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WELCOME TO GRACE!

We're glad you're here! May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone. You can follow along with the service using this worship folder or using the screens above the chancel. If you're new here, below is some helpful information about our sanctuary and our worship...

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AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

Preaching Minister: Pastor Sellnow

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Senior ushers: 8:00 AM – Jon Floerke / Nick Lincoln

10:30 AM - Dean Rovey / AJ McDunn

Organist: Rachel Kulhanek

A/V Team: 8:00 AM - Tracey Moreland / Mark Breiling

10:30 AM - Paul Sullivan

ABOUT THE THEME

As someone rises through the ranks at work, there are typically benefits: higher salary, more authority, better benefits. However, there is often a corresponding increase in responsibility: longer hours, more meetings, raised expectations. So, if someone is offered a promotion, they might ask, "Is this worth it?" It is similar in God's kingdom. As our faith grows, there are obvious benefits: the comfort of knowing you are a redeemed and loved child of God, the peace of knowing your eternity is secure. However, increased faith also increases duty. There are ever more opportunities for service. This week, Jesus has sharp words for those who want the benefits of being Christian but would shirk those responsibilities. However, to lead us to take up those responsibilities, our Savior doesn't threaten or cajole. He helps us see that while increased faith increases duty, increased duty increases delight. The believer knows he serves the One who came to serve us first. Just as Christ's service brought him great joy, so does our service to others.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

CW 918

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; our hearts in true devotion bow. Your Spirit send with grace divine, and let your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing your praise; our souls to you in worship raise.

Make strong our faith; increase our light that we may know your name aright

Until we join the hosts that cry, "O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place we then shall see you face to face.

All glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessèd Trinity, be praise throughout eternity!

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(Please stand)

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Absolution CW 188

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

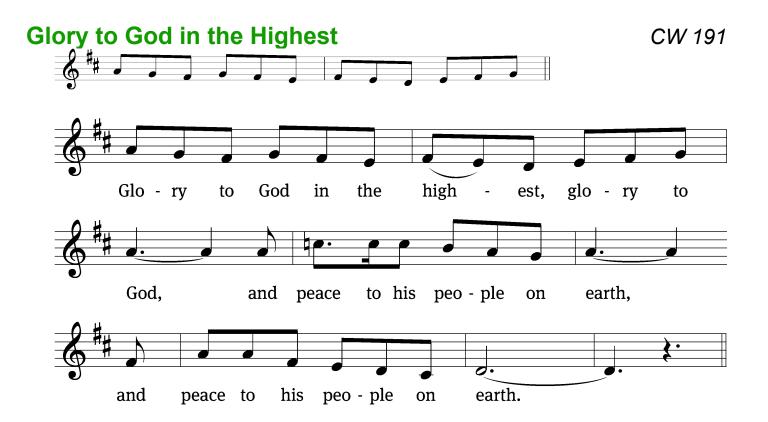
Lord, have mercy.

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. Lord, have mercy.

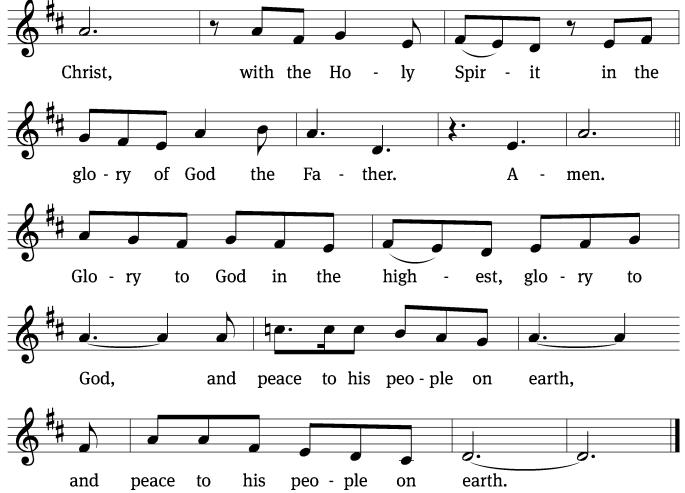
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**







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Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading

1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-18

In faith, the people of Israel understood that all their wealth came from the LORD. So, they joyfully embraced the privilege of donating generously to the construction of the LORD's temple

¹Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. ²With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

¹⁰David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

¹²Wealth and honor come from you;

you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

13Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Men's Octet (8:00) Grades 3-8 (10:30)

"By Faith" "By Faith" (CW868)

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12

St. Paul thanks God for increasing the faith of the Thessalonians, enabling them to better love one another and to persevere even during persecution

¹Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

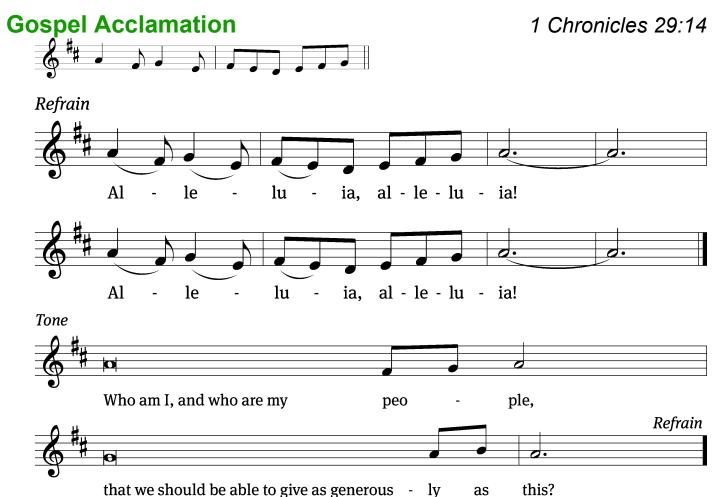
⁵All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

¹¹With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹²We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)



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Gospel Luke 17:1–10

With the apostles, we pray, "Lord, increase our faith," then joyfully embrace the opportunities to serve that come along with that blessing.

¹Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ²It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³So watch yourselves.

"If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them." ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly Brothers, sisters, let us gladly give to God our all, our best: service hearty, thorough, honest, with a living love impressed. All our duty, all our striving, all our time to him belong; praise him, then, with true devotion, come before him with a song.

By his mercy, by his bounty, by the gift of Christ, his Son, what great goodness he has shown us, what high marvels he has done!

Let us to him promptly, freely, yield our bodies and our souls, thankful that his love protects us, that his wisdom all controls.

Gracious Lord, accept our service for the sake of Christ, your Son; lo, our hope abides now only in the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us, help and guide us, watch to comfort and restore, till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, praising you forevermore.

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Sermon Luke 17:1-10

UNWORTHY SERVANTS MADE WORTHY TO SERVE

(Please 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 truly 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.

(Please be seated)

New Member Welcome (10:30)

Zachary Ott

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special Intercessions

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever. **Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Offerings of Love to Our Lord

Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!

Remember to mark if you are communing.

(Please stand)

Preface CW 199

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

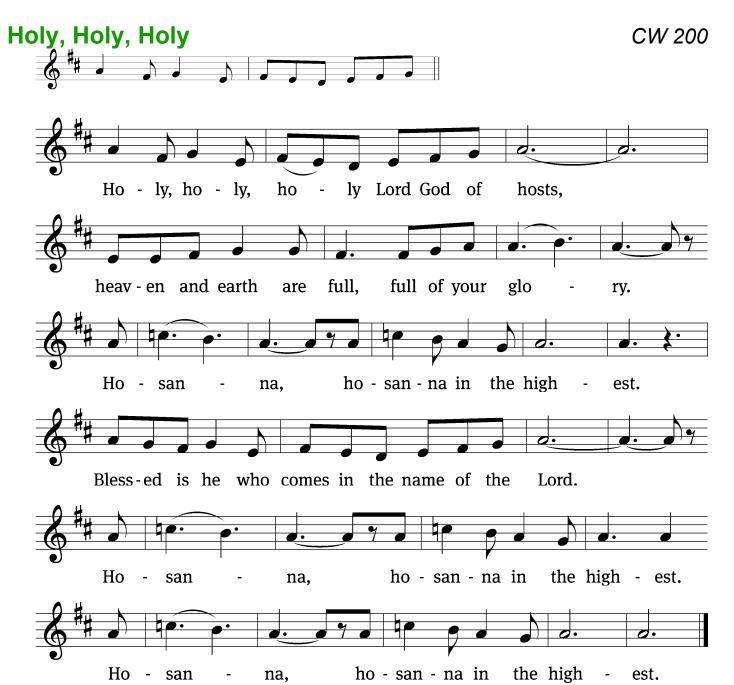
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**



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Distribution

In **Holy Communion** we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one

another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (**Wisconsin Synod**), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.

Distribution Hymn: I Know My Faith Is Founded

CW 797

I know my faith is founded on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord; and this my faith confessing, unmoved I stand upon his Word. Our reason cannot fathom the truth of God profound;

who trusts in worldly wisdom relies on shifting ground.

God's Word is all-sufficient, it makes divinely sure, and, trusting in its wisdom, my faith shall rest secure.

Increase my faith, dear Savior,
for Satan seeks by night and day
to rob me of this treasure
and take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with you beside me
I shall be undismayed;
and led by your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
a firmer faith bestow;

then I shall bid defiance to ev'ry evil foe.

In faith, Lord, let me serve you;
though persecution, grief, and pain should seek to overwhelm me,
let me a steadfast trust retain.
And then at my departure,
at home with you I'll be,
and there will I inherit
all you have promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
until your heav'n I gain,
where I by your great mercy
the end of faith attain.

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Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing CW 668

Jesus comes today with healing, knocking at my door, appealing, off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He himself makes preparation, and I hear his invitation:

"Come and taste the blessèd feast."

Christ himself, the priest presiding, yet in bread and wine abiding in this holy sacrament, gives the bread of life, once broken,

and the cup, the precious token of his sacred covenant.

Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy, blood and body, giv'n for me, very Lamb of God from heaven, who to bitter death was given, hung upon the cursèd tree.

God descends with heav'nly power, gives himself to me this hour in this ordinary sign.
On my tongue his pledge receiving, I accept his grace, believing that I taste his love divine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor, bidden by his gracious call.

Wedding garments he provides me, with a robe of white he hides me, fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation, balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error, makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Proclamation

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Hymn: Lord Jesus, You Have Come

Lord Jesus, you have come
a teacher sent from heaven
and by both word and deed
God's truth to us have given.
You wisely have ordained
the holy ministry
that we, your flock, may know
the truth that sets us free.

O blessèd ministry
of reconciliation,
that shows the way to God
and brings to us salvation!
Lord, by your gospel pure
you bless and keep your fold,
you call, enlighten, keep,
you comfort and uphold.

Preserve this ministry
while harvest days are keeping;
and since the fields are ripe
and hands are few for reaping,
send workers forth, O Lord,
the sheaves to gather in
that not a soul be lost
which you have come to win.

The servants you have called and to your Church are giving preserve in doctrine pure

and holiness of living.
Your Spirit fill their hearts
and charge their words with pow'r;
what they should boldly speak,
O give them in that hour!

Bring those into your fold
who still to you are strangers;
guard those who are within
against offense and dangers.
Press onward with your Word
till pastor and his fold
through faith in you, O Christ,
your glory shall behold.

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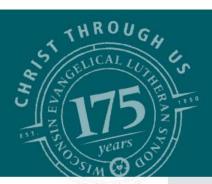
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"By sheer grace and God's guidance, the 'WELS Forty-Niners' struck rich 'pay dirt' in the 'mother lode' of Christian missions in Central Africa."

 Edgar Hoenecke, a member of the "WELS Forty-Niners" mission exploratory team to Africa

THE WELS FORTY-NINERS

As the Great Depression began, the Wisconsin Synod was saddled with a crippling debt of nearly \$750,000. Building projects in New Ulm and Mobridge and years of deficit spending

coupled with the depressed economy led to a debt that hindered mission work and left seminary graduates without calls.

Beginning in 1935, the synod began a concerted effort to pay down the debt. This effort was spearheaded by Rev. Edgar Hoenecke, a pastor in Michigan. He produced bulletins that were sent to congregations and members highlighting the work of the synod, showing the progress of the debt repayment, and encouraging people to make contributions. God blessed these efforts. By 1945, the synod had a surplus of almost \$350,000.



The 4,000-mile trek of Hoenecke and Wacker.

At the 1945 synod convention, Hoenecke encouraged the synod to pursue overseas mission work. The end of World War II brought optimism and opportunities. It took until 1947 for the synod to decide to send an exploratory team to Africa and until 1949 to find two men willing to go. Hoenecke and his friend and fellow Michigan pastor, Arthur Wacker, volunteered to leave their congregations and families for over three months.

Their journey included an 8,000-mile sea voyage to Cape Town, South Africa, followed by a 4,000-mile trek across southern and central Africa in a five-ton Dodge Power Wagon that served as their sleeping quarters, kitchen, and workspace. Overcoming weather problems, difficult travel on muddy roads and bridgeless rivers, and vehicle repair needs, they eventually arrived at Lusaka in the British



Edgar Hoenecke and Arthur Wacker with their exploratory mission vehicle the day before their departure.

territory of Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia).

In 1953, this became the first WELS mission in Africa. Work expanded to Malawi in 1963. A seminary and Bible Institute were established in the 1960s to train African pastors and evangelists. The Central Africa Medical Mission was founded in 1961. Today, the Lutheran Church of Central Africa-Zambia and the Lutheran Church of Central Africa-Malawi are independent, self-governing church bodies numbering more than 45,000 baptized members between the two synods.

Hoenecke and Wacker have been dubbed the "WELS Forty-Niners." Hoenecke wrote 40 years later, "By sheer grace and God's guidance, the 'WELS Forty-Niners' struck rich 'pay dirt' in the 'mother lode' of Christian missions in Central Africa."

> WELS Christ's Love, Our Calling.

UNWORTHY SERVANTS MADE WORTHY TO SERVE

Luke 17:1-10

What are some things in your life that have made you feel like you were good enough or worthy? What makes you question your self-worth?
Agree/Disagree: As Christians we should have great self-confidence.
Why is Jesus' command to avoid not just sinning but leading others into sin so hard to follow? How can we seek to honor this command better?
When was the last time you told someone "I forgive you"? Do you feel like this is an easy thing to do or not? Why or why not?

Why does the object of faith matter more than the size of your faith? How can focusing on faith's object rather than faith's size help you when you struggle with sin and sanctified living?

Explain how both can be true: We are unworthy servants who should not expect any praise from God for simply doing what we ought. We are worthy servants of God who will receive praise from him for all we do in faith.

MISSING SOMETHING?

Announcements are now located in our weekly "News & Announcements".

- Upcoming Events
- Financial Updates
- Attendance Numbers
- Digital Giving Options
- and more!

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