

Worship: 73 **Lent:** 228 (163, 71) **Bible Study:** 50 (6, 28, 8, 8)

Sunday 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
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
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
Saturday 9:30 p.m. Pick up Choir members at church
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, school commons
9:00 a.m. Worship (WLS Choir)
10:00 a.m. Presentation about WLS in the gym
10:45 a.m. Winter Cookout Meal in the Gym
7:00 p.m. His Word-My Life Bible Class, 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.

Church band will meet after worship Sunday to prepare for Easter. We need lots of people to join us. Please consider joining us!

Voters Meeting 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 Gethsemane to the Sanhedrin*.

Adult Christ Light Class will study *Ruth's Faith* next week. We meet in the basement at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday. Sunday we will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the school commons.

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

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.

The Outreach Committee has created information folders to give to guests and visitors. The folders are located on the counter by the balcony staircase. When you see a visitor at church, introduce yourself and give them a folder. Feel free to take folders for anyone.

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir will sing and lead worship next Sunday, March 2. We still need to provide housing for about 10 more students. Sign up in the basement to host a pair of students. Choir members can be picked up at church on Saturday at 9:30 p.m. They need to be at church by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. The loose plate offering next Sunday will be given to the choir. Every one is invited to join us for a presentation on WLS and a meal in the gym after worship.

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.

Easter For Kids will be on Saturday, March 15. There is a sign up sheet in the basement for those who would like to help.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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3rd Sunday in Lent

February 24, 2008



Prayer before worship

Lord, in this season of repentance, refresh my soul with the message of your victory over Satan. Amen.

Lessons are on the back cover

Service

Common Service (p. 15)

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion:

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Hymns

RYL, 343, 100, 569, 338:2

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music

At the Cross Grades 5-8
(after prayer of the day)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 143 (p. 118)

Sermon: Gn 2:7-9,15-17, 3:1-7

For The Sake Of

His Righteousness

God calls the blind
God leads them to the light

3rd Sunday in Lent: Series A

Those to whom God gives light know him as Savior.

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:14-21

"For a long time I have kept silent,
I have been quiet and held myself back.
But now, like a woman in childbirth,
I cry out, I gasp and pant.
I will lay waste the mountains and hills
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn rivers into islands
and dry up the pools.
I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;
I will turn the darkness into light before them
and make the rough places smooth.
These are the things I will do;
I will not forsake them.
But those who trust in idols,
who say to images, 'You are our gods,'
will be turned back in utter shame.
"Hear, you deaf;
look, you blind, and see!
Who is blind but my servant,
and deaf like the messenger I send?
Who is blind like the one committed to me,
blind like the servant of the LORD?
You have seen many things, but have paid no attention;
your ears are open, but you hear nothing."
It pleased the LORD
for the sake of his righteousness
to make his law great and glorious.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 143 (page 118)

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

"Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

Verse of the Day:

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)

Gospel: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided.

Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

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

**"ONE THING I DO KNOW,
THAT THOUGH I
WAS BLIND,
NOW I SEE."**

JOHN 9:25



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.