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Today's Focus

"CONFIRMATION SUNDAY"

MAY 5, 2024

Welcome! Holy Word is a community of Christians experiencing life together in the grace and peace of Jesus. Here you will find a family culture, easy access to Bible teaching at all levels, community connection, personable staff, and the unity of our belief and mission. Whether you are a first time guest, a seeker, skeptic or lost soul, or a long time Christian, we invite you to get to know us. Come as you are!

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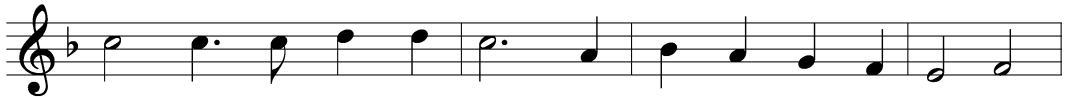
Connection Cards: Welcome to all our guests and members this morning. We'd like to get to know you better. To help us, please fill out the connection card inside your worship folder. Prayer requests and feedback are also welcome. Place the card in the offering plates or hand it to an usher after the service. God bless your week!

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Children in Worship: We love kids in church and we love families worshipping together. To enhance the children's worship experience, we have a kids sermon during the service. We encourage parents to work through the service folder with their children to help them follow along. We have orange busy bags in the nursery available for the children. If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to use the Nursery (in the church lobby), hallways or fellowship hall, all are equipped with sound from the service.

Welcome & Invocation

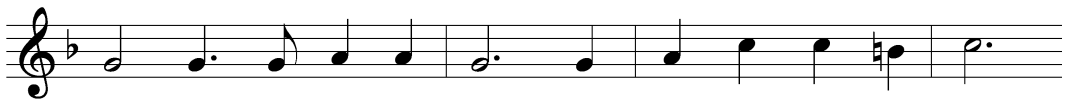
Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God | Blue Hymnal 597



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Martin Rinkert, 1586–1649
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
Text and tune: Public domain

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Group: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

**Group: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of
heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed
by my fault,
by my own fault,
by my own grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.**

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord grants you pardon,
forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

Group: Amen.

Hymn: Glory Be to God the Father | Blue Hymnal 608



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to
2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, washed us from each



God the Son, glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
spot and stain; glo - ry be to him who bought us,



great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,



glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry to the Lamb that once was slain!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Tune: Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919

Text and tune: Public domain

First Reading

Acts 9:36-42

Elder Matt Wordell

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴²This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Blue Hymnal 708



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to
2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -



sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,



call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a
bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my



name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813, ed. John Wyeth

Text and tune: Public domain

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-11, 19-21

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Children's Message

Young worshipers are invited to the front of the church for a Bible message just for them.

Hymn: May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill | Blue Hymnal 697



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on
2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;
dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.
hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra-cious help sup - ply.



still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your
One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of
To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian



chil - dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same: a glo - rious crown of life.
fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1789–1863, alt.

Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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Sermon | “Best Friends Forever” | John 15:9-17

Pastor Joel Hering

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

Profession of Faith -- The Rite of Confirmation

Today Ian Gould, Isaac Khamrang and Timothy Steinke come forward to profess their faith in God and desire to continue in the Christian faith at Holy Word Lutheran Church.



Prayer of the Church and 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.**

Our Gift of Thanks

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

During this time we collect financial offerings as gifts for the work of God at Holy Word. We will pass around the offering plates at this time. Anyone may also give online at www.holyword.net.

For your convenience, you may also scan the image printed here with your phone. This QR code will take you directly to the church offering website.



Blessing

Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | Blue Hymnal 563



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Tune: John Stainer, 1840–1901, alt.

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Holy Word Happenings



Confirmation at Holy Word: Share in the joy of maturing faith as three of our Holy Word teens are confirmed in the Lutheran faith today. Following the worship service the congregation can meet the confirmands in the fellowship hall and cake will be served. There will also be personal displays set up to browse and perhaps leave a card of encouragement for the confirmands.



Annual End of School Splash Party: Mark your calendars! Following the worship service on Sunday, May 19 from 11-1:30pm, our church will be hosting an end of the year outdoor party for our members and our families from our Holy Word Christian Academy! With a church picnic feel, we encourage everyone to bring their favorite yard games, lawn chairs and swimsuits/towels as we will have a water slide and foam machine again this year. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, veggies, watermelon, popsicles and drinks will be provided for all to enjoy! This is a fun-filled event for our church and center families to get to know each other better and build relationships. We hope you can join us in this end of the school year celebration!



HWCA Happenings: Enjoy some Holy Word Christian Academy updates by checking out our weekly newsletter by scanning this QR code.



April 22 - April 26

Connect Groups



Youth in the Middle: Our 5th thru 8th graders are invited to our Youth in the Middle outing to Typhoon Texas in Pflugerville on Saturday, May 18, from 11am-2:30pm. Please bring swimsuits, towels and sunscreen. Cost of tickets: FREE — compliments of HolyWord. **Please RSVP by TODAY, May 5,, so that we may purchase the tickets in time.**

Forever Young: Our senior connect group will be meeting Thursday, May 9 in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. Robert Timmerman will be our guest speaker. ***Make plans now to come and enjoy a morning and lunch with friends and friends you may not yet have met.***

Save the Date - Freshman Night: All in-coming (Fall 2024) high school freshmen are invited to come see what Holy Word's Youth in Christ is all about. Wednesday, May 15, 7pm at Chad & Cindy White's house (2100 Mimosa Trail in Round Rock). For more information, and to RSVP please contact Mrs. Cindy White at youth@holyword.net.



Women's Book Club: Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 17 at 7pm to discuss the book *Surviving Savannah* by Patti Callahan Henry. We'll be meeting at Pat Moore's house, 1110 Blackthorn Dr. in Pflugerville. New members are always welcome.

Teen & Youth 2024 Summer Camps: Hey Holy Word teens & youth!
Take a week away from screens and schedules to enjoy a week long Sabbath rest in Scripture surrounded by Christians your own age at the Camp Shiloh Summer Camps in east Texas.

Dates:

Teen Camp (entering 9th grade - entering 12th grade) - June 16-21

Youth Camp (entering 4th grade - entering 8th grade) - June 23-28

Registration is now open: www.campshilohretreat.org/about



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HOLY WORD BIRTHDAYS:

Debbie Parrish	05/06	Caleb Steinke	05/08
Timothy Steinke	05/06	Amory Stephenson	05/09
Porsha Dean	05/07	Kaitlyn Gotta	05/11
Lucy Hering	05/08	Jack Parrish	05/11

THIS WEEK AT HOLY WORD

MONDAY

6:00 pm. Elders Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Gebert)

6:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Rorstrom)

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast (Jim's Restaurant)

10:00 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 pm Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm Youth in Christ (White's house)

THURSDAY

10:00 am Forever Young (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY

10:30 am Friday South Austin Bible Study (Siirila's house)

6:00 pm Friday Meditations (Khamrang's house)

SUNDAY (*Mother's Day*)

9:30 am Worship & Communion

10:45 am Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Young Professionals Bible Study (Conference Room)

Teen Bible Study (Childcare Center)

Kids Bible Study (Childcare Center)

4:00 pm Hope & Healing Families (Online)

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Taste of Missions 2024: Register today for Taste of Missions, a hybrid event that will be held on Saturday, June 15, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis. Attend in person **OR online for free and watch all events via livestream, view additional video updates from missionaries, and try your hand at making one of the many ethnic recipes shared on the website.** Learn more and register at tasteofmissions.com.