

We welcome you in the name of our Savior – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus shows himself as the Son of God, the Savior, through his miracles and by his compassion. If you are a guest with us, please sign our guest register. We invite you to worship with us again!

Our Worship

Order of Service: “Service Of The Word” can also be found on page 38 in *Christian Worship*, with the music included.

HYMN – 283

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE (Sung)

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen (Sung)

BE SEATED

THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-4 (NIV) *Naaman is an Aramean, an enemy of Israel. By a young Israelite girl, the Lord leads Naaman to the door of Elisha and through Elisha to the Lord.*

¹ Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

² Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said.

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Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (NIV) *Paul could not boast about being an apostle; he had not volunteered. God called and made him an obedient servant to build his Church.*

¹⁶Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it. ¹⁹Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the

law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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

STAND

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 (NIV) *Moved by compassion, Jesus touches and heals a leper. Although warned not to, the healed man spreads the news about Jesus. The upsurge in Jesus' popularity prevented him from going into the towns of Galilee.*

⁴⁰A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." ⁴¹Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴²Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. ⁴³Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴"See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer

the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

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

BE SEATED

HYMN – 457

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

“ENSLAVE YOURSELF FOR SOULS”

STAND

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 will 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. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN- 483 v.1

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN – 397

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.

HYMN – 404 (Please remain standing)



We welcome those visiting us today. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Please worship with us again!

Announcements:

Organist

Our organist this weekend is Tammie Nagel. We thank her for playing and helping to beautify our worship.

Prayer Requests –

- Marion Moldenhauer – who is at the Manitowoc Health Care Center, we pray for God’s mercy, that she may rest in contentment in her walk with him toward glory.
- Virginia Ratsch – who is recovering from major surgery, we ask the Lord to heal her body and strengthen her faith. We also pray the Lord’s healing blessings upon Louette Propson-Enders who is recovering from eye surgery and Lucille Jaeger in her ongoing recovery from foot surgery.
- Jesse Lietzau – back from the Middle East. We thank the LORD for graciously protecting him, body and soul, in Christ. May God’s care continue for Nicole Schultz, granddaughter of Ralph Schultz and Ed Vetter, now back in the states. We ask the same for John Wallander, nephew of Leon & Linda Wallander, also serving in Iraq, and for Lee W. Petersen Jr., grandson of Wayne & Elaine Petersen, who is now serving in Baghdad.

Congratulations

The St. Johns Wildcats B-team Boys basketball won consolation this past weekend at MLHS in the Lakeshore Lutheran Basketball Tournaments. The girls B-team lost on Sunday against Brillion. Children from Trinity that played were: Zac Kenneke, Heidi Knutson and Hannah Schleis. Everyone played well and the games were very enjoyable.

Repeat Performance Resale Shop Sale

Stuff a Bag Sale! Feb. 23 thru 28th, we will have a bag sale at \$5 a bag. It may include clothing and shoes. Open 9-5. Monday thru Saturday (behind Country Kitchen)



Winter Fest

Winter Fest will be on Sunday Feb. 22nd. We will be having a potluck with Chicken & potatoes being provided after church followed by games for all ages/sledding. (We are going to have adult games in the basement such as Sheephead and Apples to Apples, etc) & kids games of all ages over at school & sledding if weather permits. So kids, bring sledding clothes along!

Lenten Meals

For our first Lenten meal the Sunday School will be serving chili. If you know what your group will be serving, please let the church secretary know so we can let the other groups know. Thank you. Also, in the Messenger is the reminder of which group is serving their Lenten meal when.

MLHS Sunday Showcase

Mark your calendars! MLHS Sunday Showcase will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2009, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's Sunday Showcase promises a great day of Live and Silent auction items, food, kids' activities, and musical entertainment from high school groups, the Artesian WELS, and the Kenny Krueger Trio. Proceeds from this year's event will go toward renovations of the MLHS gymnasium. Advance tickets (adults \$5.00; 4 years to 8th

grade \$4.00) are available at the MLHS school office. Tickets will also be available for purchase after our worship services starting the weekend of February 14 & 15. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Williamson at 758-2726. Thank you!



Anna Knutson and Jessica Jungbluth will step down after this year from Sunday School co-superintendent. We thank them from the heart for their dedicated service on behalf of Jesus' little lambs! If you would like to volunteer for this position, we could certainly use your talents. And don't worry, Anna and Jessica will guide you in starting out, if you'd like. Please contact them or Pastor Pope.

MLHS Happenings

MLHS Admissions Director: A second call will be extended at the 2/14 Federation meeting to fill this position; all delegates are reminded to attend.

MLHS' James Hahm has accepted his call to Wisconsin Lutheran High School. The Lord has blessed Mr. Hahm's work at MLHS, and we wish him and his family God's continued blessings; please pray that the Lord continues to bless his ministry. The MLHS Board of Control will discuss how best to fill position at MLHS at their March meeting.

International Student Host Family Information Mtg. Ever consider hosting an international student, sharing your faith in your home? MLHS will be hosting an informational meeting on Wed. Feb. 18th at 7pm, to explain out international student housing program and answer questions. Please email Julie Nass (jnass@mlhslancers.com) if you are interested in attending.

Calendar of Events

Sat.14th	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun.15th	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	9:00 a.m.	WCUB Radio Broadcast
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
Tues.17th	7:00 p.m.	Pre-School Committee Meeting
Wed.18th	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Sat.21st	7:00 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Sun.11th	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Greeters:

Feb.15th: Jeff Knutson

Feb. 22nd: Marty & Lisa Kiesow family

Ushers:

Feb.14th: John Smith, Marty Kiesow

Feb.15th: James Ott, Uriah Matznick, Joseph Nagel, Wayne Otto

Feb. 21st: David Schultz (Server), Mark Knutson(Server), Derrick Krey

Feb.22nd: James Glaeser (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Jeff Kasten,
Alex Kasten

Altar Guild: February- Group 2:

Elizabeth Otto, Lois Glaeser, Sharon Arnold, Mary Liermann



A Happy Birthday to...

2/14 Betsy Kenneke
2/16 Emma Wallander
2/17 Hope Lovell
2/19 Heidi Knutson
2/22 Ann Luebke



Happy Anniversary To...

None to report

*If you have a January birthday or anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records! Thanks!

