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Welcome to Martin Luther!

We extend a warm welcome to everyone here today, especially our guests. We pray that the message you hear today would be a blessing for you. Please sign the Friendship Register and be sure to include whatever information might help us serve you better!

If this is your first time with us...

- Please be advised that the congregation stands for the last verse of each hymn we sing.
- Large print hymnals are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- Hearing assistance is provided by telecoil. Switch your hearing aid to the T setting.
- If you need to quiet your child during the service, please make use of the parents' room attached to the narthex, the extended narthex and school hall, or the church basement.
- If you have questions or need assistance with anything, please ask an usher.
- Understand that our offerings are part of how we at Martin Luther Church and School express our thankfulness to God and return part of the blessings he has given us.
- When we celebrate Lord's Supper we do so as a unified body of believers having one confession and practice of Christian faith (1 Cor. 10:17). All visitors who wish to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper are asked to talk to a pastor before the service begins.

Assisting in worship today

	Saturday 5:30	Sunday 8:00	Sunday 10:30
Organist	Sue Pieper	Lois Werner	Lois Werner
Greeters		The Lienhards	The Brichs
Ushers	Robert Walker, Ralph Watkins	Daryl Duchatschek, Myles Wendland, Scott Heinzelman, Chad Marine, Greg Martin, Brad Evers	Dennis Zorn, James Dean, Jason Laridaen, Scott Selenka

This Week at Martin Luther

- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship
9:10 Faith Explorers (meet in church); Youth Group (meet in church basement)
9:15 Bible Class (Commons); Basic Bible Foundations (Room 9)
- Monday
- Tuesday 9:00 December Newsletter assembly
10:00 Bible Class—In the city of Philippi, The Gospel goes to Foreign Cultures
- Wednesday **No Confirmation Classes, No Senior Choir**
6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service (Usher: 7)
- Thursday **Thanksgiving Day—No School**
9:00 Thanksgiving Day Service (Usher: 4)
- Friday **No School**
- Saturday 5:30 Worship with Communion (Usher: 9; Greet: Laridaen)
- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship with Communion (Usher: 3, 5; Greet: Lund, Howarth)
9:10 Faith Explorers (meet in church); Youth Group (meet in church basement)
9:15 Bible Class (meet in Commons)

FLOWERS on the altar are given by the Christensen family in loving memory of Darlene Christensen. Flowers also given by Alyssa Brown and Brian Brown in memory of Charles and Florence Wagner.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS Today (Sunday) we will resume our study *Families Under God* as we consider “Taking a Stand Against Materialism.” Join us in the Commons between services as we study how our Lord blesses families as we encourage each other to faithfully live for the Lord.

TUESDAY AM BIBLE CLASS We continue the Bible study series based on the new WELS video “*To the Ends of the Earth*” which uses the life of Paul. This week we study how the Gospel work was done in a foreign culture at Philippi. Join us for this new study.

“TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH” the new WELS video about God’s message of love and salvation using the life of the Apostle Paul is available at \$2 per copy from the office or Scrip table. The video helps explain the blessings we have in Jesus. Give the video as a gift to others.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICES are held at Rising Son Chapel, 634 Wisconsin St. at 6 p.m. There will be no service on Thanksgiving. The final service of the year will be December 6.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS are here and ready for pick up, for an hour after each service this weekend and on Monday, November 19, from 3 to 4 p.m. Pick wreaths up at the garage.

OCM CARDS may be purchased at the office or from Amy Busse to benefit our Oshkosh-WLA Bus. The cards are sold for \$10 with \$4 from each going to the bus. Make checks to WLA Bus.

MEN’S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, at the home of Jerry and Mary Braasch (3482 W. Lone Elm Ave, Van Dyne). A \$10 exchange gift is optional. Martin Luther members, spouses and friends are all welcome to join us for this Christmas celebration! Hope to see you there!

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

BY ALL YOUR SAINTS STILL STRIVING

STAND FOR FINAL STANZA



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, For
2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, And
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
all the no - ble thron'g Who wear the spot - less
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blessed. You
rai - ment And raise the cease - less song - For
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



rose, our King vic - to - rious, That they
these, passed on be - fore us, We of -
all the ran - somed num - ber Who stand



might wear the crown And ev - er shine in
fer prais - es due And, walk - ing in their
be - fore the throne As - cribe all pow'r and



splen - dor Re - flect - ed from your throne.
foot - steps, Would live our lives for you.
glo - ry And praise to God a - lone.

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On Sunday at 10:30 we will use the Order of Holy Baptism, p. 12 in the hymnal.

INVOCATION

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 AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 12:1-3 EHV

Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

PSALM 118

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Give thanks to God. He



gives us the vic - to - ry through Je - sus Christ our Lord. Al - le -



lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Give thanks to God. Give thanks to God.

Psalm Tone



The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

“The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;
the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 EHV

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.

In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia. (Revelation 7:15a)



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!

STAND

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-27 EHV

“But after that distress in those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light. The stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then you will see the Son of Man coming on clouds with great power and glory. At that time he will send out his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of the sky.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

AROUND THE THRONE, A GLORIOUS BAND

STAND FOR FINAL STANZA



1 A - round the throne, a glo - rious band, The
2 Through trib - u - la - tion great they came; They
3 They see their Sav - ior face to face And
4 "Wor - thy the Lamb, for sin - ners slain, Through
5 Oh, may we tread the sa - cred road That



saints in count - less num - bers stand, Of
bore the cross, de - spised the shame. From
sing the tri - umphs of his grace. Each
end - less years to live and reign; You
saints and ho - ly mar - tyrs trod, Wage



ev - 'ry tongue, re - deemed to God, Ar -
all their la - bors now they rest In
day and night they sing his praise, To
have re - deemed us by your blood And
to the end the glo - rious strife, And



rayed in gar - ments washed in blood.
God's e - ter - nal glo - ry blest.
him the loud thanks - giv - ing raise:
made us kings and priests to God."
win, like them, a crown of life.

Text: Rowland Hill, 1744–1833, abr., alt.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (LM) *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, London, 1778, adapt.

SERMON

Jesus Will Gather His Elect (Mark 13:24-27)

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to praise your majesty.

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

M: Lord of heaven, we remember with thanksgiving for your grace and all your blessings those whom you called home from the membership of our congregation this past year: Stephanie Zorn; Joan Mailahn; Edna Luedeke; William Berholtz; Violet Zielke; Walter Koerwitz; Beverly Smerling; Bernard Gonzales; and Ricki Much. We also remember all those near and dear to us whom you have called home at other times or in other places.

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

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.



JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

This twelfth century hymn, first conceived by Bernard of Cluny, depicts an idyllic, heavenly scene. The hymn is gloriously set to the English folk tune THAXTED.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century
 Tune: THAXTED (76 76 76 D) Gustav Holst, 1874–1934, alt.

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3rd QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS are at the Information Center. Please check them for accuracy and use them to determine your giving plan to the end of the year and for 2019.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE We are accepting donations for families in need. Please leave all non-perishable goods by the table in the narthex by Sunday, November 18.

Attendance at Worship		Attendance at Bible Study		Offerings and Receipts/Expenses
Thursday	16	Family Bible Hour	n/a	Last week's offering/Average needed
Saturday 5:30	140	Tuesday 10:00	7	\$7,591/\$9,154
Sunday 8:00	58	Voters' Meeting	22	Year-to-date Receipts/Expenses
Sunday 10:30	85			\$362,564/\$326,117
Total	299			Stained glass window repair: \$25,561

COUNTERS NEEDED We're in need of additional offering counters for May and September. Please contact Financial Secretary Joe King or the office if you would be able to help.

MITTEN TREE Our tree is up. Help us share the spirit of giving this Christmas by choosing a "mitten" from our mitten tree. Take the tag from the "mitten" you choose, and purchase a gift or gift card for the recipient. Please wrap your gift, and place it under the tree. Gift cards may be dropped off at the office or placed in the collection plate. (Our Scrip Program offers a convenient way to purchase your gift cards.) When returning your mitten gifts, make sure all tags are visible on the gift cards or purchased gifts so we know who the gift is for. **If you have chosen a mitten for MLC or Seminary students, we ask that you bring them in by 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 3,** so we can get them mailed out before the students leave for Christmas break. (Please note this date is earlier than posted in the November newsletter article.) **All other gifts should be under the tree by 9:00 Monday, December 17.** Thank you!

ADVENT TEA Ladies of the congregation are invited to the Advent Tea on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m. At this event we focus on setting aside the busyness and distractions of the season and focus on the real meaning of Advent and Christmas. The theme this year is *Pondered Them in Her Heart*. We will use the candles of the advent wreath to help us focus our hearts on Jesus. We will have a short worship service as well as tea and treats. Sign up sheets are located in the extended narthex for those interested in attending, providing cookies or treats, or helping set-up and decorate. Questions? Please speak with Christina Evers, Diana Wendland, or Jenny Smith.

LIVE NATIVITY is coming up fast, it's now **only 2 weeks away!** Now is the big push to get the word out, so grab the yard signs, flyers and handouts and post to as many high traffic areas as we can in these next two weeks. This is our biggest Outreach Event of the year! It is our opportunity to share with our community, the gift of God's love. **Over 1000 people visited our Town of Bethlehem last year,** so we really need your help to make sure we have plenty of members representing us! There is still a need for **adult or young adult members** who are willing to be part of our Town of Bethlehem, for rotation, supervising, warming and eating/bathroom breaks. As always we need many hands on deck to set up/take down the town. Setup starts at 8:00 a.m. We make sure to always have great food, hot drinks, sweet treats and of course fun and fellowship at this event. Thank you to all who are working to make this a huge success.

CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRA Do you play an instrument? Do you love Christmas carols? We are looking for instrumentalists of all ages to play Christmas carols before the Christmas Day service. There will be three rehearsals: Saturday, December 8, 10:15-11:15 a.m., Tuesday, December 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 22, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Please sign up on the credenza in the extended narthex by Sunday, December 2. We will use the sign-up sheet to prepare music for everyone. If you have any questions or need help in getting an instrument to play, please contact Joanna Ericson.

DINNER AUCTION Tickets for the March 2nd dinner auction are now on Sale! Tickets can be bought after select church services or from any committee member. Committee members are Sara Smith, Heather Williams, Maggie Brock, Johanna Yenter, Christina Evers and Amy Heinzelman. Tickets are \$50 a piece or you can buy a table of 8 for \$500. All those who buy a table receive upgraded wine and 8 opportunity tickets. Entree choice must be made at time of ticket purchase. Menu choices (Insert) and payment must be turned into committee members. Contact Sara Smith with any questions 920-216-2342 or saraleighsmith1@yahoo.com

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Faith Explorers would like to invite everyone to join us on Sunday, December 16, at 11:30 after the late service to have a light lunch and then go caroling at a couple of local nursing homes. On December 2, during our Faith Explorer Craft Sunday, the children will be creating Christmas ornaments to give to the residents. All are welcome to join in.

WLA NEWS—WLA Band Concert will be on Saturday, 12/01 at 4:00 p.m. **WLA Christmas Concert** will be on Thursday, 12/20 at 7:00 p.m. and again on Friday, 12/21 at 1:00 p.m.

FVL NEWS—FVL and FVL Schools Band Concert will be on Sunday, 11/18 at 2:00 p.m. **FVL Donations Box** is located by the FVL banner. They seek donations that will be used for Musicfest, Foxfest and golf outing prizes. They seek donations of 1) travel supplies, 2) new books, 3) fishing supplies or 4) gift cards—any denomination/retailer. The items donated will be picked up after November 4. You can also volunteer time to help with the 3 events.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP meets on Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran, 338 N. Eagle Street, Oshkosh. A brochure explaining these meetings can be taken from the track rack by the Office window. This week the topic is “Heaven” This support group helps us make sense of grief we feel at the loss of a loved one or after a traumatic event.

MONTHLY GROUP CLEANING Please share your time on Monday at 9:00 a.m. and help prepare our worship area for our weekend services. The more hands we have, the more we can get accomplished.

SCRIP PROGRAM is a good way to support church and school. We are looking for few more volunteers to help man the table after church services (especially the 10:30 Sunday service). It only takes about 15 minutes after the service. You can sign up for whatever services work for you. Stop by the scrip table if you are interested in helping or not sure what scrip is, take a moment and see how you can help the church and school or even support a family with their student’s tuition, just by shopping at stores you already go to.