

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 313 **Communion:** 160
Bible Study: 59 (37, 7, 10, 5) **Youth Study:** 14

Thursday 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Advent By Candlelight, school
 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
 Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church basement
 6:30 p.m. School Board
 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee, commons
 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, school basement
 7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee, computer room
 Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
 5:30 p.m. Bible History Class
 8:00 p.m. Choir
 Thursday 11:00 a.m. Advent Midweek Worship
 12:00 p.m. Soup Supper, church basement
 12:30 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Soup Supper, church basement
 7:30 p.m. Advent Midweek Worship
 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
 Friday 6:00 p.m. Bread for Life Bible Study, school
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:10 p.m. Church Band, school basement
 1:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study, school
 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life Class, church

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 Eleven: *Election*. Join us before you pick up your school children!

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

His Word—My Life will continue our study of Ecclesiastes, *Nowhere Man*, this week. Join us as we compare life with God to life under the sun. We meet Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at church and Monday at 7:00 a.m. at the Café.

Advent Necessities is the theme of our special midweek advent worship. This week we will see how *Preparation* is a necessity of Advent. We invite all of you to join us and bring a friend to worship the Lord. We will worship on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. beginning on Dec. 6. Soup and Sandwich meals will be served at noon and at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Aid will meet at school on Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Bread For Life Women’s Bible Study will meet Friday, 6:00–8:00p.m. in the school. After our study we will make white chili together. Bring a croc pot. Please let Paula Ott know if you will join us by Wednesday.

Christmas for Kids will be December 22, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. In order to make this day a success we need help! We are still looking for classroom teachers, classroom helpers, a craft leader, craft helpers, and kitchen helpers. If you are able to help, please sign up today in the church basement.

Coffee and goodies after church on December 9 will be hosted by Thrivent members. A donation basket will be set out. All donations, including matching funds from Thrivent, will be put toward the church's debt. If you are interested in helping make items or serve, please contact Paula Griepentrog or Sarah Ihlenfeldt by December 5.

An Old Fashioned German Christmas Service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Louis Corners on Saturday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m. The service will be in German. Pastor Loescher will be the guest preacher.

Adult Men You're invited to a new bible study/fellowship that will start on December 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the school commons and gym. The focus topic for the initial 1/2-hour bible studies will be “Man's leadership role in congregation and family life.” After the study there will be an opportunity to play basketball (attention weekend athletes over 35 who need the practice), cards, or watch the Packers game. Get a group together or come alone and join the fun!

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1st Sunday of Advent
 Nov. 29 & Dec, 2 2007

<p>Declare His Praises</p> <p><i>Lord, speak to me of your love and forgiveness as I worship that I may grow in faith and serve you in my life. Amen.</i></p>
<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52)</p> <p>Hymns: 1, 2, 220:1,4</p> <p>Psalm Prayer</p> <p><i>Lord God, our mighty Rock of salvation, give us such strength of faith that we may cling to you in every assault of Satan and his forces of evil; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.</i></p>
<p><i>Lessons are on the back cover</i></p> <p>Psalm: Psalm 18 (p. 69)</p> <p>Sermon: <u>Matthew 24:36-44</u></p> <p>Keep Watch For Jesus’ Coming Continually in perspective Continually Ready</p>
<p>SUNDAY</p> <p>Service: Word (p. 38)</p> <p>Hymns: GR, 2, 9, 220:1,4</p> <p>Grades 1-2: <i>Light One Candle</i> (after Prayer of the Day)</p> <p>Musical Offering: Luke Zeamer <i>Whiter than Snow</i></p> <p>Prayer of the Day</p> <p><i>Stir up our power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</i></p>

1st Sunday of Advent: Series A

Be ready for Christ's second coming.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah describes the peace the Lord will send through the Messiah. This peace will extend to all nations through the gospel and will find its ultimate consummation at the return of Christ.

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established
as chief among the mountains;
it will be raised above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

Come, O house of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 18 (page 69)

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

The return of Christ at the end of time calls believers to practice patient vigilance as they live out their faith in the "daylight" of sanctification.

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in or-

gies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The return of Jesus calls for readiness at all times. Do not be lulled into complacency by the ordinariness of the times as the people were at the time of the flood.

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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



It is now
the moment
for you to wake
from sleep.

Romans 11:1

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.