

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 371 (34, 337) **Communion:** 205 (24, 181)

Bible Class: 71 (5, 34, 6, 12, 12, 2) **Youth Study:** 15

Thursday 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
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
Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church basement
6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting, church
8:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, church
Wednesday 3:45 pm. Soccer grades 5-8 vs. Maribel, home
4:30 p.m. Confirmation
5:30 p.m. Bible History Class
8:15 p.m. Choir
Thursday 3:45 p.m. Soccer at Maribel, grades 1-4
7:30 p.m. Worship
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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.

Sunday School Students may go to the classroom in the church basement as the announcements begin.

Pancake/Porkie Breakfast will be served at school by the Youth Group after worship on Sunday

Youth Bible Study will meet in the commons Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Christ Light Class will study *God Promises Abraham a Son*. We meet in the basement after worship on Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

His Word – My Life Class will continue its study of New Testament Gospel Words Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We will also meet Monday at Country Crossroads at 7:00 a.m. This week we look at *Sanctification, Redemption, Atonement, and Reconciliation*.

Tuesday Bible Class will continue a study of the Formula of Concord Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at church. This week we look at Article One: Original Sin. Join us before you pick up your school children!

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.

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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16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13 & 16, 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 2nd section of the Service of Word and Sacrament, “The Word and Our Response” will be explained as we worship.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion:

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Hymns

348, 464, 315, 454, 321

Special Music Sunday grades 5-8

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (after the prayer of the day), Verse of the Day

Prayer of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19 (p. 70)

Sermon: Philemon 1, 10-21

Christian Love Acts

It reaches out to the lost
It encourages others to love

16th Sunday after Pentecost: Series C

Christians put the best interest of God's kingdom ahead of their own.

First Lesson: Proverbs 9:8-12

True wisdom finds its beginning in "the fear of the Lord"—loving and respecting the one true God in faith.

Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you;

rebuke a wise man and he will love you.

Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still;

teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning.

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,

and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

For through me your days will be many,

and years will be added to your life.

If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you;

if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 19 (page 70)

We see God's glory not only in the wonderful works of nature, but also in the "radiant" message that comes from his holy Word.

Second Lesson: Philemon 1, 10-21

Philemon would show his faith by accepting back Onesimus not as a slave, but "as a dear brother."

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker...

I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do will be spontaneous and not forced. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good—no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Verse of the Day (sung by grades 5-8, Sunday)

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

The cost of following Jesus is not a meritorious work, but a faithful recognition that he comes first. That fact will change our lives.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

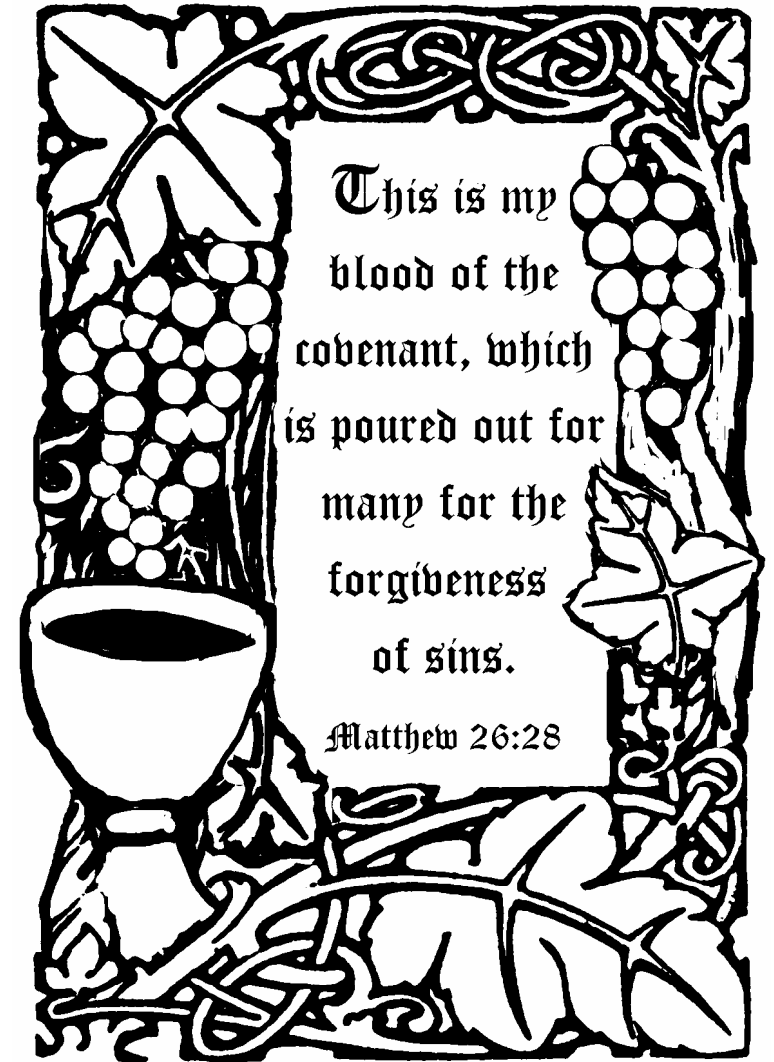
"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

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

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Part Two: The Word and Our Response

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The Word

We have reached the first of the twin peaks of Service of Word and Sacrament: the mighty Word of God that we have come to hear. This Word reassures us that God has not deserted his wayward people. This is not the uncertain word of human beings. This is the Word from God, the power of God for the salvation of all who believe. This is the Word that gives life when it is read, preached, and believed. This is the Word that God wants us to apply to ourselves and take to the people of the world. So we listen carefully. We hear God's law, sharper than a double-edged sword. It brings us to our knees so that we cry out for mercy. Then, with joy and gladness we hear of God's grace, centered in the person, message, and work of Christ. Here is the bread and water of life. Let us rejoice in these words from our God. Alleluia!

First Lesson

Except for the Sundays after Easter, the First Lesson is a reading from the history and the prophecies of Old Testament times. These are the very words our Christian ancestors heard in the centuries before Christ was born. The First Lesson often corresponds to the theme of the Gospel for the day. At the end of the reading, the presiding minister will say, "This is the Word of the Lord."

We continue with the First Lesson.

Psalm of the Day

Christian hymnody has its roots in the book of Psalms, which served as the hymnal for Old Testament believers. Thus, the Psalm of the Day naturally follows the First Lesson and usually is sung. The various types of psalms deal with the depths of life on the backdrop of God's tender mercies. They express our deepest sorrow and our highest joy. When we sing the psalm together, the congregation proclaims God's Word to themselves and to one another.

Our Psalm of the Day is Psalm 19 (p.70). We will sing the refrain and the verses together.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the New Testament letters of Paul or another apostle or from Revelation. This lesson from God's Word often stresses Christian teaching, Christian faith, and Christian living. At the end of the reading, the presiding minister will again remind us that these words are from our God when he says, "This is the Word of the Lord."

We continue with the Second Lesson.

Verse of the Day

The reading of the lessons is interspersed with musical responses. We now come to a response called the Verse of the Day. The verse is a Scripture verse framed with Alleluias. During Lent, the Alleluias are usually omitted. The verse serves as a prelude to the Gospel. There is a special verse for each Sunday in the church year that is intended to be sung by a choir. If the choir does not sing the Verse of the Day, the congregation sings the general verse on page 30. When we sing the general verse together the congregation proclaims God's Word to themselves and to one another once again.

On Thursday we will sing the general refrain. On Sunday the school children will sing the appointed verse of the Day.

Gospel

In the past soldiers put down their weapons and kings removed their crowns when the Gospel was read. As a sign of special honor to the Savior, we stand for the reading of the Gospel. We have come for this moment. Christ is the central message of the Gospel – his life; his words of law and gospel; his blessing and assignment to his Church; and his promise to return. Here we see the empty cross and tomb. We hear the familiar news that is always new, good, and refreshing.

After reading the Gospel the presiding minister will look up and say, "This is the Gospel of the Lord." Our response to this announcement is a short burst of praise as we sing "Praise be to you, O Christ!" This is called the Gospel Acclamation.

We continue with the Gospel. We will respond with the Gospel Acclamation. (p. 30)

Hymn of the Day

The next hymn is called the Hymn of the Day. It is the major hymn for this morning's worship. The hymns chosen to be sung at this place in the service are representative of the best of the hymnody in the Christian church. Let there be joyous singing of this prominent hymn!

We will sing hymn number 464.

Sermon

The sermon, the final part in the section of The Word, is normally based on the text of one of the lessons of the day.

In the sermon the preacher unfolds the meaning of the biblical text. The sermon is a proclamation of the power, salvation, and counsel of our God. Through the sermon our preacher nourishes us as disciples of Christ.

We continue with the sermon.

Nicene Creed

After hearing the lessons and sermon we stand to confess our faith in the triune God. We use the Nicene Creed, which is a summary and profession of the Christian faith that has been in the hearts and on the lips of Christians since the fourth century. When we say “We believe,” we are declaring that this is a confession of the whole Christian Church on earth concerning the unchanging teachings of the Scriptures and the person of Christ. As believers we join our voices to confess God’s truth about himself and his plan of salvation.

We continue with the Nicene Creed. (CW p. 31)

Offering

We have heard God’s Word. Now, as a congregation of believers we gather our thank offerings and place them on the Lord’s altar. These offerings are the fruits of faith. They are to be used for the work of the Lord in our community, through the work of our congregation, and in the world, through the efforts of the members of our synod.

The offering will now be received. During the musical interlude, we have a few moments to reflect on the meaning of God’s Word for our lives in today’s world.

Prayer of the Church and Lord’s Prayer

In the Prayer of the Church on page 32, we pray for the needs of the Christian Church, for the advance of the local parish, for the welfare of the nations of the earth, for the success of the worthy institutions of society, and for the support of those with special needs. This prayer and others like it are spoken responsively. Included in the prayer is a place for special intercessions. There is also an opportunity for silent prayer, when we can bring our personal concerns to the throne of God. The Lord’s Prayer concludes the prayers in this part of the liturgy.

We continue with the Prayer of the Church.