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Lutheran Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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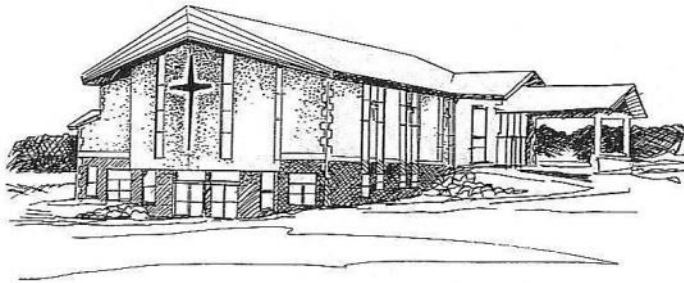
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



Today's service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament and the children's message. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

July 30, 2023

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 153)

Alleluia! Jesus Lives



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -



liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death
ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,
fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here
ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,



Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner
Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor -
Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er
Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at



to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.
to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.
his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

STAND

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 OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

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: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” ⁶ Solomon said, “You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. ⁷ O LORD my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. ⁹ Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon’s request was good. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, ¹² therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you.

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:17-21

¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

²⁰ O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away from godless, empty talk and the contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge.” ²¹ By professing it, some have veered away from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴ *“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

⁴⁵ *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

⁴⁷ *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹ That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. ⁵⁰ And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ⁵¹ Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?” They answered him, “Yes.”*

⁵² *He said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things.”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Children are invited to come forward for a brief children’s message.
Mom or dad, you’re welcome to come, too, if this will give your child the needed bravery!*



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
 4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
 be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.
 way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, alt.

Instructions for the Christian Rich

STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

While the offering is gathered, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, you have redeemed us out of your steadfast love. Grant that the Gospel may go forth unhindered and your Spirit bring many into this fellowship of the redeemed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have revealed to us the true treasure of Christ's cross and resurrection. Grant that we may pursue your kingdom with all our hearts, souls, minds and bodies. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you justify us for the sake of Christ. Comfort any who are troubled by the memory of past sins or visited by the temptation to believe they cannot be forgiven. Give them confidence in Christ, that he died for them and still intercedes for them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you have given us various offices in our lives. Grant us faithfulness in these callings, that we may see them as gifts through which we serve you and our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant wisdom to our president; our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may seek what is best for all in accordance with your will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bestow your comfort upon all who are burdened by sickness and affliction [*especially* _____]. Grant that they may await healing and deliverance in the firm conviction that nothing can separate them from your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant that all who partake in Holy Communion today do so rejoicing that the Christ they receive in this Sacrament also intercedes for them at your right hand. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, this coming week our synod will meet in convention in Saginaw, Michigan. Be with all delegates as they travel and gather in your name. Lead and guide our delegates gathered in convention, that in word and action we may love you and keep your commandments, confessing your steadfast love and faithfulness even to a thousand generations; through Christ, the crucified, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



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

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - - - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 290)

One Thing's Needful



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
 2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal
 3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, can be



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,
 found in you. Let me find in you my plea - sure;



Is a yoke that press - es hard. Be - neath it the
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined. How kin - dled her
 Make my will and ac - tions true, Hu - mil - i - ty



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing
 heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is
 les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing; All earth - ly con -
 wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from



need - ful; all oth - ers are vain— I count
 cerns she for - got for her Lord And found
 Je - sus this knowl - edge di - vine, The bless -



all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
 her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
 ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 355)

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its
 2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est
 3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his



joys are but a name. But his love a - bides for -
 com - fort of my soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing
 cross my trust shall be Till with clear - er, bright - er



ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same.
 o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
 vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

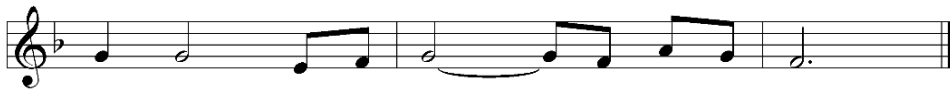
Refrain



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, abr., alt.

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THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.

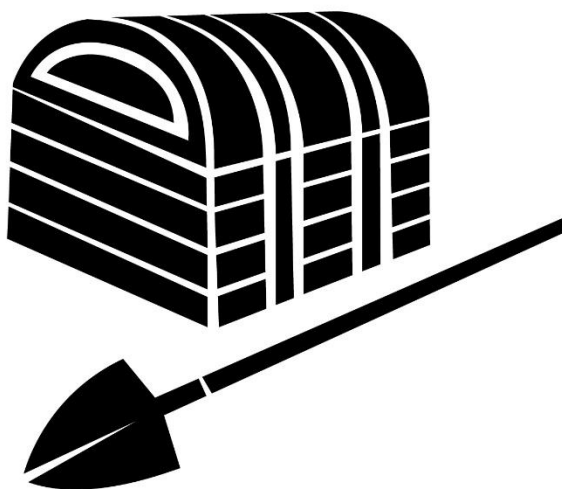
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 477:1 & 4)

What is the World to Me
(see page 21)



What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my



plea - sure When you, and you a - lone, Lord
 might - y, Yet nev - er once re - flects That
 of - fers, Yet nev - er is con - tent Though
 trea - sure, My life, my health, my wealth, My



Je - sus, are my trea - sure! You on - ly, dear - est
 they are frail and flight - y. But what I tru - ly
 gold should fill its cof - fers. I have a high - er
 friend, my love, my plea - sure, My joy, my crown, my



Lord, My soul's de - light shall be; You are my
 prize A - bove all things is he, My Je - sus,
 good; Con - tent with it I'll be; My Je - sus,
 all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly. Once more then



peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 he a - lone. What is the world to me!
 is my wealth— What is the world to me!
 I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.



Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Family Bible Nights: August 9 & 16

Children PreK and up and adults invited 6:00—7:30 pm.

Children will get to learn about God's incredible sea creatures, have a Bible lesson, craft, games and closing ice cream/snacks for kids and adults. There will be an adult Bible class as well. Middle school/high school students can be helpers. Mark your calendars, sign up as you enter church and join us as we *Dive In!*



Sunday July 30: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service at 9:00 am with Holy Communion
8:00 – 8:45 am: Bible Study, sanctuary

Children's Message

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: Dave Olson
- Ushers: The Heath Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Refreshments: The Heath Family
- Altar Guild: Ava Ehlenbach and Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

Sunday August 6: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service at 9:00 with Holy Communion

8:00 – 8:45 am: Bible Study, sanctuary

WELS Connection

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: *TBA*
- Ushers: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Refreshments 10:00 am: *Volunteers needed*
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: *TBA*



The flowers on the altar were placed by Mark & Sandy Heath in celebration of Chad and Matt Heath's birthdays today.

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Chad Heath (7/30), Matt Heath (7/30), Nora Hurth (7/30), Joanna Switzky (7/30), Alison Marquardt (8/1), Rollie Manthe (8/2), Kevin Kopplin (8/3), Cal Olson (8/3) and Austin Andler (8/5) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Gary & Jessica Ruplinger (8/1), Elaine & Mike Wilson (8/1) and Jessica & John Schwark (8/5) who celebrate their anniversaries this Friday.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Donald Bauer (father of Rich Bauer), Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Bible Studies this week:

Sunday 8:00 am: The Lord's Supper, *sanctuary*

Tuesday 9:00 am: Song of Songs, *downstairs*

Wednesday 6:30 pm: *No Bible study August 2*

Thursday 6:30 pm: *No Christian Doctrine Class August 3*

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): **Matthew**

DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Looking ahead:

- **August 3:** Ladies Friendship Circle outing—Tour of Epicenter and lunch following. Leave church at 9:00 am, tour at 10:00 am.
- **August 6:** WELS Wind Ensemble “Celebrate America!” summer concert. Osthoff Resort near Elkhart Lake. Free admission. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. 2:00 pm.
- **August 9: Family Bible Night, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**
- **August 13:** WELS Wind Ensemble “Celebrate America!” summer concert. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall – Beaver Dam. Free admission and hot dog supper. Air conditioned. Ample parking. 4:00 pm.
- **August 16: Family Bible Night, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**
- **September 3: Sunday Worship services return to 8:00 & 10:30 time.**
- **September 10: New school year for Sunday school and teen class begins.**
- **November 10 – 12: WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for 2023, Camp Phillip**