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# Welcome!

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

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**February 1, 2026**



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.

## **WORSHIP THEME: *Jesus Calls You Blessed***

OPENING HYMN: *#619 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him* (vs.1-4)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SINS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE: *Be Thou My Vision* (sung)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: [Deuteronomy 7:6-9](#)

SUNG RESPONSE: [#690 Blest Are They](#)

(vs.1-5)

SECOND LESSON: [Matthew 5:1-12](#)

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SERMON HYMN: [#867 Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near](#)

(vs.1-4)

SERMON TEXT: [1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#)

THEME: [God Chose You](#)

OFFERING / OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

## THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION: [#660 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face](#)

*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: [#849 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me](#)

(vs.1-3)

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## 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 STUDY: Last week three of our brothers from West Lutheran went to the Lutheran Leadership Conference. For our Sunday morning study they will lead an informal discussion sharing the insights they learned.

THURSDAY ZOOM STUDY: *Lessons from Elijah and Elisha.*

RASING FUNDS FOR LIBERIA: Help us raise \$5000 to bring drinking water and the Water of Life to Liberia! Give online or write in "Liberia Mission" on your offering envelope.

TAX STATEMENTS: Your Giving statements are available for your taxes . You can find them in your mailboxes

INTERFAITH OUTREACH: Volunteer event Sat., Feb 21 12-2:30pm Sign-Up on our APP to reserve your spot.

MLC ADULT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: We are looking to build a men's (March 21) and women's (March 28) team. Interested people can talk to Michelle Stein for more information. **Deadline is Feb. 13th.**

WEST LUTHERAN BAND FEST: We are looking for host families to house students **March 19- 22.** Scan QR to fill out the interest form.



## CAMP CROIX ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Youth Bible Camp Registration is Open!* Register today at [campcroix.org](http://campcroix.org)
- *Winter Campout Feb 20–22* Sign up: [campcroix.org/winter-campout](http://campcroix.org/winter-campout)
- *Wild Game Feed Feb 27–March 1* Learn more: [campcroix.org/wild-game-feed](http://campcroix.org/wild-game-feed)

MLC AUXILIARY BINGO NIGHT: **Tue., Feb. 10,** please consider donating a quilt or blanket, gift cards, or a monetary gift. If writing a check, put 'Auxiliary BINGO' in the memo line. **Mail your donation:** Martin Luther College 1995 Luther Court New Ulm, MN 56073. To donate a cash gift online, visit [mlc-wels.edu](http://mlc-wels.edu). Click on "Support MLC" and then "MLC Auxiliary."

FATHER'S WORLD TOURS: WELS/MLC Group for Les Mis! **Tue, Feb 17** for an evening at the Orpheum Theater. *Tickets are \$50.* Visit <https://bit.ly/mlclesmis26>, or email [steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com) to learn more.



## THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVED:

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