

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 370 (15, 355) **Bible Study:** 90 (9, 5, 7, 44, 8, 15, 2)

Monday 7:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Class, Crossroads Café
8:45 a.m. School Opening Worship Service
Tuesday 4:00 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, church basement
Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship
Friday Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 2:00 p.m. Wedding
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting, church

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.

Adult Christ Light Class will meet Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café. This week we will look at *Heaven* as we study Revelation 4, 5, 7, 21, and 22. Join us! The Sunday morning Adult Christ-Light Class will begin on Sunday, September 9. We will meet in the church basement at 8:00 a.m.

School Opening Worship will be Monday morning at 8:45 a.m. in the school basement. Everyone is invited to join us for this worship service!

“Bread of Life” Ladies Aid Cookbook: If you are looking for some of the great recipes or the secrets of the great cooks of Morrison here is your chance. The cookbooks have arrived. They have over 500 recipes Each 3-ring bound, hardcover cookbook costs \$13.00 and will also include a stand. They are available in the church basement or at school. If you have any questions on how to purchase your book please ask, Diane Suchomel, Janice Kuchenbecker, Paula Griepentrog, Julie Ossmann, Mary Laabs, or Nancy Pantzlaff.

19-Minute Bible Study Thank you to everyone who joined us in sharpening each other (Proverbs 27:17) at the 19-Minute Bible Studies this summer. It was amazing to see how deeply we could dig into God’s Word in a short amount of time! Thank you for helping your fellow brothers and sisters dig into God’s Word!

Sunday School for 3-5 year olds will begin after worship on September 9. We will meet in the church basement.

His Word – My Life Class will begin its study of New Testament Gospel Words on Sunday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. We will also meet on Mondays at Country Crossroads at 7:00 a.m.

Youth Bible Study will meet in the commons, beginning on September 10.

Tuesday Bible Class will begin its study of the Formula of Concord on Tuesday, September 11.

Wednesday Bible History Class will begin on Wednesday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m. This class is for public school students who are in 1st through 4th grade.

Confirmation Class for public school students in 5th through 8th grade will begin on Wednesday, September 12 at 4:30 p.m. We will meet until 6:15 p.m. Students will need a blue catechism and a bible.

Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 12. We will meet in the school basement at 8:15 p.m.

Diaper Drive Bay Area Pregnancy Counseling Center is able to reach young mothers who sometimes have no church connection by offering free diapers for their children. At this time we are out of sizes 4, 5, and 6 diapers. We will have a “Diaper Drive” at our church in September. We will provide a large box in the church basement for the contributions of diapers or if you prefer, we will accept cash to purchase diapers to replenish our supply. Your help is very much appreciated. If you have any questions please speak to Margaret Schultz.

Volunteer help with periodic maintenance work at MLHS – inside & outside – is needed. Ladies & gentlemen, younger & older, w/ some “elbow grease” are asked to contact Mr. Jerry Haupt, MLHS Physical Plant Committee Chairman, at 682-5954.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service (WELS counseling)
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Living Hope Counseling Ministries (WELS counseling)
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13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23 & 26, 2007

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

Prayer before worship

Lord, you were put to death for my sins and raised to life for my justification. Bless me as I rejoice in your resurrection today. Amen.

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Service

Common Service (p. 15)

Personal Preparation
for Holy Communion

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Hymns

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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 139a (p. 116)

Sermon: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Speak God’s Word Faithfully

You can’t pull one over on God
You don’t have anything more powerful than the Word

13th Sunday after Pentecost: Series C

The truth of God's Word is often opposed in this world, and when it is, the Christian may suffer.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-39

We should proclaim the Word faithfully in the face of opposition since God's truth has the inherent power to crush false doctrine.

"Am I only a God nearby,"

declares the LORD,

"and not a God far away?"

Can anyone hide in secret places

so that I cannot see him?"

declares the LORD.

"Do not I fill heaven and earth?"

declares the LORD.

"I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 139a (page 116)

God's omnipresence is a source of comfort for the Christian. We know we shall never be in a place where God can't see us.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:1-13

Hardship that we suffer on account of the gospel is a sign of loving discipline from our heavenly Father.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who en-

dured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons:

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

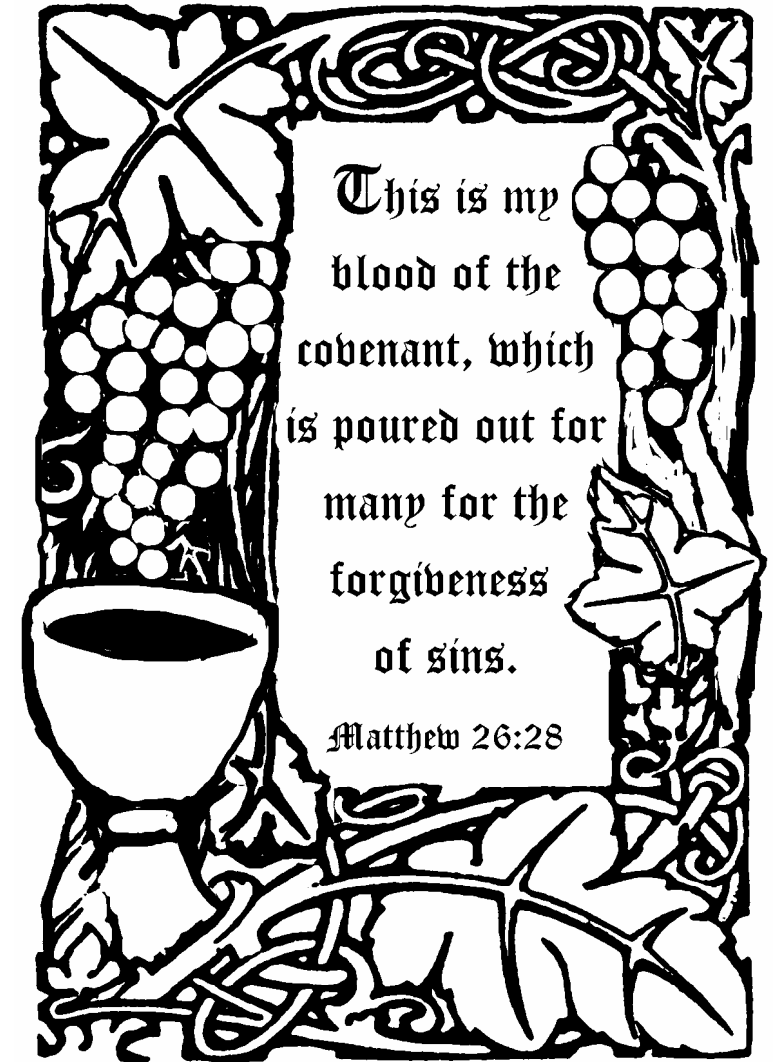
The truth about Christ will be rejected by many. This causes divisions. Yet this great truth must be maintained and proclaimed at all costs.

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

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Glorifying God as we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel



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

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. 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.