

# I BELIEVE...

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



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# WELCOME!

*We are glad that you have joined us for worship.*

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As we celebrate Holy Communion, let's rejoice in the various types of unity that we enjoy in this sacrament.



- ◆ According to Christ's own promise we receive his true body and blood along with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of all our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). We are united with him in the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ This meal not only unites believers with the Lord but also with one another (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Holy Communion declares that unity.
- ◆ When Christians commune together they are jointly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:26).

What wonderful unity we find in the Lord's Supper. How we want to treasure and foster this unity. On the night on which Jesus gave us this meal he prayed that all his followers would come to complete agreement with one another on the basis of God's Word (John 17:11,17).

Out of love for the Lord and love for one another, we want what our Savior wants for us—genuine unqualified unity. For this reason we respectfully ask that only those who have expressed their full agreement with the teachings of our national church body (the Wisconsin Synod) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod come forward to receive the sacrament.

We eagerly desire everyone to share in this divine meal with us. Please speak to the pastor about how we can work together to establish this blessed fellowship.

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WORSHIP THEME:

**I believe Jesus Christ was crucified, died, and was buried**

OPENING HYMN: #423 *The Power of the Cross* (vs.1-4)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SINS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: **Isaiah 53:8-12**

READING RESONSE: #535 *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery* (v.3)

SECOND LESSON: **Hebrews 2:9-17**

THIRD LESSON: **John 19:17-24, 28-42**

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HYMN OF THE DAY: #395 *What Grace Is This* (vs.1-6)

SERMON THEME: **How low can you go?**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

## THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION: *Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center of the tray.*

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: #900 *Lift High the Cross* (vs.1-4)

## CONNECTION CARD ON OUR APP



*Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. There is a tablet in entryway or QR Code on the left if you prefer to use that. Please fill out any information and submit.*

## THE OFFERING

*Dear guests, we're glad you're here to listen to the message about Jesus. If members or guests would like to give an offering electronically, they can do so by using the QR Code on the right or download our App, which is available at any app store. Those that give digitally can place the "Give" cards in the plate during the offering.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: *Apologetics: Defending the faith.* Is there a connection between beauty and morality? Are these objective or purely subjective? What about the problems of evil and human suffering? We will explore some possible connections to Scripture and use the example of Job and his loss and suffering to ponder how God makes even evil achieve his good purposes for his children.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM: *Key Words & Symbols* - We are back with the importance of the term: **King**

SUMMER AUDIO DEVOTION: This summer's audio devotion series will walk through the letter of the **Apostle James in which he will show us how faith works**. Check out this devotion and others on our Ascension App.

CARE COMPANION OPPORTUNITY: The family of one of our shut-ins, Lisa Weigel, is looking for a Christian companion for her. Her daughter, Kris, is looking to pay for someone to regularly check in on Lisa in the afternoons. If you are interested or want more information please contact Kris (619-417-0541) or Pastor Roloff.

SPRING CLEAN-UP: There are still jobs available. If you'd like to take on a project at a more convenient time, just [sign up on our app!](#)

GROUP LIFE CHURCH PICNIC: Mark Your Calendars for **July 21st @ Nelson Lakeside Park, 1860 Symes Street, Long Lake, MN 55356.** Details TBA.

MLC JOB OPENING: Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time and regular part-time openings. See list and apply online at [mlc-wels.edu/hr/](http://mlc-wels.edu/hr/).

CAMP CROIX: Thank you to all who donated to camp through our Amazon wish list. Nearly 70 items were purchased from our list. For more ways to support camp, visit [campcroix.org/get-involved](http://campcroix.org/get-involved).

- Openings are available! Due to a few cancellations some spots for Youth Bible Camp have become available. Register now to get a spot for this week-long camp designed for those going into 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Spots are available during each week of July. If you are already signed up, invite a friend! Register at [campcroix.org/youth-bible-camp](http://campcroix.org/youth-bible-camp)
- Our Fall Men's Retreat and Fall Women's Retreat registrations are open! Head to [campcroix.org](http://campcroix.org) to find out more and reserve your spot today.

TRAVEL WITH WELS GROUPS Interested in traveling with other members of our WELS/ELS faith family where daily devotion and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? All travel originate in MN (New Ulm or Twin Cities). Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) for more information or contact Steve Balza ([steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com) or 507-217-1731).

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