

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:**344 (24, 320) **Bible Study:** 80 (4, 52, 3, 10, 11) **Youth Study:**20

- Thursday 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study
- Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Pancake Porkie Breakfast
- 10:10 p.m. Church Band, school basement
- 1:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study, Commons
- 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life Bible Study, church
- Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word—My Life Bible Study, café
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, school commons
- Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church basement
- Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation & Bible History Class, school
- Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship (Stewardship Sunday)
- 8:30 p.m. Stewardship Bible Class, church
- Sunday 8:00 a.m. Stewardship Bible Class, church
- 9:00 a.m. Worship (Stewardship Sunday)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:10 a.m. Open Forum, church
- 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life 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.

**Pancake Porkie Breakfast** Everyone is invited to the breakfast being served by the Youth Group after worship this Sunday.

**Church Band** will meet this Sunday after worship ends in the school basement. We will not meet on the 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. The next band rehearsal will be on May 4.

**Men’s Bible Study** will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the commons this Sunday.

**Choir** will not meet this Wednesday or next Wednesday, April 23. The next choir rehearsal will be on April 30.

**His Word – My Life Class** will meet on Sunday and Monday this week. We will continue our study of Romans 1-8. Please join us!

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

**Adult Christ Light Class** will break from our regular topics to focus on Stewardship next week as part of our Stewardship Sunday. We meet in the basement after worship on Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

**Tuesday Bible Class** will continue the study, *For Me To Live Is Christ* this week. This week we will focus on “My Resources.” Join us before you pick up your school children!

**Stewardship Sunday** Worship next week will focus on our life as stewards.

We will display the stewardship posters that our children made. Please join us!

**Open Forum** Everyone is invited to join us at an Open Forum after worship on April 20. Bring any questions or comments you may have about the ministry of our congregation.

**Christian Estate Planning Presentation** Fox Valley Lutheran High School will host a Christian Estate Planning Presentation on Monday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Naomi Circle** will meet Tuesday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the café.

**Bread for Life** will meet Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. at school.

**Voters Meeting** The voters will meet after worship on Sunday, April 27 in the school commons.

**MLHS Hot Lunch** There is a sign up sheet located in the church basement for serving hot lunch at MLHS on Tuesday, April 29. We need workers and food donations. Please check out the sheet in the basement. If you have any questions contact Denise Laabs. Thank you.

**Ladies Bus Tour** On May 3, 2008 we will tour Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, have lunch at Old Country Buffet and stop at Northwestern Publishing House. The coach bus will leave church at 8:00 a.m and return by 5:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$12-15 (depending on how many go). If you wish to join us, please R.S.V.P. by April 26. The bus only holds 56 passengers, so space is limited! Contact Diane Dobberpuhl at 864-2260 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

**Questions/Comments** about our congregation may be directed to:

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**Custodian:** Beverly Leiterman 864-2355

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**Living Hope Counseling Ministries** (WELS counseling)  
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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

April 10 & 13, 2008



**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, you are the Good Shepherd of my soul. Lead me to the quiet waters of your gospel and feed me. Amen.*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Service**

Word & Sacrament (p. 26)

**Personal Preparation for Holy Communion:**

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**Hymns**

432, 375, 156, 515, 436, 316

**Prayer of the Day**

*O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father’s house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

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

*The Shepherd’s Call* Choir

**Musical Offering**

*Whiter than Snow* Justin Lemke

**Distribution**

*The Lamb* Bonnie Evenson

**Psalm of the Day:**

Psalm 23 (p. 72)

**Sermon:** 1 Peter 2:19-25

**Imitate Your Good Shepherd**

An example we cannot imitate  
An example we seek to imitate

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: Series A

*Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep.*

### First Lesson: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a,51-60

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. These men began to argue with Stephen,

To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me!

"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him—you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it."

When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23 (page 72)

### Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### Gospel: John 10:1-10

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

## Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

If you

**ENDURE**

when you do right  
and suffer for it,

**you have God's approval.**

1 Peter 2:20

**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.