

A NEW ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Generous Lives, *Faithful Legacies*

The 'Why' of Wealth & Grace

Begins Sunday, September 20

11:00 AM • Fellowship Hall

Coffee • Conversation

• All Are Welcome

Finishes by 11:45 AM

All Saints Lutheran Church

Everyone is Welcome here! Seriously, Everyone!

17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 20, 2026 at 9:30 am

Wales, WI



WELCOME TO WORSHIP THIS MORNING!

We are glad that you've come to worship with us.

Everything you need to participate in this morning's service is in your handout.

We celebrate God's love and forgiveness with Holy Communion

every Sunday and you are welcome to join us.

All Saints Lutheran Church is a Reconciled in Christ Congregation.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture,

every sexual orientation and gender identity,

any socio-economic status and every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers.



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Welcome to Worship!

Congregational Responses will be in Bold.

PRELUDE

Pastor Jennifer Rose

WELCOME AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING HYMN “Take My Life, that I May Be”

#583 vs 1,2,4

LITANY

P: Already overburdened with the demands of work and leisure, family and friends, we come to this place in search of rest.

C: May we find here the strength to work for justice.

P: Forgiveness is elusive and anger is justified, too often we settle for the sweet fleeting fruit of revenge.

C: May we find here the patience to embody mercy.

P: Deluded by the world in which we live receiving power and prestige and money as just reward missing the Spirit's call to a life grounded in humble service.

C: May we find here the wisdom to walk in the Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

All Saints Handbell Choir

FIRST READING Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.

² He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

SECOND READING Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last

and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

MESSAGE

Pastor Jennifer Rose

HYMN OF THE DAY “As Saints of Old”

#695

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each prayer petition will end with:

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers will end with:

P: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

C: **And also with you.**

We encourage you to share God's peace however you are comfortable. Handshakes, high-5's, fist bumps, peace signs, and waves are all appropriate.

OFFERING

The offering is an act of worship. We offer a portion of what God has blessed us with for the purpose of doing God's work in the world through the church. You can donate via collection plate, by scanning the QR Code, or Texting to Give at 262-233-1776.



OFFERING MUSIC

All Saints Handbell Choir

POST OFFERING "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

#479 vs 1,3

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is a table of grace where all are welcome! Please come forward to receive Holy Communion. For those of you who are with us online, please find some sort of bread & wine/juice at home to use & share during Communion. Feel free to say to one another, "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you."

COMMUNION HYMN **"Lamb of God"** **#195**

COMMUNION HYMN **"Will You Come and Follow Me"** **#798**

COMMUNION HYMN **"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"** **#800**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN “Oh, Sing to the Lord”

#822 vs 1,3,5

SENDING

P: The God of love, draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope, grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Judy Knoernschild

Thank you for joining us for worship this Sunday!

Worship Participants	September 20 th	September 27 th
Reader	Tammy Zell	Cookie Brehm
Communion Servers	Brenda Calhoun, Carol Renner, and Rick Gasper	Kathy Neubert and Carol Renner
Communion Prep	Brenda Calhoun	Kathy Neubert
Greeters	Bethanne Cochenet	Kathy Neubert
Coffee Hosting	Kathy and Al Theis	Barb Diechl and Rebecca Seevers
Ushers	Dan and Christine Makovec	Tom and Rose Leben

[To sign up for Greeters and Readers, you can scan the QR Code.](#)

Coffee Hosts can sign up in the kitchen.

Ushers are assigned by Greg Cholka.



Save the Dates

If you would like to add an event to this list, please contact Amy Holland in the office.

Sept 26	Rest Stop Volunteer at Outreach for Hope's Run, Walk, Ride	Oct 25	Ministry Fair Trick or Treat Chili Contest
Oct 02	Game Night	Nov 01	All Saints Sunday
Oct 09	Hope Center Meal	Nov 15	Turkey Dinner

Wales Rest Stop Volunteers & Donations Needed



[Click Here to Sign Up to Volunteer or Donate Grab & Go Items](#)



CIRCLE GROUP

**MONDAYS, STARTING SEPTEMBER 21ST
7:00 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM**

We are a safe place for learning and discussion of issues of social justice. For the next several weeks, we will study Palestinian people and their history. We learn that even that statement can be inflammatory to some.

The Circle Group is a lay-led group for learning, discussion, prayer, and action around issues of social justice. All are welcome!

All are welcome.

Friday, October 9th at 5:00 pm

SERVING DINNER AT THE

HOPE CENTER

Many Hands make little work!

We are in need of milk, cookies & volunteers.

Please contact Kathy Neubert to sign up.



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September Bonus!

For every \$250 in gift cards ordered at the table during September,
you can pick a \$25 card of your choice!

*You receive a 10% bonus on your purchase,
and the Human Concerns team gets rebate on the gift cards you buy.
That is a Win-Win!*