

Worship: 172 **Communion:** 85 **Lent:** 247 (172, 75)
Bible Study: 37 (1, 36) **Youth Study:** 20

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
7:00 p.m. His Word-My Life Bible 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
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship
12:00 a.m. Soup Supper, church basement
4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. Bible History Class
6:30 p.m. Soup Supper
7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship
8:30 p.m. Choir
Thursday 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
9:00 a.m. Worship with communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:10 a.m. Band rehearsal at school
7:00 p.m. His Word-My Life Bible Class, church

Voters Meeting Last Sunday the voters decided to call a graduate from MLC to be our 5th-6th grade teacher next year.

His Word—My Life class will meet Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement and Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café.

Tuesday Bible Class will continue *That's Easy For You To Say*, a study from the "Fifth Pew From the Front" series. Join us Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. Children are welcome.

Crossroads: Traveling with our Savior is the theme of our midweek Lenten worship this year. Join us on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. as we travel *From the Upper Room to Gethsemane*.

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

Soup Suppers There is a sign up sheet in the basement for those who would like to make bars, soup, or help serve the soup suppers. If you have any questions please speak with Sarah Ihlenfeldt.

The Outreach Committee has created information folders to give to guests and visitors. A supply of folders is located on the counter at the bottom of the balcony staircase. Please take a moment to check them out. When you notice a visitor at church, introduce yourself and give them a folder. Also, feel free to take folders for anyone that could use the information. If you have any questions, speak with any of the Outreach Committee members.

Church band will meet after worship next Sunday to prepare for Easter. We need lots of people to join us. If you are unable to attend please contact Mrs. Kuchenbecker so she can know if they band will be able to play or if other days for rehearsals need to be scheduled. Please consider using your musical talents to join together to praise God.

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir will sing and lead worship on Sunday, March 3. We still need to provide housing for about 20 more students. Sign up in the basement to host two or more students.

Cookies! The Youth Group would like to put together a small gift for the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary students who will be here March 2. We are looking for volunteers to bake cookies for them. We would love to send them home with a couple dozen cookies each. Cookies can be dropped off at school or Mr. Muchka's house on or before Wednesday, February 27. If you are interested, there is a sign up sheet in the church basement. Thanks.

Blindmens Volleyball! It's that time of year again! The Blindmens Volleyball Tournament hosted by the Youth Group will be April 11 and 12. Youth Group teams will play Friday and adult teams Saturday. Sign up deadline is March 16. Registration forms are in the church basement.

MLHS Sunday Showcase "Dress for Less" Prom Store Please consider donating clean, gently-used prom dresses and accessories to the MLHS Sunday Showcase Prom Store. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Hougen (920-684-3611) or June Hinshaw (920-553-3007).

Lilies The Worship Committee is ordering 60 lilies for Easter this year. If you would like to purchase one of the lilies there is a sign up sheet in the basement. The cost is \$8. Thank you

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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2nd Sunday in Lent
February 17, 2008



Prayer before worship

Lord, you fought and won where I have lost. Thank you for winning the victory in my place. Focus my heart on your love as I worship. Amen.

Lessons are on the back cover

Service

Gathering Rite (insert)
Common Service (p. 17)

Hymns

Gathering (insert), 391, 380, 321

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121 (page 112)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music

Grades 3-4: *O For A Faith That Will Not Shrink Me*
after prayer of the day

Sermon: Genesis 12:1-8

Live On Promises

God makes them
God gives confidence in them

2nd Sunday in Lent: Series A

*The righteous are those who, called by grace believe in Jesus.
To them the Lord credits faith as righteousness.*

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-8

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 121 (page 112)

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5,13-17

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made

you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

Verse of the Day: (sung by grades 3-4) *Come to the Wells*

Gospel: John 4:5-26

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

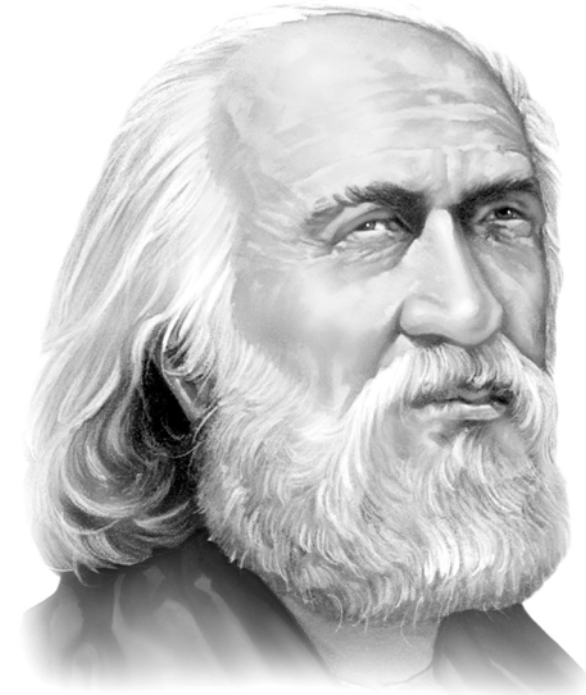
The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

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



*"I will bless those who bless you...
and in you all the families
of the earth shall be blessed."*

Genesis 12:3

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.