

Which Way is Our Macedonia?

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. **Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.**

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Elder: John Kozlik
Comm/Asst. Elder: Matt Messmer
Acolytes: Joshua Leicht, Nathan Faitsch
Ushers: J.J. Jones, Diane Mundrick
Scott Mundrick
Lay Readers: Clint McDonald, Samantha McDonald
Greeters: Morrie & Carol Cook,
Clint & Sam McDonald
Fellowship: Preschool Staff
May Altar Guild: Diane Mundrick & Marsha Somppi
May Counters: Monte Stoltzman & Kathy Schwartz

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Randy Gifford
Steve Best
Dane Peplow, Tanner Swanson
John Zilligen, Bill Schwartz
OPEN, OPEN
Suzanne Fowler,
Rayos Family

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

The Silasiri family in memory of Micah's 6th birthday.

HYMNS SERVICE

This service follows the order of Divine Service I from the hymnal while using hymns in place of liturgy pieces.

Opening Song

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

CHORUS



Come, now is the time ___ to wor - ship. ___



Come, now is the time ___ to give ___ your ___ heart. ___



Come, just as you are ___ to wor - ship. ___



Come, just as you are ___ be-fore ___ your ___ God. ___

End here on final time

VERSE



Come. 1. One day ev - 'ry tongue will con-fess ___ You are God. ___
2. Will - ling - ly we serve and sur-ren - der our lives. ___



One day ev - 'ry knee ___ will bow. ___ Still, the great-est treas-ure re-mains _
Will - ing - ly our knees ___ will bow. ___ With all our heart, ___ soul, ___ mind, _



___ for ___ those ___ who glad - ly ___ praise _ You now. ___
___ and ___ strength ___ we glad - ly ___ serve _ You now. ___

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Baptism (10:45)

Regan Schaefer, daughter of Al & Emily Schaefer

Invocation and Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God's strong name is our help,

C: the same God who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: If you kept a record of our sins, O Lord, no one could survive.

C: But you forgive us, and so we worship you.

Psalm 130:3-4

P: We have come together today to hear God's Word, pray to Him and praise Him, and receive the gifts of His forgiveness. So let us first admit that we're not worthy of His love. Let us confess to God and confess to each other that we've sinned. We are sinners in what we think, what we do, what we don't do, and there's no way out of this by our own actions. All we can do as God's people is to seek His mercy and forgiveness that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

C: O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.

Luke 18:13

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Entrance Hymn

All Glory Be to God Alone

LSB 948, stanzas 1-2



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: *Lord, have mercy.*

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: *Lord, have mercy.*

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the
well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: *Lord, have mercy.*

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: *Lord, have mercy.*

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

All Glory Be to God Alone

LSB 948, stanzas 3-4



3 Lord God, our King on heav-en's throne, Our Fa-ther, the Al-
4 You take the whole world's sin a-way; Have mer-cy on us,



might-y One. O Lord, the sole-be-got-ten One, Lord
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a-way; O



Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's Son, True God from all e-
Lord, re-ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your



ter-ni-ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
mer-cy send, To all the world Your grace ex-tend.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** *And also with you.*

P: Let us pray. O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

A Reading from the Early Church

Acts 16:9–15 (ESV)

⁹ A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord C: *Thanks be to God.*

Mission Song

Listen, God Is Calling

LSB 833

Leader All



Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,



Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain



That He came to save us _____ And set us free.
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, _____ Led by Your Word.

A Reading of the Eternal Kingdom**Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27 (ESV)**

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, [John], saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

L: This is the Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem**“If You Search with All Your Heart”****Adult Choir****Holy Gospel****John 16:23-33 (ESV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[And Jesus was teaching His disciples saying]: ²³In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

LSB 908



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
 2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
 heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
 Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
 bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
 be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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Sermon

“Who is Our Macedonian Vision?”

Acts 16:9-15

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Canticle (Luke 1:68-69 in song)

LSB 936 st. 1

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.— And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. — And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

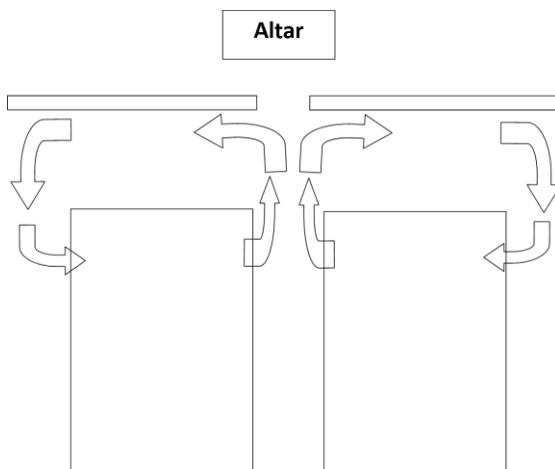
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: We pray: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Holy)

LSB 507, st. 2



2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord) (We offer one another a sign of peace)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

LSB 434, st. 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

First Distribution Hymn

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield;
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

Second Distribution Hymn**Beautiful Savior**

LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829, sts. 1,3-4



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free-ly poured On all who name Your name;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn-ing Star in splen-dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour-ney ends.

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Announcements

Vacation Bible School



June 13 – 17 ~ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Online registration is open for participants and volunteers!

Visit www.bethelgurnee.org/vbs to register.

VBS Prop/Craft Nights

Thursday, May 12 & June 2 from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

there will be prop/craft nights.

Every skill level needed- no need to be an expert!

Pizza will be provided.

Contact Sara or Shannon at vbs@bethelgurnee.org with questions.



Lauren Riley is a staff counselor who is here with us today to share information about *A Safe Place* while Pastor helps us see what Scripture has to say related to this.

A Safe Place provides emergency shelter; affordable transitional and permanent housing; a 24-hour help line ([847-249-4450](tel:847-249-4450)); court and non-legal advocacy; individual, group, and children’s counseling; family visitation services; batterer intervention services; and community outreach, prevention education, and professional training.

Service area includes Lake, McHenry, and northern Cook counties in Illinois; however, our clients come to us from across the state, region, and country. *A Safe Place* serves more than 16,000 individuals a year with crisis, intervention, and prevention services. For more information, please visit asafeplaceforhelp.org.

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