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Good Morning and Welcome to our visitors: We hope your worship this morning will be a good experience for you. Many of those sitting around you were in your position once. They walked through the doors of the church and didn't know anyone. They felt a little awkward to be in a new place. Yet, they found a home here and we hope that you will too. If you would like information on how to become a member, if you have questions about worship, or if you are just curious, make sure to speak with Pastor Buch as you leave. If you have any questions please ask a member, or one of the ushers that handed you your worship folder. God's blessings on your week and we hope to see you again soon!!

Little children are welcome in worship. Children are future pastors, teachers and members of God's church. They need to meet Jesus and hear his Word too. **We have reserved the back row of chairs on the organ side of the church for families with small children.** We have a quiet room, located off the narthex, for infants, toddlers and their parents if the children get too active during worship.

*Restrooms are located to the left, as you exit the sanctuary, and down the hallway.
Please silence phones during the service. Thanks.*

Willing Hands This Morning:

Organist: *Carol Johnson*

Altar Care: *Kelley Buch*

Ushers: *Ted Maasch, Bill Meyer*

Tellers: *Dick and Cathy Yeakel*

Kitchen Helpers: *Janene Malzer*

Suggestions Before Worship: The events of the past week will probably stay with us for a long time. The attack took place in our home town, near a place where most of us have probably been. There is evil and danger all around us, yet God tells us that he is always with us to protect us from the evil that is both physical and spiritual. This morning we take a moment to reflect on the temporal and eternal promises of our Savior. Take a moment this morning to thank our God for defending us from danger and guarding us from evil.



Opening Hymn: 416

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 In ev'ry condition, in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea—
The Lord, the Almighty, your strength e'er shall be.

3 "Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

Invocation

The name of the Triune God focuses our hearts and minds on the many things that God has done for us and the proper worship and thanks he deserves.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 121

This Psalm centers our hearts and minds on the power of our God to save us.

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from?

C: **My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

P: He will not let your foot slip, he who watches over you will not slumber;

C: **indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P: The LORD watches over you, the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

C: **the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.**

P: The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life

C: **the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

Hymn 416 v 4,5

4 “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be with you your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

5 “Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love,
And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne.”

Confession of Sins

We confess our sins before each other and the Lord. The Bible tells us that repentance (confessing our sins) is one of the marks of a heart that truly believes in what Jesus has done.

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.**

Absolution of Sins

The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners. See John 20:21-23.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

It is good and right that we not only ask the Lord to bless us, but to extend that blessing, especially his Word, to others.

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Song of Thanksgiving:

The Lord has blessed us with earthly gifts and heavenly forgiveness, we thank him for his blessings to us and to many others.

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

The prayer of the day ties into the readings of the day thanking God for a specific blessing from those readings.

M.: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

M. Let us pray

In your mercy, O Savior, continue to guard, protect and defend us from all that can destroy body and soul. Keep us ever mindful that our days are in your hands and may we cling to you for all we need; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

Worship focuses on what our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit has done to save us. We use God's Word as the center of our worship, praise and thanks.

First Lesson: Exodus 14: 15-28

The Lord can use his almighty power to save us in miraculous ways.

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen."

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea.

²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

The Psalm

Songs of praise and thanks have always been given to the Lord. The Psalms are some of the richest songs of praise and thanks to our Savior. We sing Psalm 18 together this morning.

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



Refrain: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P: The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;*
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

**C: He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.**

P: He brought me out into a spacious place;*
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**C: You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
my God turns my darkness into light.**

P: You save the humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

**C: You give me your shield of victory,*
and your right hand sustains me.**

**All: 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: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-26

The Apostle Paul points out to us the great blessings of life AND death that are ours through Christ. We pray for life, but we are ready for victory through Jesus.

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Where, oh death, is your victory? Where, oh death, is your sting?
Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to you, Oh Lord!

Please rise for the Gospel, the words and works of our Savior, Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 24:4

Jesus shows us the signs of the end of the world.

⁴ Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and

rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to you O Christ!

Please be seated for our sermon.

Sermon Hymn: 422

Jesus Lead Us On

1 Jesus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by your hand To our fatherland.

2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us,
For through many a woe To our home we go.

3 When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

Sermon Text: Revelation 7: 9- 17

Sermon Theme: Do Not be Afraid

1. Jesus has won the victory

2. Jesus gives us the victory

⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰

And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple;

and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶ Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

he will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Please rise after the sermon as we sing the final verse of hymn 422.

4 Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won.

Heav’nly Leader, still direct us; Still support, console, protect us

Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

Apostles’ Creed

The Apostles Creed has been used for hundreds of years as a brief, but concise statement of belief. It is called the Apostles’ Creed because it is a summary of all the Apostles preached about Jesus.

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

Please be seated

We Bring our Offering of Thanks to the Lord

If you haven’t already, please take a moment to sign the friendship registers.

- If you’re a guest –Welcome. Please share your contact information so that we can stay connected.
- If you are a member, please sign your name and share with any guests who might be sitting near you.

Songs and Prayers for Children

These songs and prayers are ones that, for many years, parents and grandparents have taught to their children. We take the time to remember the simple truths that are in these songs that we now teach our children. Please help your children to follow along as we sing these songs that provide the Gospel in a simple way.

I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus

1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.

4 I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,
Ev’ry day and hour supplying All my need.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever And for all.

C: Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay. Close by me forever and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with you there. Amen

Jesus Shepherd of the Sheep

1. Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,
Who your Father’s flock does keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,
Guarded still by you

2 In your promise firm we stand;
None can take us from your hand.
Speak—we hear—at your command,
We will follow you.

5 We, in robes of glory dressed,
Join th’ assembly of the blest,
Gathered to eternal rest In the fold with you.

Please rise for prayer

Responsive Prayer:

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you love your whole creation and forget none of your creatures. We bring you our requests for those we commit to your care.

C: We ask you to hear us, Oh Lord.

P: For all who are troubled over these last few days by the stories, sights, and sounds of Sunday evening, we ask you to bring healing and a sense of normal back to every day life.

C: We ask you to help us, Oh Lord

P: For those who live in fear because peace has been shattered, we ask you to bring them the peace that can come only from you.

C: Help us to look to you for our security and protection.

P: For those who ran into harms way, we thank you and them for their selfless concern for others lives and their quick action. We know that you were at work through them to bring many to safety.

C: Help us to treat others in the same selfless way.

P: For those who are in a hospital bed recovering from their wounds or who still may be fighting for their lives, we ask you to strengthen them and return them to health.

C: Be with them and give them the healing they need.

P: For those who lost a loved one, or who still may be looking for a loved one, we pray that you would bring comfort to their hearts and minds.

C: Be with them to give them peace

P: We pray that you would continue to protect and preserve all of us in your tender care.

C: Be with us because we need you.

P: Send your Holy Spirit to us that we might look to you for all that we need and trust that even now you are giving it to us.

C: Build in us a strong faith in Jesus.

P: When troubles come, may we turn to you with eyes of faith trusting that whether in life or in death, we are securely in your hands. Lead us to see the victory of heaven that Jesus won as a blessing that we will someday have and may we not fear death.

C: Help us to trust in our Savior Jesus, as our only way to Heaven.

P: We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus our Savior who taught us to pray:

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.

The Blessing of the Lord

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 439

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.



We pray that your worship was blessed this morning. Please come again!

News and Notes

Today	10/8	9:00 AM	Worship
		10:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
		3:30 PM	Catechism
Tuesday	10/10	9:30 AM	Caring Hands
		6:00 PM	Elders
		7:00 PM	Council
		5:30 PM	Fellowship Hall in Use
Wed.	10/11	10:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
			Luther's Large Catechism
Thursday	10/12	6:30 PM	Worship Team Meets
			Discussion of <u>Church Listening Sunday</u>
Sunday	10/15	9:00 AM	Worship with Member Communion
		10:15 AM	Listening Sunday
		10:15 AM	Sunday School
		11:15 AM	Brat Fry/ Tailgate
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	10/15	10:15 AM	Listening Sunday / Brat Fry
	10/26	6:30 PM	Luther Movie: A Return to Grace
	10/28	10:00 AM	Reformation Choir practice @ GVELC
	10/29	3:00 PM	All-Area Reformation Service @ Green Valley Luth.

November 4 Changing Lights in Church Sanctuary

- **Good morning and welcome.** Whether you are family and friends, or first-time guests and visitors it is a pleasure and a privilege to share the message of Jesus resurrection and to celebrate the forgiveness and eternal life that is ours through Jesus. God's blessings to you until we see you again.
- **New Bible Study** begins this morning. We begin our new Bible Study Entitled, What is a Disciple?

- **WELS and Friends viewing of the Luther Movie scheduled.** The viewing of Return to Grace is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th at 6:30 PM at the Century Orleans 18 Theaters on Tropicana. Tickets MUST be purchased online through the special online vendor. There is a link at www.summerlinlutheran.org for your convenience. Click on the picture of Luther and that will take you to the purchasing site. If you don't have access to the internet. Please speak with Pastor and we can arrange to purchase those tickets and you can pay us.
- **Need a Ride?** If you need a ride to the Orleans Theater for the movie please speak with Pastor or other congregational members to see if anyone else might be able to help.
- **Reformation 500.** The All Area Reformation Service will take place at Green Valley Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 PM. There will be a potluck meal to follow. Our congregation is responsible to bring side dishes. Please sign up in the narthex if you are planning on bring a dish.
- **Reformation Choir.** If you would like to be part of the Reformation choir, music is available and musical files are online for you to listen to and practice with. Please speak with Pastor if you would like music. We will look to have one practice ourselves in October. **The All-Area Choir is set to practice on Saturday October 28 at 10:00 AM.** There is also a children's selection as well.
- **Listening Sunday / Brat Fry --- October 15th** is next week. Please make plans to attend this important congregational meeting then stay for grilled brats and hot dogs.
- **Women's Bible Study.** Over the last few weeks we have been trying to gauge interest in a Women's Bible Study. Ladies, please fill out and return the sheet, even if you are not interested in the study.
- **Sign-ups.** There are many sign-ups in the narthex. We have sign-ups for Brat Fry, Reformation Meal and Trunk or Treat. Where can you help?
- **Garage Sale** is only a few months away. We are still taking donations in the storage area of the fellowship hall. Please make sure that the items you drop off are worth selling.

- **Trunk or Treat** is scheduled for October 21 from 2-4. We are now taking donations of \$\$\$ for candy or prizes and direct donations of candy. We are also expecting a great turn out of volunteers to run a small game or hand out candy to the kids. A sign up is posted on the board.
- **Serving The Lord Next Week.**
 Ushers: Jim Moldenhauer & Joe Schindler Altar: Kelley Buch
 Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel;
 Kitchen helpers: **Ladies Guild: All hands on deck for the brat fry**
- **Our Thanks to the Lord:** To God be the Glory great things he has done!! Our congregation has prayerfully decided to support the work of the Lord in our synod and at our church by passing a budget that requires \$3800 per week. The Lord will bless us as we seek to be good stewards of the blessings he has entrusted to us. Last week, 62 people came to hear about their Savior's death and resurrection. God's people brought offerings of \$2621.64. May we give as freely and thankfully as we have been blessed. To God be the Glory, great things he has done!!!!

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MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, THE
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

PSALM 121:1

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