

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace: Worship: 281 (31, 250)

Thursday 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life Class, church
 Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word—My Life Class, Crossroads Café
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, school commons
 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee, church basement
 Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church basement
 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Church Council
 Wednesday 3:30 pm. Soccer grades 5-8 vs. Reedsville, home
 4:30 p.m. Confirmation
 5:30 p.m. Bible History Class
 8:00 p.m. Choir
 Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship
 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
 Friday 1:00 p.m. MLHS Principal Conference at Morrison
 4:30 p.m. Volleyball, here
 5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. School Work Day
 1:00 p.m. Wedding
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. Pancake/Porkie Breakfast

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 Next week we will study *God Calls Abraham*. We meet in the church basement after worship on Thursday and at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Sunday School for 3-5 year olds will begin after worship on Sunday. Students may go to the classroom in the church basement as the announcements begin.

His Word – My Life Class will begin its study of New Testament Gospel Words this Sunday 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 Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Bible Class will begin a study of the Formula of Concord Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at church. Join us before you pick up your school children!

Choir begins this Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday Bible History Class for public school students in 1st–4th grade begins this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class for public school students in 5th–8th grade begins this Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. We will meet until 6:15 p.m. Students will need a blue catechism and a bible.

Next Friday our school will host the MLHS Principals’ Conference. We need 5 people to make pies. Please sign up in the church basement today!

Daily Devotions is a free service provided by the WELS [WhatAboutJesus.com](http://www.whataboutjesus.com) website. The daily devotions are now available as a downloadable audio file, so you can listen to it at your computer or on an iPod. Go to www.whataboutjesus.com and click on *Daily Devotions*.

Bread of Life Ladies Aid Cookbook. Each 3-ring bound, hardcover cookbook is \$13.00 and includes a stand. They are available in the church basement or at school.

Repeat Performance will hold a bag sale Sept. 10-15. Bags of clothing and shoes for \$4:00 with some exclusions. Repeat Performance is located behind Verlo mattress and is open Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Diaper Drive Bay Area Pregnancy Counseling Center reaches mothers who may have no church by offering free diapers. We are out of sizes 4, 5, and 6 diapers. We will have a “Diaper Drive” at our church in September. There is a box in the church basement for the contributions of diapers.

Lutheran Ladies League Rally will be Sept. 26 at Immanuel, Kewaunee. Rev. Dennis Kleist will speak about Mission Partners. Vicar Aaron Strong will speak on evangelism in Las Vegas. Men and women are welcome.

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15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6 & 9, 2007

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.

Lessons are on the back cover

Service

Word and Sacrament (p. 26)
This morning the first section of the Service of Word and Sacrament, “The Gathering” will be explained as we worship.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

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Hymns

491, 524, 309, 486, 499:3-4

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119a (p. 109)

Sermon: Hebrews 13:1-8
Let Brotherly Love Continue

Do the right things
For the right reason

15th Sunday after Pentecost: Series C

The Christian life is one of humility. While the world around us stresses self-promotion, the Christian knows his only boast is in the Lord.

First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6,7

Self-exaltation has no place in the life of God's child.
Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among great men;
it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.
What you have seen with your eyes

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119a (page 109)

"Blessed" or happy is the person who seeks the Lord with all his heart. He will never be put to shame.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8

The Christian properly channels his love by extending it to people and withholding it from money.

Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."

So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

In Christ's kingdom, conventional thinking is turned upside down. He exhorts us to attain greatness through humility and to be most generous when there is no chance for repayment.

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

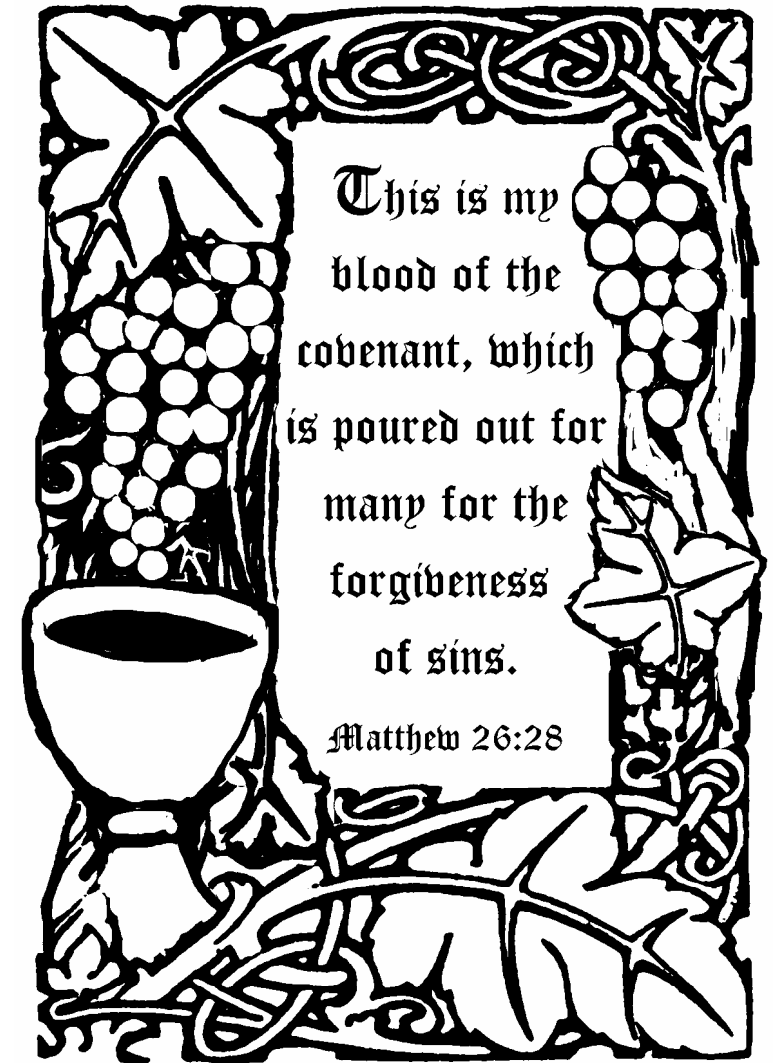
When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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.



Service of Word and Sacrament: An Explanation

Written by Pastor Wayne Schultz (with slight adaptations)

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Part One: We Gather

Introduction

Welcome to worship this morning!

In worship today we are taking time to review the first section of the liturgy we call Service of Word and Sacrament. We will pause at various places to hear a brief explanation of what we do in our worship. In the first section of the service we gather together and prepare ourselves for the high points of worship, the Word and the Sacrament.

Our liturgy has its roots in the ancient rite of the Western church. Its primary focus is on the one true God who is *for us* in Christ. It leads us to joyful thanksgiving as we partake of the benefits of God's Word and then it dismisses us in the peace of Christ. Here we will be encouraged to serve the Lord with gladness and to tell everyone what he has done.

There are three dialogues that take place in our worship. God speaks to us. This is the foremost dialogue and is sometimes called sacramental. This is God's action: God acts; God speaks; God forgives. The second is called sacrificial; we speak to God. This is our response to God's forgiving action in Christ: we pray; we praise; we give thanks; we sing. The third dialogue that takes place is between worshipers. We speak to one another as we worship. We encourage and teach one another. We share what we believe about our God and ourselves as we confess our sins, our faith, and as we worship with all our hearts.

Hymn

Service of Word and Sacrament begins with singing. This first hymn is called the entrance hymn. It draws our thoughts from the concerns of life and directs them to the majesty of our triune God. Singing this hymn helps to bind us together for worship. It reminds us that it is our high privilege to be gathered together in the presence of the living God. This hymn boldly announces "Christ is here!" We will begin by singing the entrance hymn, number 491, *O Master of the Loving Heart*.

Greeting, Confession of Sins, Absolution

Please turn to page 26 in *Christian Worship*. Following the hymn, the presiding minister begins the liturgy with the apostolic greeting. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the grace of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you." This serves as a blessing of grace to us from the triune God. We then repeat God's blessing to the pastor by saying "And also with you."

Psalm 24 tells us that those who have clean hands and a pure heart can stand in the holy place of God. For this reason, the pastor will, at

times, lead this section of worship on the main floor of the church. This highlights the need for forgiveness to enter the presence of God. If not on the main floor, our pastor does not approach the altar until after confession. Martin Luther described the entire life of a believer as one of repentance. Together, as a congregation, we confess our inherited and actual sins and express our need for the Lord's forgiveness.

After the Confession of Sins, the presiding minister extends to us the joyous word of God's forgiveness. This announcement of forgiveness is called the Absolution. Our Lord Jesus gave his Church the ministry of the keys to bind the sins of impenitent people and to forgive those who repent. We have called the presiding minister to do this publicly on our behalf. The Absolution stresses the substitutionary nature of Jesus' death for the sins of the world. What a joy to hear this assuring word and, in faith, to live by it!

After the absolution we speak the simple word: Amen. With this short word we say that we believe and take to heart the good news of God's forgiveness in Christ.

The pastor will now begin the liturgy and lead us through the Greeting, the Confession of Sins, and the Absolution (CW p.26).

Prayer and Praise

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)

"Lord, Have Mercy" (Kyrie) begins this section. This is a prayer for the presence of God. It asks that God would extend his loving kindness for the common needs of all people in the Church throughout the world. After each petition spoken by the pastor, we respond by singing "Lord, have mercy." This is another way of saying "Lord, help us" or "Lord, hear our prayer." We sing these responses from the depths of believing hearts.

The pastor will now lead us in the prayer, "Lord, Have Mercy." (CW p. 27)

O Lord, Our Lord (Song of Praise)

After receiving the announcement of God's forgiveness and praying "Lord, Have Mercy" we hear the pastor exclaim, "The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise." These words lead us into the canticle "O Lord, Our Lord." In this vibrant song of praise, we rejoice in what God has done for us and in what he continues to do

for us through Christ. This is joyous praise that revels in the vast and awesome salvation of our God.

Let us now listen as the pastor introduces the canticle and then sing it with joy, faith, and strength in our hearts and voices.

Prayer of the Day

The pastor invites us to pray with the introductory words “Let us pray.” After a brief pause he will read the Prayer of the Day. This is the first part of the liturgy that varies from Sunday to Sunday. This short prayer brings our hearts and minds before the throne of God and asks him to bless his people on this particular Sunday of the church year.

The prayer ends with a well-known formula: “through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you [the Father] and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.” Highlight the words “who lives” in your memory. These words remind us of the resurrection of Jesus, the reason for our worship and prayers.

At the end of the Prayer of the Day we sing “Amen.” We join the pastor in prayer and, with our amen, proclaim “This is also our prayer.”

The pastor will now lead us in the Prayer of the Day.