

**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door front entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the steps in the back of the church.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and the Sacraments. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 260 (40, 220)      **Bible Study:** 56 (3, 3, 10, 40)

Sunday	8:00 p.m.	Calvary Academy Bible Study, basement
	9:00 a.m.	Mission Festival Worship with Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Athletic Association Meeting, church
	6:30 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, basement
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word—My Life Class, Cindy's Café
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school
	7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee, church
	7:30 p.m.	Building Finance Committee Meeting, school
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church basement
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	6:30 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class
	7:30 p.m.	Band
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class
	7:30 p.m.	Worship
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ Light Bible Study, basement
Sunday	8:00 p.m.	Calvary Academy Bible Study, basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:30 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, basement



**Communion** is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

**Mission Festival** Thank you to Pastor Roger Schultz for being our guest pastor for Mission Festival this morning. Pastor Schultz is the President of Calvary Academy Ministries in South Milwaukee. Calvary Academy has been ministering to troubled teens for ten years. There

will be an 8-minute video presentation about this ministry after worship. Refreshments will be served in the church basement after the video. Please join us!

**Athletic Association** will meet Sunday after worship.

**Sunday School** for 3 to 5 year olds will begin this Sunday. The children will leave for the class in the church basement when the announcements begin after worship.

**His Word—My Life Bible Study** will begin A Study of World Religions this week. Join us Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement or Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Cindy's Café.

**Youth Group Bible Study** will begin on Monday, September 11. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the school basement. Open gym will follow.

**Building Finance Committee** will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the school basement.

**Worship Committee** will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement.

**Tuesday Bible Study** will begin this Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. We will study The Smallcald Articles. Please join us. Children are welcome.

**Choir and Band** will begin this Wednesday. Please consider joining one or both of these groups to praise God and proclaim his Word musically. Band will meet at 7:30 p.m. Choir will meet at 8:15 p.m. Both will meet in the school basement.

**Questions/Comments** about our congregation may be directed to:

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**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
September 7 & 10, 2006

**Peace Through Jesus**  
**Know it. Live it. Share it.**

**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, you are beyond my understanding. Help me rejoice in what I do understand; you love me and have taken away my sins. Amen*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Service**

Common Service (p. 15)

**Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**

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**Preservice Music:**

Akaiye Schmidt

**Hymns:**

505, 556, 314, 506, 316

**Prayer of the Day**

*Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 71 (p. 92)

**Special Music:** after creed

*Take the World, but Give Me Jesus* Grades 6-8

**Sermon:** John 14:23-24

**A House or A Home?**

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Series B

*Strengthened by the gospel, we faithfully confess the truth in words and actions.*

### **First Lesson:** Joshua 24:1,2a, 14-18

*Joshua declares his family's intention to serve God and encourages the Israelite families to walk with God.*

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says...Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

### **Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 71 (p. 92)

*God has helped us in the past. God will help us in the future. That is our confidence when we are ridiculed and persecuted.*

### **Second Lesson:** Ephesians 5:21-31

*God has made us his children by his grace in Christ. We live according to his will to thank him. Here he gives us his will for husbands and wives.*

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, clean-

ing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10)

### **Gospel:** John 6:60-69

*Many leave the banquet after the Bread of Life discourse. May we continue to feed on the Bread of Life and faithfully confess him in our words and actions.*

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

### **Sermon:** John 14:23-24

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.



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