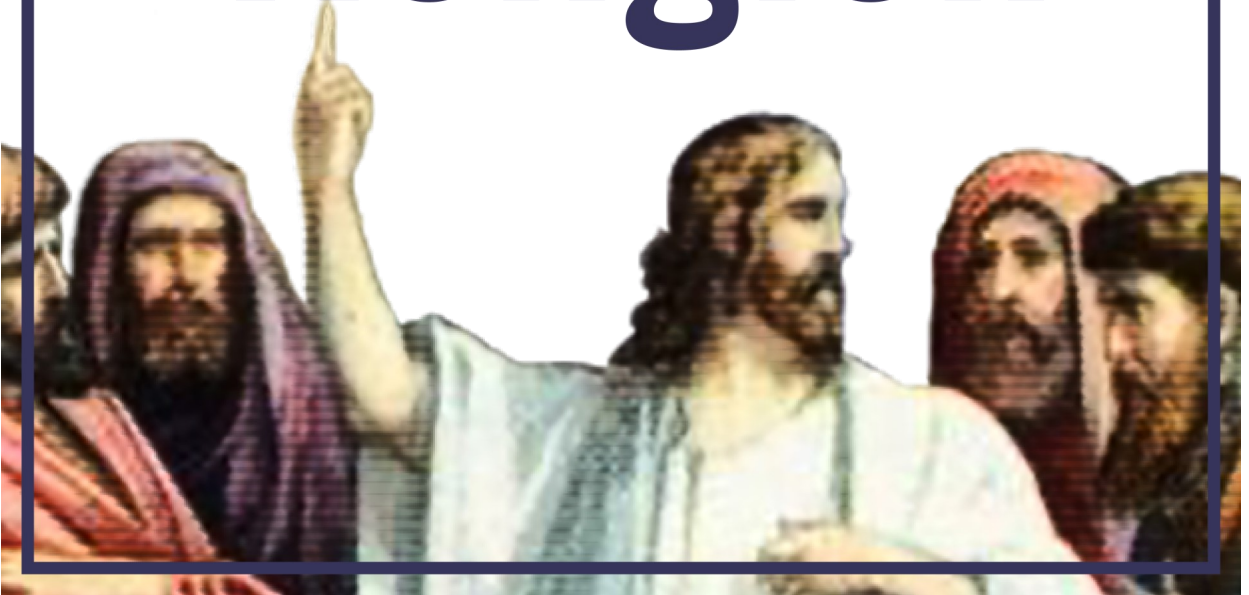


Rethinking Religion



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Welcome!

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

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March 17, 2024



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: **Rethink Religion: The Worth of Worship**

OPENING SONG: *Here I Am to Worship* (soloist vs.1 cong. joins thereafter)

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: **Exodus 20:1-17**

SUNG RESPONSE: *Into the Sea (It's Gonna Be OK)* (Duet)

SECOND LESSON: **John 2:13-22**

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SERMON HYMN: *To Your Temple I Draw Near* (vs. 1-7)

SERMON TEXT: **1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

THEME: **We Preach Christ– crucified**

OFFERING AND RESPONSIVE PRAYER

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 tray.*

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: #914 *Christ Is Our Cornerstone* (vs.1-3)

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: My Life for the Kingdom - Lesson 8: For the good of God's kingdom and the reconciliation of his family to God and each other, Joseph put himself aside and brilliantly planned to bring his brothers to repentance. He then revealed himself to them and allowed them to return to their father Jacob as changed men.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM: Key Words & Symbols Helping you make sense of the pictures used in Scripture. This week will be the significance of the name the **Tithes and Firstfruits**

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES—GOD ON TRIAL: Join us at **7:00 pm** with a light snack following. Pastor Tony Allard from Timothy, St. Louis Park will be leading worship around the theme: **Accusations**

EASTER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP/BREAKFAST: **Sunday, March 31st** Group Life is looking for volunteers to help set up, cook/serve, and take down. Please see the sign-up on the Group Life Board or on our app. Join us for this time of fellowship.

INTERFAITH OUTREACH: We are collecting non-perishable food items now thru Easter to help those in need. There is a cart setup in the fellowship hall.

WISE PENNY: Looking for volunteers on the **2nd Sunday** of each month at **1:00pm** or volunteer during the week for 2 hour shift. There is a sign-up on the GroupLife board for the Sunday shifts. Sign-up for both are on our App under GroupLife.

WEST LUTHERAN:

- GERTENS FUNDRAISING: Order plants or gift cards through Gertens to support the Fine Arts Club. Go to gertensfundraising.com Enter store ID: 954
- 2024 GALA: will be held at the Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park on April 13th. See link to purchase tickets: <https://one.bidpal.net/westgala2024/welcome>.

MUSIC AND JESUS (MAJ): Kids MAJ is a day camp for youth in grades 2-8, and Teen MAJ is an overnight retreat for teens in grades 8-13. For more info and registration (early bird deadline is April 1, regular deadline is June 1), visit www.musicandjesus.org.

SINGLES RETREAT: All singles are invited to the 2024 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat. Register at wels-els-singles.com/2024-texas-retreat (<http://wels-els-singles.com/2024-texas-retreat>). Questions can be sent to texasingleswels@gmail.com.

MLC JOB OPENINGS: Accepting applications for a full-time **Early Childhood Asst. Teacher** and part-time **Men's Basketball Asst. Coach**, apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVED:

- † Guest Pastor: Bruce Janisch
- † Organist: Susan Decker
- † Duet: Melissa and Allison DeRosier
- † Soloist: Nate Zeitler
- † AV Team