser @ 775-3941.

Communion Liturgy: Take, Eat; This is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.