

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 353 (34, 319) **Communion:** 199 (22, 175)
Bible Study: 86 (7, 48, 4, 5, 10) **Youth Study:** 12

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:10 a.m.	Ladies Aid, church
	10:10 a.m.	Church Band, school
	1:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
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
	6:30 p.m.	School Board
	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee, school
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee, school
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee, school
Wednesday	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation & Bible History Class, school
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Pentecost Festival Worship, communion
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Pentecost Festival Worship, communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School

Thank You to our guest preacher this morning, Paul Micheel. Paul is a first year student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. Thank you for leading us in worship this morning!

Baptism On Thursday, Brylie Emma Zirbel, the daughter of Jeremy and Holly Zirgel was baptized into the Christian faith. Brylie was born on April 18, 2008. Please remember this child of God and her family in prayer!

Ladies Aid will meet in the back of church after worship today.

Church Band will meet at school after worship this morning.

Men’s Bible Study will meet Sunday, May 4 at 1:00 p.m. We will continue our study of Men as Leaders. After the study join us for basketball, cards, or whatever you might like to do!

His Word – My Life Class We will conclude our study of Romans 1-8 on Monday. Please join us! This class will not meet on Sunday evening.

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

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

Adult Christ Light Bible Study Please join us as we study *Naaman is Healed*. We will meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Bring the family!

Pastor Ott will be out of town until late Sunday evening this week. Pastor Ott will be out of town Friday May 9-Sunday May 11. If you need pastoral care, contact Nancy Pantzlaff (864-7334).

Picnic Sign Up Sheets There are sign up sheets for the picnic on May 18 in the church basement. Please sign up if you would like to donate some of the food items. Thank you.

Eyeglasses If you have old eyeglasses you no longer need, please drop them off at the office in school or in the box in the church basement. We plan to send them off in the coming weeks, so drop them off soon!

Pentecost Geraniums. The cost is \$3.00. Please sign up by May 4 if you would like to purchase geraniums. Payments can be given to Diane Suchomel, Bonnie Evenson. Thank you!

Calling All WELS Singles (ages 21-35) Join us for a picnic at Plamman Park, Appleton, Saturday, May 17, 1:00 pm. We will meet in the parking lot by the swimming hole! Please bring your own table setting, a piece of meat to grill, and a dish to pass. Please also bring lawn chairs and picnic games. The following meeting will be a Bible study on Saturday, May 31 at 2:00 pm. at Bethel Lutheran Church, 829 Appleton Rd, Menasha. Please bring a Bible and something to munch on. Drinks will be provided. Questions? Call Amy Towner (920-915-6703) or Kory Betow (920-720-0146).

The 2nd annual softball tournament at Wayside Firemen’s Park information is available in the church basement. The tournament will be June 21. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Humann.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:	
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May 4, 2008

**Peace Through Jesus
Know it. Live it. Share it.**

Prayer before worship

Lord, you are beyond my understanding. Help me rejoice in what I do understand; you love me and have taken away my sins. Amen

Lessons are on the back cover

Service

Word (p. 38)

Hymns

283, 324, 544, 323

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 65 (p. 89)

Special Music: Pre-K and Kind.

Let Us Sing for Joy
(after prayer of the day)

Sermon: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

God’s Word Works

With less than perfect soils
With fertile soils

Our ascended Savior uses his Word to create and sustain saving faith in our hearts.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-11

As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 65 (page 89)

Second Lesson: Romans 8:18-25

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. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

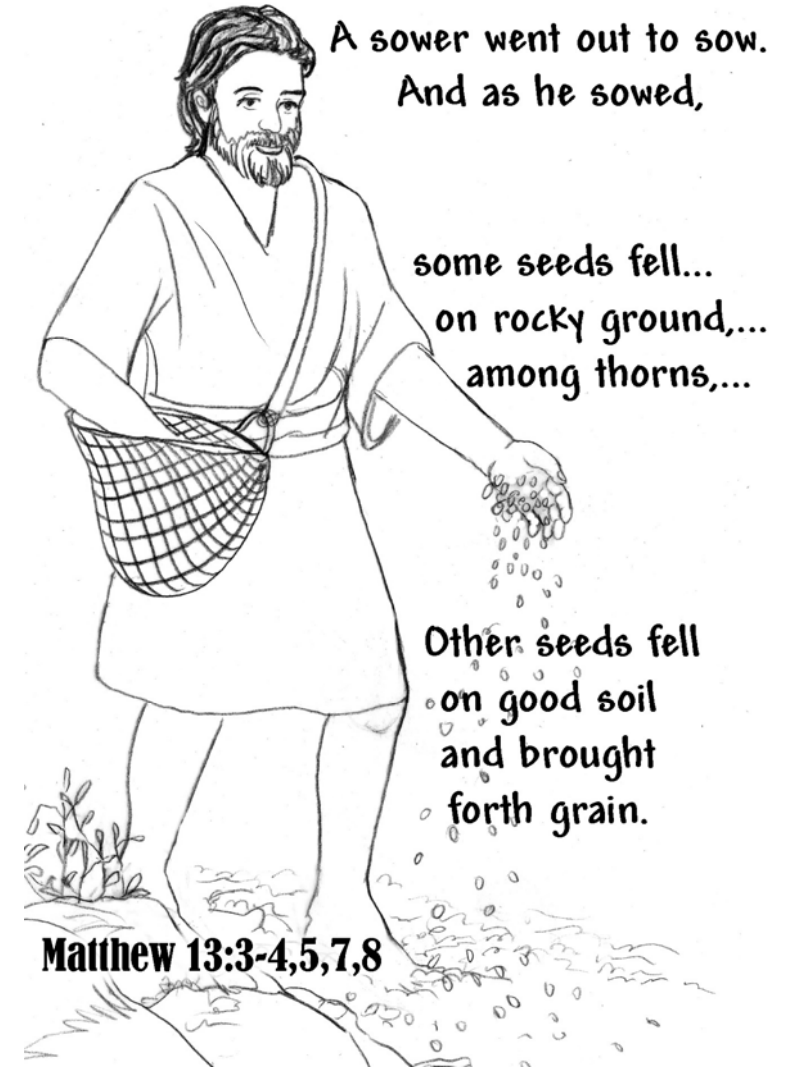
That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

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



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.