June 18, 2017
9:00 AM

Connected at Church
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!

Restrooms — 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—Connected at Church
One of the things about the early church that stood out was their love for each other put into practice in very real and tangible ways. What if the church still looked like that today?
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.

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.
OPENING SONG

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

1. The perfect wisdom of our God revealed in all the universe. All
2. The matchless wisdom of His ways, that mark the path of righteousness. His
3. O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love and

things created by His hand and held together at His command. He
Word a lamp unto my feet; His Spirit teaching and guiding me. And
teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sovereignty. Each

knows the mysteries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are His. He
O the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost so
strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace. So

guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another
that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to
through the trials I choose to say: "Your perfect will in Your perfect
M: Let us pray.

God of heaven, Lord of our salvation, you came into a hostile world to bring us peace and comfort. You came to save people like us.

C: Thank you, Savior, for your sacrifice.

M: Be with us in your love and keep us mindful of your forgiveness.

C: Strengthen your church in all the world, that it may boldly proclaim your saving gospel and be a haven for your people.

M: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.
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
Acts 2:42-47
The Fellowship of the Believers.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (NIV)
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10:19-25
As forgiven people, we are to draw near to God and encourage one another.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
THE GOSPEL

John 13:1-17

Jesus commands us to love each other as he has loved us.

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” 7 Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” 8 “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” 9 “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” 10 Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. 13 “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

\[\text{C: Praise be to you, O Christ!}\]

SERMON HYMN

The Church’s One Foundation
Christian Worship 538
SERMON: Acts 2:42-47

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.
OFFERING
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 to give online.

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
In Christ There Is No East or West
Christian Worship 539
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.

CLOSING HYMN
Onward, Christian Soldiers
Christian Worship 537

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.
WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE!

**Music**
This Sunday: Mary Kollmeyer

**Ushers**
This Sunday: Craig Lokensgard
Next Sunday: Tod Goede

**Cleaning**
This Sunday: Mary Jo Hayes
Next Sunday: We Need Your Help

**Refreshments**
This Sunday: Lange Family
Next Sunday: We Need Your Help

**Last Week Attendance**
Worship: 82  Bible Class: 31  Sunday School: 17

Thank You for Worshipping with Us!
Our Week with the Lord: June 18—June 25, 2017

Today: Worship..................................................................................................................9:00 AM

No Family Bible Hour Today

Wednesday: Starting Point: Bible 101.................................................................6:30 PM
Saturday: Women’s Group Outing.................................................................12:00 PM
Sunday: Worship W/Lord’s Supper.................................................................9:00 AM
Voter’s Meeting after Church
Family Bible Hour.................................................................10:20 AM

Summer Sunday School will start on June 25 and we are still looking for volunteers to teach. The list is below. Remember you will be provided with the materials for teaching and/or coaching. Please let Mary Kollmeyer or Pastor know if you are willing to do this.

June 25: God Answers Abraham’s Prayer—Yuliya Lange

July 9: Hannah Loves Her Son

July 16: David and Music—Skip and Mary

July 23: Hezekiah Prays for God’s People

July 30: Jesus Makes a Sick Boy Well

August 6: Jesus Answers the Prayer of a Canaanite Woman

August 13: The Garden of Gethsemane—Adam and Janna Kemp
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.*

**There Is Still Time To Join Us!**  
Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm

*Contact Pastor Doug to register*  
pastor@welsalc.com / 910-937-0022 or 801-837-7289
This summer the ladies will be focusing on some fellowship gatherings that will include a devotional during the meeting. The first fellowship get together will be this Saturday with a trip to Airlie Gardens in Wilmington. We will meet at church at noon to carpool and have the devotional there.

Tickets are $9 for adults, $5 if you are a New Hanover county resident or have a military ID. We will also be discussing where we want to go in July; please come out and enjoy some fun in the sun with friends along with it. Any questions, please contact Angela McKay.

Next Week @ Ascension

It’s easy to keep our church life and the rest of our lives separate. But when we do that we fail to realize that our entire life is one of service to God and neighbor. Next week we will consider how we can make the most of the relationships we have in our lives.
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](http://www.welsalc.com)) or our synod’s website ([www.wels.net](http://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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