

**Worship:** 413      **Lent:** 248 (176, 72)  
**Bible Study:** 215 (1, 69, 122, 5, 9, 9)      **Youth Study:** 16

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:10 a.m. Ladies Aid, church  
10:10 a.m. Band rehearsal at school  
1:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study, commons  
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  
7:00 p.m. Elders  
7:30 p.m. Council  
Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church basement  
7:30 p.m. Easter for Kids Workers Meeting, commons  
Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship  
12:00 a.m. Soup Supper, church basement  
4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class  
4:45 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 9:00 a.m. Easter for Kids, school  
1:00 p.m. Easter for Kids Closing Service  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, school commons  
9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship, confirmation  
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

**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.

**Baptism** This morning Andrew Myron Wegner, the son of Jesse and Vicki Wegner, will be baptized into the Christian faith. Andrew was born on Feb. 1. Please remember this new child of God and his family in prayer!

**Examination** This year’s confirmation class will be publicly examined in the place of the sermon this morning. The members of this year’s class are: Rebecca Bjorklund, Kathy Macco, Summer Schmidt, Bethany Soderlund, and Brittany Van Rossum.

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

**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 conclude the study, *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. Join us on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. as we travel *From Pilate to Herod and Back*.

**Soup Suppers** This week’s soup supper will be sponsored by Thrivent. Thrivent members, please sign up to make soup or bars or to serve. We will receive matching funds from Thrivent through their Care in Congregations program. Thanks in advance for your help!

**Adult Christ Light Class** will study *God Gives Israel a King* 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.

**Easter For Kids** will be on Saturday, March 15. We will be having a meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to finalize our plans for Easter for Kids. If you have signed up to help, please plan on attending. Contact Sarah Ihlenfeldt for more information. Also, sign-up sheets are in the basement if you would like register your children or to supply food for the day.

**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

**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.

**Questions/Comments** about our congregation may be directed to:  
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**Today’s Organist:** Brenda Kuchenbecker

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
March 9, 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**

Baptism, RYL, Common Service  
(p. 12, insert, p. 16)

**Personal Preparation**

**for Holy Communion:** Page 156

**Hymns**

296, RYL, 596, 310, 316

**Prayer of the Day**

*Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death, we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Music** (after prayer of the day)

*Be Still My Soul* Choir

**Musical Offering**

*My Savior Jesus*

Nathan and Gretchen Joschob

**Psalm of the Day:**

Psalm 116 (p. 107)

**Christ our Life**

God tells us about himself  
God tells us what he has done  
God works by the means of grace

**Our Life in Christ**

Strengthened in faith  
We live our faith

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: Series A**  
*In Christ we are rescued from spiritual death.*

**First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' "

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.' "

**Psalm of the Day: Psalm 116 (page 107)**

**Second Lesson: Romans 8:11-19**

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit

that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

**Verse of the Day:**

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

**Gospel: John 11:17-27, 38-45**

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

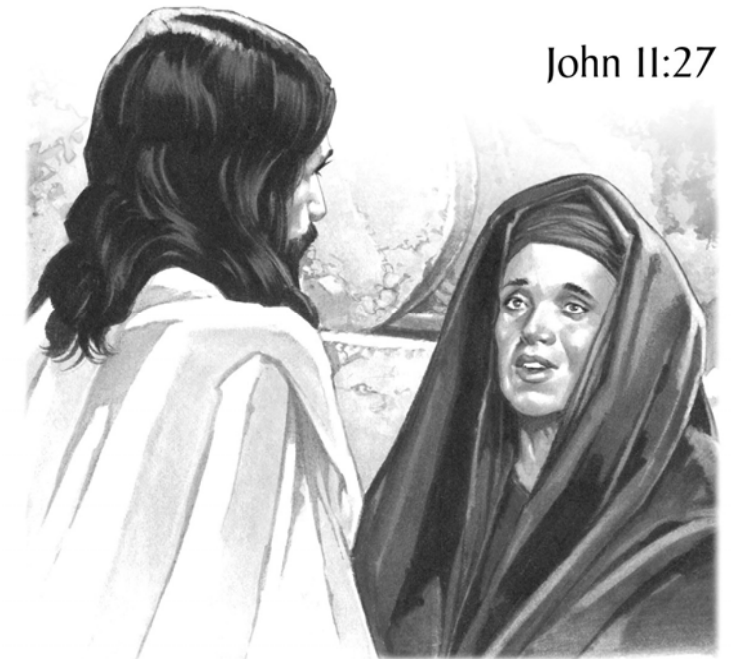
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*Glorifying God as we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel*

**"Yes, Lord, I believe  
that you are the Messiah,  
the Son of God..."**

John 11:27



**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.