

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 320 (21, 299) **Communion:** 192 (15, 177)
Bible Study: 77 (5, 44, 9, 6, 9, 4) **Youth Study:** 17

Thursday 8:30 p.m. Stewardship Bible Class, church
 Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:10 p.m. Open Forum, church
 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 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle, Crossroads Café
 2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church basement
 Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation & Bible History Class, school
 Thursday 8:30 a.m. Kindergarten Round-up
 1:00 p.m. Preschool Round-up
 7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study
 Friday 6:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Music Night at school
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. Bread for Life, school
 1:00 p.m. Edinger/Koomen Wedding
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:10 a.m. Voters' Meeting, school commons
 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life Class, church

Stewardship Sunday The posters along the sides of church were made by the children of the congregation in

Open Forum Everyone is invited to join us at an Open Forum after worship this Sunday.

Church Band will not meet this week or next week. The next band rehearsal will be on May 4.

Choir will not meet this Wednesday. The next 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!

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.

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

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

Tuesday Bible Class will continue the study, *For Me To Live Is Christ* this week. This week we will focus on “My Resources.”

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.

Bread for Life Women’s Bible study and cooking will meet Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. at school. Bring a 9x13 pan. Please let Paula Ott know if you will stay to cook by Wednesday so she has enough ingredients.

Voters Meeting will be after worship next Sunday in the school commons.

No Fun Day on Thursday, April 24.

Kindergarten and Preschool Round-up is Thursday, April 24. Kindergarten Round-up is 8:30-11:30 a.m. Preschool Round-up is 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bay Area Pregnancy Counseling Center Concert for Life will be at St. Mark’s, DePere at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. A Praise Band from Neenah will perform. Refreshments will follow. All are invited to attend.

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.

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5th Sunday of Easter

April 17 & 20, 2008

THURSDAY

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52)

Hymns: 426, 141, 484

Psalm Prayer

Lord God, through your Son you made the heavens and the earth; through him you continue to rule over all things. Make us, your chosen people, witnesses of your power and heralds of your glory to the praise of your unending love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lessons are on the back cover

Psalm: Psalm 33 (p. 79)

Sermon: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Every Christian is a Priest

Part of a spiritual house
 Offering spiritual sacrifices

SUNDAY

Service: Word (p. 38)

Hymns: 426, 141, 486, 484
Music: *Savior, Thy Dying Lore*
 grades 3-8 public and parochial
 after prayer of day

Blessed are Those grades K-2 in
 place of verse of day
Glorify Thy Name Kara Schultz
 musical offering

Prayer of the Day

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now God, now and forever.

5th Sunday of Easter: Series A

First Lesson: Acts 17:1-12

Paul faithfully served God by proclaiming the gospel, even in the face of persecution. The Bereans were faithful stewards of the Word.

When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.

But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 33 (page 79)

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:4-10

We, the royal priesthood of God, offer the sacrifice of faithful service to the one who has brought us into his wonderful light.

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

*"See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him*

will never be put to shame."

Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

*"The stone the builders rejected
has become the capstone,"* and,

"A stone that causes men to stumble

and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel: John 14:1-12

All faithful stewardship flows from being united to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Connected to him we can do great things.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

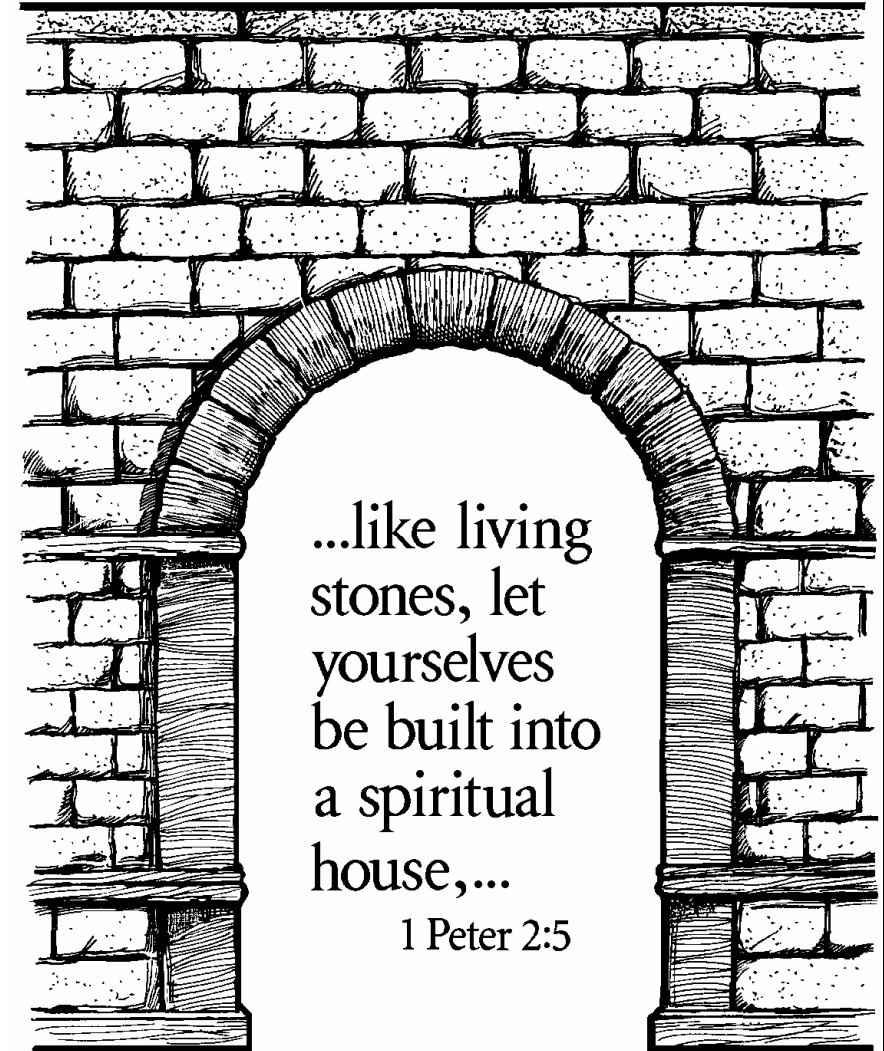
Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

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



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1 Peter 2:5

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.