

***For
we live
by faith,
not
by sight.***

2 Corinthians 5:7

**MANITOWOC
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MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church – Howards Grove, WI
Sunday, December 6, 2020

Words of Welcome:

Pastor Norv Kock (MLHS President)

Call To Worship:

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage - Grundtvig/Reuter

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure throughout all generations. Amen.

Anthem:

We Walk by Faith - by Kenneth Kosche

We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear from Christ,
Who spoke as none e'er spoke;
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice,
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You
With endless sight

PLEASE STAND

Opening Responses (from Psalm 89)

L: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

C: Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.

L: They do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways.

C: You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed.

L: Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees!

C: Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands.

L: I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws.

C: I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

L: How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.

C: I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

L: I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

C: Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees.

L: With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

C: I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

L: I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

C: I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Confession of Sins

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Absolution

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) Amen.

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Baptism

Renna Leigh Wehrmann - Daughter of Trevor & Haleigh (10:30)

Old Testament

Isaiah 40: 1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

⁹ You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"

¹⁰ See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

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Psalm

Psalm 14

Refrain



Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,



come. Re - store your peo-ple and bless them.

Psalm Tone



The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men

to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;

there is no one who does good, not even one.

Refrain

Will evildoers never learn –

those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,

but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Israel rejoice and be glad!

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

Epistle

2 Peter 3: 8-14

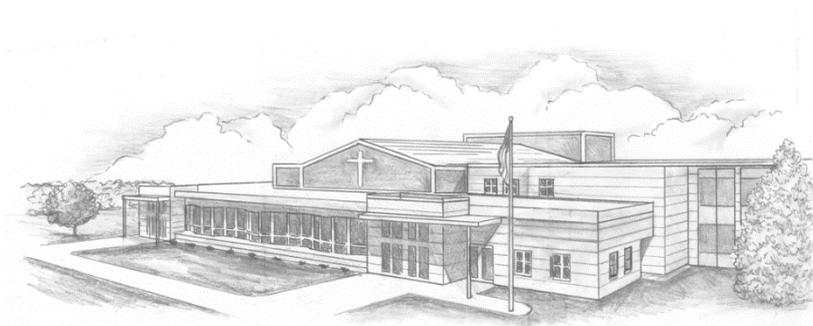
⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

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Anthem

My Worth Is Not In What I Own - Arranged by Angerman

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

Refrain

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross (*Refrain*)

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid
At the cross (*Refrain*)

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Gospel

Mark 1: 1-8

¹ The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” – ³ “a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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The Apostles’ Creed

**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.**

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The Hymn of the Day *Prepare The Royal Highway (CWS 702)*



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: Your
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It



King of kings is near! Let ev - 'ry hill and
 own e - ter - nal King! Palm branch - es strew be -
 greet your prom - ised King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry
 comes from heav'n a - bove. His rule is peace and



val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall
 All lands, bow down be - fore him! All na - tions,
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness



sa - cred sto - ry:
 doubt as - sail you! Ho - san - na to the
 now a - dore him!
 so a - bound - ing:



Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

The Sermon

“It’s Time For Some Voice Lessons”

Text: Isaiah 40:1-11 (Old Testament Reading for Today)

- 1 – We listen to God’s
- 2 – Then we use our own

Create In Me A Pure Heart, O God

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Our Gifts to God through the Church

In thanks to our gracious Lord and His gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to Him a generous portion of all we have received from Him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off during scheduled office hours, or given online.

Musical Offering

Declare Your Maker's Praise - Arranged by Lloyd Larson

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King! Let the heavens ring! God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Declare your Maker's praise!

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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Hymn

Come Your Hearts and Voices Raising (CW 42)



1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the
2 See how God, for us providing, Gave his
3 Christ, from heav'n to us descending And in
4 Ja - cob's Star in all its splen - dor Beams with
5 Gra - cious Child, we pray you, hear us; From your



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; Loud - ly sing his love a -
Son and life a - bid - ing; He our wea - ry steps is
love our race be - friend - ing, In our need his help ex -
com - fort sweet and ten - der, Forc - ing Sa - tan to sur -
low - ly man - ger cheer us. Gent - ly lead us and be



maz - ing, Wor - thy folk of Chris - ten - dom.
guid - ing From earth's woe to heav'n - ly joy.
tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
ren - der, Break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
near us Till we join th' an - gel - ic choir.

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Closing Prayer

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

The Benediction

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: (spoken) Amen.

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Anthem

Child of God - Layton DeVries, Arr. By Dale Grotenhuis

O child, child of God, rest assured, the Lord is with you.

When you wake up in the morning and the sun is shining down,
The Lord watches over every step you take.

When the world has knocked you down and you don't know which way to turn,
Rest assured, the Lord is with you.

When your friends have turned against you and you feel all alone,
The Lord watches over every move you make.

He will always be right there to protect and love his child,
Rest assured, the Lord is with you.

When darkness drifts around you, and your eyes close in sleep,
The Lord watches over every breath you take.

And when death comes near to bring you home,
You have no need to fear. Rest assured, the Lord is with you.

Recessional

Siyahamba - South African Praise Song

Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. We are marching in the light of God.



To God Alone The Glory!

We are thankful to host the MLHS Lancer Singers today! We will have a door offering (specially marked box) to help provide for their music, equipment, and transportation costs. We thank you for your generous support.

The Lancer Singers

Soprano

Bella Darvanian (10) Grace - Manitowoc
Amelie Doneff (11) Immanuel - Manitowoc
Cyan Laurin (12) Bethany - Manitowoc
Abbee Olsen (12) Zion - Louis Corners
Kaylia Rosera (12) St. John-St. James - Reedsville
Olivia Siehr (12) St. John - Two Rivers
Hannah Walleser (12)* St. Paul - Howards Grove

Alto

Kallie Fels (12) St. John - Maribel
Emma Kracht (11) Immanuel - Manitowoc
Emily Marohn (11) St. John-St. James - Reedsville
Katie Ungemach (11) First German - Manitowoc
Emma Vos (12) St. John - Maribel
Paige Zirbel (12)* Zion - Morrison

Tenor

Zachary Bubolz (10) St. John-St. James - Reedsville
Nathaniel Luebke (12) St. Johns-Newtonburg
Benjamin Thoma (12)* St. Peter - Sturgeon Bay
Parker Vogt (11) St. John - Newtonburg
Aiden Wagner (10) Bethany - Manitowoc

Bass

Ethan Haupt (12)* St. John - Newtonburg
Caleb Krahn (10) Immanuel - Manitowoc
Tyler Loberger (12) First German - Manitowoc
Zachary Raddatz (12) St. John - Newtonburg
Isaiah Ruddat (11) Immanuel - Shirley
Owen Stelzer (10) Bethany - Manitowoc

Director

Mr. Joel Ungemach

*Section Leader

About the Manitowoc Lutheran High School LANCER SINGERS



The Manitowoc Lutheran Lancer Singers have had the privilege of making music to the Lord since 1968! For the past 50+ years we have carried the message of salvation out in the Lakeshore community by participating in worship services at our federation congregations, performing in our school concerts, and representing our school at other congregational and civic activities. We love proclaiming the wondrous works of our gracious God through word and song!

The Lancer Singers are a 24-voice an extra-curricular choir chosen by audition each year from the Manitowoc Lutheran student body. The Lancer Singers have been extremely successful in the Wisconsin State Music Association district and state competitions.

During the past 20 years they have received ratings of 1*and qualified for the state festival. In April of 2008 the Lancer Singers were selected as the Best Overall High School Choir at the Chicago Festivals of Music. They have received a gold 1st place rating at the World Strides Heritage Music Festival in Chicago (2012, 2014, & 2016) in the Vocal Jazz Choir category.



Overall, the continuous focus of the Lancer Singers is to sing our Lord's praises with the gifts and abilities that HE has blessed us with.

Thank you for being here today, and we pray your hearts are moved closer to your Savior Jesus today and every day!

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your mercy in the morning and your faithfulness every night." -Psalm 92:1-2

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MLHS Mission Statement

"Manitowoc Lutheran High School uses its God-given gifts to help each student become thoroughly equipped for paths of service to our Redeemer."