

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 30, 2025, 8:00 & 10:15am



Jesus Crushes Our Enemies: Our Condemnation with His Grace

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Welcome to Immanuel *where God is with us!*



'Immanuel' is a name the Bible uses for Jesus. It means '*God is with us.*' When born Christmas Day, Jesus is literally 'with us.' He lives 'with us' to save us. Jesus is still 'with us.' We have his words, the Bible. It teaches our constant need for a Savior, reveals God's forgiveness, and guides our Christian living.

To our guests, we extend a warm welcome and are happy to have you worship with us! If you have questions for our pastor, please catch him after service. He would love to assist as possible.

Our congregation offers these services should you need them:

- Copies of the sermon are on usher's cart at the back of the sanctuary.
- Bible story color sheets, also on the usher's cart.
- A nursery at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Restrooms directly behind the sanctuary, a water cooler to your left.

Today's Worship Focus



Christ is the center of our worship. We follow a yearly set of readings that explores and applies the life, work, and teachings of Christ for us.

We are in the church season of **Lent**. Lent means 'lengthen.' It occurs as daylight 'lengthens.' We humbly meditate on the seriousness of our sins and the depth of Christ's love that took our sins upon himself.

Prayers before service may be found in the blue hymnal, page III & 255-258.

Our worship service is printed in this bulletin (also printed in the hymnal; The Service: Setting One, page 154). Consider taking a moment to become familiar with it.

Current Series: Jesus Crushes Our Enemies

March 23: False security with his faithfulness

March 30: Our condemnation with his grace

All people operate under some principle. The sinful heart resists obeying God. The Spirit-filled embrace God. Which describes you?

April 6 Reflection with divine exaltation

April 13 Opposition with his humility

INVOCATION

Minister: We gather here today, mindful of God's Word which was used when we were granted the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Baptism:

Congregation: **"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**
(Matthew 28:19)

CONFESSION OF SINS

At our baptism Christ clothed us with the robe of his righteousness and gave us a new life in his name. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

Almighty Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We cannot earn any forgiveness, nor do we. But with repentant hearts we turn to you for mercy, seeking your grace. In your unfailing love and promises, forgive us, restore us, and lead us, so that we may be justified and renewed, and may live to the glory of your holy name.

Hymn #657, verses 1-3

"Baptismal Waters Cover Me"



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me as I ap -
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, his bod - y
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part your heal - ing



proach on bend - ed knee; my Fa - ther's mer - cy
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore him
to my bro - ken heart; your love a - lone can



here I plead, for griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
all my sin, my dark - est se - crets from with - in.
form in me a heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.

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.

Amen.

Hymn #657, verses 4-5

"Baptismal Waters Cover Me"



4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; your shep - herd

5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



speaks, but you are heard; through him your hand now
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



stretch - es out, for - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
strong em - brace, with joy I praise him for his grace.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience. We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 12:1-6

God's grace turns fear of our condemnation into the joy of our salvation

¹In that day you will say: "I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has

become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴In that day you will say: “Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 32

Refrain



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;



re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Psalm tone



Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,*
whose sins are covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;*
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you*
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”*
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Refrain

You are my hiding place;*
you will protect me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the wicked,*
but the LORD’S unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-10

The Holy Spirit sets people free from condemnation through faith in Christ Jesus

¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 15:10

Refrain



Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Refrain

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The father forgives the foolish and reaches out to those jealous of his generosity

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³Then Jesus told them this parable...:¹¹ "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had

spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. ²⁵“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY #570

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”



1	God	loved	the	world	so	that	he	gave	his	on - ly
2	Christ	is	the	sol - id	rock	of	faith,	who	was	made
3	God	would	not	have	the	sin - ner	die;	his	Son	with
4	Be	of	good	cheer,	for	God's	own	Son	for - gives	the



Son the lost to save that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

5 *If you are sick, if death is near,
 this truth your troubled heart can
 cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;
 this is the anchor of my faith!*

6 *Glory to God the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessèd Trinity,
 be praise now and eternally!*

SERMON

Romans 8:1-10

Set Free by the Holy Spirit

1. from a condemnation we could not escape.
2. for a life defined by righteousness and peace.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor will lead prayer

OFFERING

At this time our offering will be brought forward and presented to the Lord. For those still desiring to give an offering, an offering plate remains near the Usher's Cart at the back of the church.

HYMN #559

"If Your Beloved Son, O God"



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, had not to earth de -
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; de - spair no more reigns
3 I trust in him with all my heart; now all my sor - row
4 All right-eous-ness by works is vain; the law brings con - dem -
5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my



scend - ed and in our mor - tal flesh and blood had not sin's
o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, for Christ has
ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; his blood from
na - tion. True right-eous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is
Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, you my debt have paid and gained for



pow - er end - ed, then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine in
borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me he died that,
guilt re - leas - es. Free grace thro' him I now ob - tain; he
my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, has
me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, fount of grace, the



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide with you, my God, for - ev - er.
wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, and pure I stand be - fore him.
paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; in him my hope is an - chored.
good in me to you I trace; in faith and hope pre - serve me.

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. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

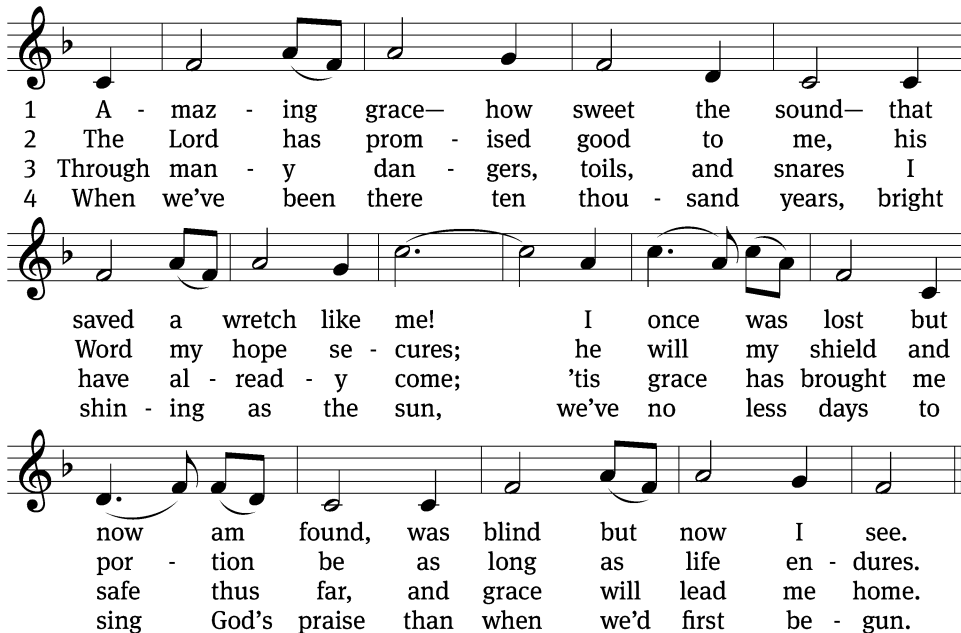
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #576

"Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to
now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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NORTHLAND NOTES

NLHS SUMMER CAMPS Do you have a younger student or sibling in grades 3-9? Summer camp sign-ups are now available for various sports and activities at Northland. Registration forms can be found on the church's bulletin board.

PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM (PSCP)- Each year parents must complete the **Online Parent Application**. Please consider completing this early, as people occasionally run into difficulties when filling it out. If you have questions about the application or qualification processes for the Choice Program, please contact Shannon Schmidt (sschmidt@nlhs.org) or Ryan Wiechmann (rwiechmann@nlhs.org) at NLHS.

NLHS Annual Together We Shine Annual Silent Auction & Soup Cook-Off is Sunday, April 27th Noon - 3pm at Northland Lutheran High School. We are looking for the following assistance: event volunteers, donor solicitors, donations, soup chefs, bake sale items and more. Event Sponsorships are also available with advertising benefits. Please contact Brenda Kruncos at 715-571-4420 or brenda@mistylane.org for more information. All proceeds raised will benefit Northland Lutheran High School.

PIES!! Who likes to eat pie? Who likes to make pies? NLHS Together We Shine Silent Auction & Soup Cook-Off is adding Mouth-Watering Pies to the Silent Auction. We are looking for any variety of whole pies: fruit, pudding, meat, chicken pot pie, etc. fresh, refrigerated, or frozen. Call or email Brenda Kruncos at 715-571-4420 brenda@mistylane.org to preregister your pie for the auction. Pies need to be delivered to NLHS prior to noon on Sunday, April 27th.

We are looking for people to help us insulate walls in the gym. Is your Christ-compelled heart able to help out? Please contact NLHS Office for additional information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday (3/30)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:15 AM	Worship Sunday School / Bible Study Worship Filling Easter Eggs
Tuesday (4/1)	6:30 PM	Ladies Aid
Wednesday (4/2)	3:45 PM 5:15 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Soup and Sandwich Supper Midweek Lenten Worship
Saturday (4/5)	10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday (4/6)	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Worship (with Holy Communion) Sunday School / Bible Study Worship (with Holy Communion)

BIBLE STUDY *Sunday mornings at 9:00am* - Nowhere do we find the gospel more clearly presented than in the story of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. On the Sundays leading up to Easter, study the Glory of Jesus' Suffering, Death, and Resurrection. You will have the opportunity to hear familiar Lenten readings, discover your present needs in those ancient events, and then marvel at how Jesus so completely satisfies our soul's greatest need. This class runs until April 13th. All materials are provided.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES continue Wednesdays at 6:30pm. *“The Lord is not slow to do what he promised. ...Instead, he is patient for your sakes, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance”* (2 Peter 3:9). Scripture’s call to repentance is intended as a way of life. Join us as we explore the depths of our sinful depravity, the brokenness of our relationship with God, our dire need for rescue, and the good news of forgiveness, cleansing, and rejoicing in our restored relationship with God and the promise of eternal life through Jesus our Savior.

Before the midweek Lenten Services, you are invited to join your Immanuel family for dinner. If you would like to provide a soup and/or sandwich, please sign up on the list located near the usher’s stand. All help is very much appreciated! Dinner starts at 5:15pm.

EASTER BRUNCH is scheduled between Immanuel’s two Easter Day services. The menu is set; several items are still needed. To help, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the Usher’s Cart You may also contact Adam Baarts (715.496.7625) with any questions.

EASTER FOR KIDS The Immanuel Lutheran Church Community Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 5th at 10:00am. We will fill Easter Eggs with candy after the 10:15am service **today**. If you would like to fill eggs at home, empty eggs and bags can be found under the mailboxes. **Are you able to volunteer an hour of your time for the event?** A sign up on the entryway’s bulletin board lists help needed. Please sign up if interested! Thank you.

OWLS Our April OWLS meeting will be very interesting, Jeff (Marathon Sheriff Department) will be giving a presentation on SCAMS. The meeting will be April 8th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mosinee. It all starts at 11:30, snacks will be served. Guests are encouraged to attend. Questions contact Evan or Sandy Dobberfuhl 715-693-1337.

THE REASON FOR HOPE For a variety of reasons, Easter is one church service that people consider attending. (The other being Christmas.) Generally speaking, that means people are at least willing to consider attending Easter worship. Will people listen to you invite them? Probably. Will they actually come? Maybe. Will you still be friends if they do not come? Most likely.

Maybe you have someone in mind that you want to invite to worship. Immanuel provides postcards for you to share. Your congregation has also prepared a video invitation you may share through text, Facebook, or email. (Find the video at: immanuelmosinee.com | top menu: 'Livestream'). We pray these resources help you invite that someone comfortably and naturally.

SISTERS IN CHRIST SPRING EVENT Immanuel, Mosinee, will host the Spring Sister's In Christ event Friday, April 11th, 6:00pm. All women are welcome to attend. Local florist Fawn Mueller (Inspired by Nature) will run the hour-long class. Cost is \$35 for flowers and supplies. Learn tips in creating a beautiful floral arrangement and create your own just in time for your Easter celebrations. Sign up emailing [Cassy Ewald cinderella.ewald@gmail.com](mailto:Cassy.Ewald@gmail.com) or by visiting the Sister's In Christ Facebook page. Money is due the night of the event. Come enjoy some yummy snacks and fellowship.

SAVE THE DATES Maundy Thursday service is Thursday, April 17th at 6:30pm...Good Friday service is Friday, April 18th at 6:30pm... Immanuel is preparing two Easter services, each different, but complimenting each other. First service is 6:30am; the second at 9:00am. Consider your opportunity to praise your crucified and risen Lord!

PIGGLY WIGGLY FUND Thanks to all who have been saving Lee's Piggly Wiggly receipts. We have **\$7,343** in the Pig Fund. For every 2,500 Pig Points Immanuel receives a \$25 gift card, which is then sold to members of the congregation. Money collected from selling gift cards is used for local ministry. A box labeled 'Piggly Wiggly Receipts' is near the mailboxes for you to deposit receipts.

Serving You in Worship:			
	Usher	Live Streaming	Display
Today March 30, 8:00 AM	Jeff Wendorf	Matt Sondelski	Aidan Sondelski
Today March 30, 10:15 AM	Kevin Leder		James Leder
Wednesday April 2, 6:30 PM	Evan Dobberfuhl	Joel Suckow	Janie Dawson
Next Week Sunday April 6, 8:00 AM	Dan Cihlar	MaryBeth Cihlar	Kayla Cihlar
Next Week Sunday April 6, 10:15 AM	Doug Colrud	--	Ben Colrud



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DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS,
 HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS AMONG ALL PEOPLES. PSALM 96:3 NKJ

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

W&L'S MISSIONS IN EUROPE

GREG SCHIBBELHUT
 OF THE EUROPE TEAM
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

REGISTRATION 8:30 A.M.
with yummy breakfast treats

OPENING WORSHIP
9:00 A.M.

CLOSING DEVOTION
NOON

MISSION PROJECTS World: **CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION** #WWM-2024-07
 Home: **FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OUTREACH** #HIM-2024-004



Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visit www.lwms.org for more information about LWMS.

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF WELS



“Look and see here a multitude from six church bodies which, only a few years ago, stood opposing each other—today they praise God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in one spirit with a single voice.”

– C. F. W. Walther, at the constituting convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America in 1872

FINDING FELLOWSHIP

When the Wisconsin Synod was organized in 1850, two other German Lutheran synods were already in the area. Conservative Missouri Synod leaders were not initially impressed by what they saw. They knew that many of the early Wisconsin Synod congregations were functionally “union” congregations where Lutherans and Reformed worshiped together. It was also well-known that the Wisconsin Synod relied on help from unionist mission societies in Germany. Some Wisconsin leaders, such as the first synod president, Johannes Muehlhaeuser, held a mutual disdain for the Missourians and considered them to be too strict and unevangelical.

Matters only got worse when Wisconsin Synod pastors began serving splinter groups from Missouri Synod congregations. Missouri Synod leaders, such as C. F. W. Walther, printed harsh criticisms of the Wisconsin Synod. The younger generation of Wisconsin Synod pastors, including Johannes Bading (elected synod president in 1860), saw that most of these criticisms could not be ignored or downplayed and worked to bring the synod into better alignment with God’s Word.

The Wisconsin Synod desired the godly goal of fellowship with fellow Christians who believed and taught God's Word faithfully. At first, it was hoped that connections with mission societies in Germany and other Lutheran synods in the eastern part of the United States would work out. But it soon became clear to most that faithful teaching and practice were often compromised for external forms of unity.

A turning point came in 1868 when the Wisconsin Synod cut ties with the mission societies.

The Wisconsin Synod reached out to Missouri Synod leaders to clarify its commitment to genuine Lutheran doctrine, and fellowship was established. Both sides rejoiced in their shared public confession of all the teachings of Scripture.

In July 1872, at Bading's congregation in Milwaukee, the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America held its constituting convention—a federation of six synods joining together: Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and Norwegian. It was the largest association of Lutherans in North America and provided many areas of cooperation to build God's kingdom for almost one hundred years.



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Johannes Bading (top), president of the Wisconsin Synod, and C. F. W. Walther (bottom left), president of the Missouri Synod, were key players in the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America.

Want to learn more about WELS history?
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