

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 323 (35, 288) **Bible Study:** 103 (5, 48, 18, 20, 12)

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| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. Open Forum, front of church 5:30 p.m. Family Bible Study, pavilion |
| Monday | 7:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting 7:30 p.m. Church Council |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. 19-Minutes with Luther Bible Study, church 7:30 p.m. Worship |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. 19-Minutes with Luther Bible Study, church 9:00 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Youth Group at First German, Manitowoc |

Open Forum. If you have any comments or questions about our ministry, join us at the Open Forum after worship on Sunday. We will meet in the front of the church.

Family Bible Study We will look at the “One Another” passages of scripture. How does God want us to treat one another? There will be activities in which all ages will be able to participate. This week the series concludes as we look at “Serve One Another.” After the study you are welcome to stay and roast hot dogs at a bonfire in the back yard of the parsonage. Bring the whole family!

Adult Christ Light Bible Study This week we will look at *Offerings for the Tabernacle*. We meet at 7:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café. Join us!

Fun Day There will be no class this Thursday, July 10. Join us next week and bring a friend!

19 Minutes With Luther This class takes us through Luther’s Small Catechism. It is an excellent way to review essential Bible Doctrines and keep you in the habit of group Bible study through the summer months. Next week we will look at Keys and Confession (part 3). Join us Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

VBS This summer we will be *Soaring High* at Vacation Bible School. The dates will be July 14-18 (9:00-11:30 a.m.). Students will need to bring glue, scissors, crayons, and markers. We need volunteers to help with crafts, teacher helpers, and in the kitchen. Please sign up in the church basement if you can help in any way.

Installation Pastor-elect Jonathan Bourman will be installed as an associate pastor at Trinity, Brillion on Sunday, July 23 at 4:00 p.m. Please join us as we give thanks to the Lord for our new shepherd and install him into office.

Voters Meeting The quarterly voters meeting will be in the commons after worship on Sunday, July 20.

Dedication Bethany, Manitowoc invites you to the dedication of their church on Sunday, July 20. There will be an organ recital at 2:00 p.m. The dedication service will be at 3:00 p.m. Synod President Mark Schroder will be the guest speaker. A dinner will follow at 4:30 p.m. Bethany is located at 3209 Meadow Lane.

Jesus Cares Ministry Golf Outing The 1st Annual Jesus Cares Ministries Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, July 30 at The Golf Club at Camelot in Lomira, Wisconsin. Green Bay Packers Ryan Grant, Fuzzy Thurston, and Jerry Kramer have committed to the event along with other sports celebrities. Please call Heidi from Jesus Cares Ministries at 414-841-4411 or 414-259-0292 to find out more information or to request a registration form.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 3 & 6, 2008



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

THURSDAY

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52)

Hymns: 255, 574, 619

Psalm Prayer

Bountiful Lord God, your presence fills our hearts with joy and your blessing nourishes our souls with peace. Enlighten us by your Holy Spirit that we may see and appreciate these gifts as tokens of your amazing love to your glory and praise; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Lessons are on the back cover

Psalm: Psalm 65 (p. 89)

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

Sow The Seed

Results will vary
Results will amaze

SUNDAY

Service: Word (p. 38)

Hymns: 255, 574, 283, 619

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits 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.

Pentecost 8– Series A

Jesus is the only rest for sin-burdened souls.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10,11

Just as the snow waters the earth so that it brings forth bread for today and seed for another season, so God's Word always brings the results he desires. Some results may not be seen immediately. The Word may meet with opposition or it may bring about conversion. Either way, God is honored.

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

The glories we will enjoy in heaven are so vast that, by comparison, all of our earthly sufferings are insignificant. So great is the anticipation of the Last Day that all creation expects to participate in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

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

God plants his Word in our heart; his Word alone can produce saving faith and bring forth the fruits of faith. God's Word cannot fail. Any failure lies in an unreceptive heart. Therefore, our Lord Jesus urges us, "He who has ears, let him hear!"

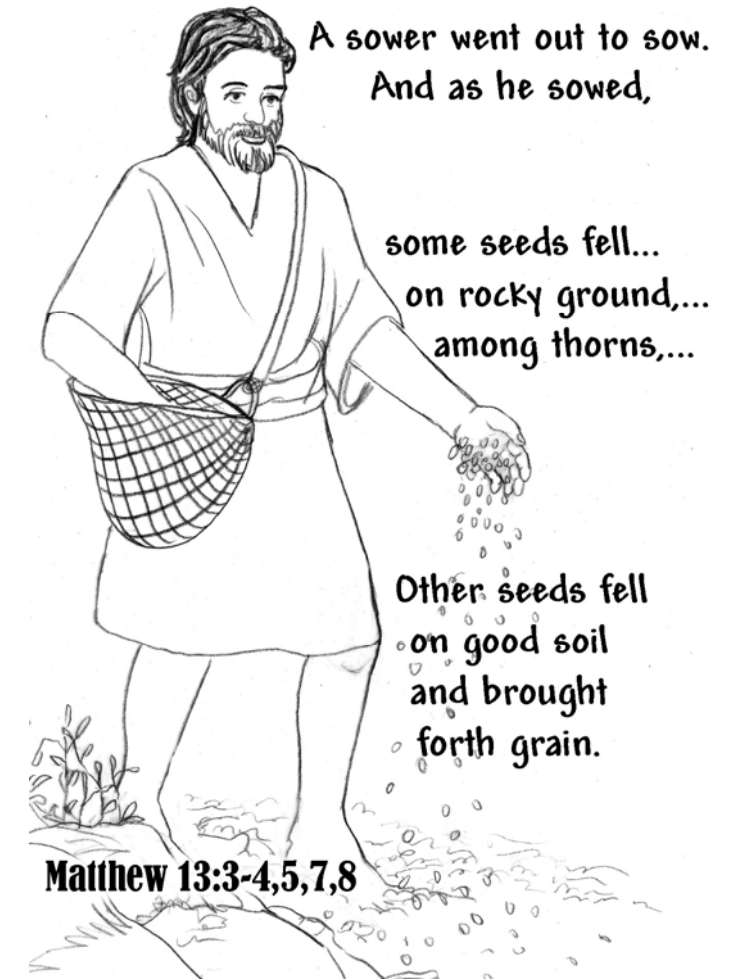
That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some 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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We exist to honor 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.