January 21, 2018
9:00 AM

Bring to light

Jesus is Urgent
WELCOME – to all who have gathered to hear the Good News of Jesus!

VISITORS – We are so glad you chose to join us today! We understand that visiting a church can be an intimidating experience. We pray that Jesus blesses and nourishes your faith through the gospel proclaimed this day. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask. God bless your worship!

RESTROOM – It is located in the back room.

SMALL CHILDREN – Small children are always welcome in our service, no matter how fussy they may get or how much noise they make. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about worship, observe their parents listening to God’s Word and, most importantly, hear about their Savior! If you should need to take your child out for any reason, you can go in the back room and still watch the service on closed-circuit TV. Thanks for bringing your kids to hear about Jesus.

CONNECT WITH US – Please fill out the connection card you received when you came in today with as much info as you are comfortable. This helps us better serve you whether you are a guest, visitor or member. Thank you for worshipping with us.

Today—Jesus Is Powerful

Who is Jesus? The answer to that question depends on who you ask. To some, he’s a great moral teacher. To others, he is a fictitious character who lived a really long time ago. Some call him a political and social activist and others call him Lord of all.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD
The “Service of the Word” can trace its roots to the historic Christian Church. The parts of the service marked M are spoken by the minister, and the parts marked C are spoken by everyone in the congregation.

OPENING SONG
Come, People of the Risen King
Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

PLEASE 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
In the confession we acknowledge our sins and ask God to forgive them. The absolution stresses the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ for our sins and the sins of the world. In the absolution we are assured that Christ has forgiven us of all our 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

After hearing the announcement of forgiveness, there is every reason for relief, joy, and thanksgiving. With that in mind, we sing this song with words taken from Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89.

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

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.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news of sins forgiven and life eternal to all; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

The children are invited up front for a message from God's Word.
THE WORD
This section is the heart and high point of our service. What follows is not the uncertain word of untrustworthy human beings. It is the Word of God that has called us to faith and strengthens our faith in Jesus as our Savior.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON
Jonah 3:1-5, 10
The Lord calls Jonah to speak an urgent message of repentance to Nineveh.

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: 2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” 3 Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. 4 On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.” 5 The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. 10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY
C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus’ message is urgent, “Repent and believe the good news!”

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” 16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” 18 At once they left their nets and followed him. 19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON HYMN

I Hear the Savior Calling
Christian Worship 560

SERMON:

Mark 1:14-20

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APOSTLES’ CREED

The Creed is a summary and profession of the Christian faith. This is a confession of the whole Christian Church on earth concerning the teachings of Scripture and especially about the person of Jesus Christ.

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.

Our thank-offering to the Lord flows out of the thankful hearts that have received the forgiveness of sins though a crucified and risen Savior. Please take a moment and fill out the connection card and place it in the offering plate as it goes by.

For your convenience, scan this QR code or give online @ welsalc.com and click on the online giving tab.
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
The Lord invites our prayers and promises to listen and respond according to his will.

LORD’S PRAYER
ALL: 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.

HYMN
Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying
Christian Worship 573

PRAYER AND BLESSING
Having seen and heard all that the Lord has done, we are prepared to go from here in peace, to live in harmony with each other, and serve our God with gladness.

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.

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.

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow you, For truth for ages sealed, Whose
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The roads they’d never trod To sak ing old, familiar ways For words and works awakened faith, The
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On martyr’s strength and song, The serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The
4 O Christ, th’ apostles’ Lord, The crucified and risen King To ventures bold and new: Grant ways of God revealed: In
nearer reign of God: Send whom the saints belong: Though us to hear your call To struct us now, we pray, By
us on ways where faith Tran gener actions pass, Our
This hymn leads us to consider the cost of discipleship and to pray for Jesus’ guidance and strength to fulfill his will.

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A FEW MOMENTS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION
Take a moment to reflect on today’s message, or a hymn during the service. Following the announcements, feel free to stick around and join us for a time of fellowship.
Our Week with the Lord: January 21—January 28, 2017

Today:
Worship.................................................................9:00 AM
Family Bible Hour......................................................10:20 AM
Confirmation Class....................................................11:30 AM

Sunday:
Worship w/Lord’s Supper..............................................9:00 AM
Family Bible Hour......................................................10:20 AM
Confirmation Class....................................................11:30 AM

What does it mean to be a Lutheran Christian? To be a Lutheran Christian means to base all our teachings on the Bible. This morning we will continue looking at 12 important biblical teachings that are still just as true and relevant for us today. Join us as we explore these timeless truths.

Today’s Lesson: God Gives Gideon the Victory
Next Week: Samson
Memory Treasure: In God I trust and am not afraid. Psalm 56:11
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**Next Sunday**—Jesus is No Pushover

**February 4**—Jesus is Sympathetic

**February 4**—Jesus is God

**Sundays @ 9:00 AM**
Bible 101 is your opportunity to explore the greatest story ever told.

Bible 101 is the starting point in our church for anyone looking to learn more about God, anyone who wants to see for themselves what the Bible says, anyone who would like to receive the sacrament of holy communion, or anyone seeking membership in our church family.

It’s also a great refresher for anyone who’d like to review the Bible’s basic teachings.

No previous Bible knowledge is needed or expected. All materials are provided free of charge.

Begin your Journey on February 1
Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm

Contact Pastor Doug to register
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WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE!

Music
This Sunday: Mary Kollmeyer

Ushers
This Sunday: We Need Your Help
Next Sunday: We Need Your Help

Sunday School Teachers
This Sunday: PreK—K—Jackie Duff
1st-4th—Leanne Couillard
5th-8th—Joe Koffman
Next Sunday: PreK—K—Jackie Duff
1st-4th—Leanne Couillard
5th-8th—Joe Koffman

Last Week Attendance
Worship: 75    Bible Class: 29    Sunday School: 25
MISSION STATEMENT
As a family of believers in our Savior Jesus Christ, we proclaim the Gospel in Word and sacrament to gather souls, nurture believers, and encourage Christian living within our community and throughout the world.

Ascension is a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We invite you to visit our congregation’s website (www.welsalc.com) or our synod’s website (www.wels.net) for more information about our locations, beliefs, and practices.

Our Regular Sunday Morning Schedule:
Sunday Morning Worship — 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School — 10:20 a.m.
Bible Class — 10:20 a.m.

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