

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

**Worship:** 278 (19, 259) **Bible Study:** 84 (2, 28, 24, 4, 12) **Youth Study:** 4

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| Sunday    | 8:00 a.m.  | Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement                     |
|           | 8:00 a.m.  | My Brother's Keeper Study, commons                           |
|           | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School, church basement                               |
|           | 10:00 a.m. | Budget/Tuition Presentation, commons                         |
|           | 6:30 p.m.  | His Word My Life Bible Study, church                         |
| Monday    | 7:00 a.m.  | His Word My Life Bible Study, church                         |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Youth Group Bible Study, commons                             |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Elders Meeting   |
|           | 7:30 p.m.  | Church Council   |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 a.m. | Naomi Circle at Crossroads Cafe                              |
|           | 2:00 p.m.  | Bible Study, church  |
|           | 7:30 p.m.  | PTA Meeting, commons   |
| Wednesday | 4:00 p.m.  | Soccer at Kiel   |
|           | 4:45 p.m.  | Confirmation Class (5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade)  |
|           | 4:45 p.m.  | Bible History Class (3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade) |
|           | 5:30 p.m.  | Bible History Class (1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) |
|           | 8:00 p.m.  | Choir  |
| Thursday  | 1:00 p.m.  | Fun Day  |
|           | 7:30 p.m.  | Worship  |
|           | 8:30 p.m.  | Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement                     |
| Friday    | 5:30 p.m.  | Volleyball at MLHS   |
| Saturday  | 9:00 a.m.  | Lutheran Ladies League Rally, Two Rivers                     |
| Sunday    | 8:00 a.m.  | Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement                     |
|           | 8:00 a.m.  | My Brother's Keeper Study, commons                           |
|           | 9:00 a.m.  | Worship  |
|           | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School, church basement                               |
|           | 6:30 p.m.  | His Word My Life Bible Study, 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.

**Church Budget/School Tuition Presentations** The last two presentations about our congregational budget are this week. We will meet in the school commons Thursday and Sunday after worship. If you have not attended a presentation yet, it is important to the ministry of our congregation that you join us Thursday or Sunday!

**Adult Christ-Light Bible Study** meets in the church basement Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Join us!

**My Brother's Keeper Bible Study** Join us next Sunday as we continue the study, *My Brother's Keeper: Regaining the Straying Brother or sister for Christ*. We meet in the school commons at 8:00 a.m.

**Naomi Circle** will meet Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café. We invite widows and their female friends to join us for study and conversation.

**PTA** will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the school commons.

**His Word My Life Bible Study** meets Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement and Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café. We are studying 2 Corinthians. Join us!

**Lutheran Ladies League Rally** will be Saturday, September 20, at St. Johns Lutheran School, Two Rivers. (Note: Saturday event rather than the usual Wednesday rally.) The cost is \$5.00 (by Sept. 10) and \$7.00 at the door. Sign up sheets and more information are in the basement. If you have any questions please contact Sylvia Loppnow. Everyone is invited.

**Bread of Life Women's Study** will meet Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

**NEW Zoo Outing** The "mom's day out" Zoo trip has been rescheduled to Monday, September 22 because of a conflict with the 1-2 field trip. We will meet at the entrance at 10:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch to eat after enjoying the zoo. If you are interested in this event please email Mrs. Humann at school@mzluth.org or call 864-7751.

**The school** is in need of 5 TV converter boxes. These boxes are \$50-60. If you have cable or satellite at home and do not want to use your TV converter box \$40 coupon from the government, please consider giving it to school. The website for the free coupon is www.dtv2009.gov. Simply fill out the form to request a coupon and give the coupon to Mr. Humann. Thank you in advance.

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

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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**after Pentecost**  
August 21 & 24,  
2008



**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, open my eyes that I might see great things in your Word. Touch my heart with your sacrament so that I live for you. Amen.*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Preservice (Sunday):** Brianna Cappelle, Marissa Leick, Wilmer Pantzlaff, Brianna Leick, Vernon Pantzlaff

**Service**

Common Service (p. 15)

**Personal Preparation for Holy Communion:** Page 156

**Hymns**

420, 390, 310, 318:1,2

**Prayer of the Day**

*Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.*

**Special Music Sunday**  
Grades 3-4 *Christ is With Me*

**Psalm of the Day:**

Psalm 27 (p. 75)

**Musical Offering Sunday**  
Brianna Leick

**Sermon: Isaiah 55:6-9**

**Turn To The Lord**

By turning away from sin  
By turning to God in humility

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Series A

*The joyful privilege of serving our God in this life and the life to come is a gift of his grace.*

### First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-9

*God's plan to save sinners is so lofty that natural man cannot comprehend it. It is a plan of pure mercy and free pardon. The only hope for sinners is to abandon their proud, self-righteous thoughts and receive God at his time and on his terms.*

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

### Psalm of the Day: Psalms 27 (page 75)

### Second Lesson: Philippians 1:8b-27

*From prison, Paul speaks of the joyful tension in which a Christian lives. On the one hand, we long to be with Christ in heaven. On the other hand, we are happy to serve Christ on earth.*

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel

### Verse of the Day

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

### Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

*God's kingdom comes to different people at different times. The reward is the same for all because it is a reward of grace, not personal accomplishment. Work in God's kingdom, be it short or long, is the privilege of grace.*

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went.

He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?”

“Because no one has hired us,” they answered.

He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.”

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.”

The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. “These men who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.”

But he answered one of them, “Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?”

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

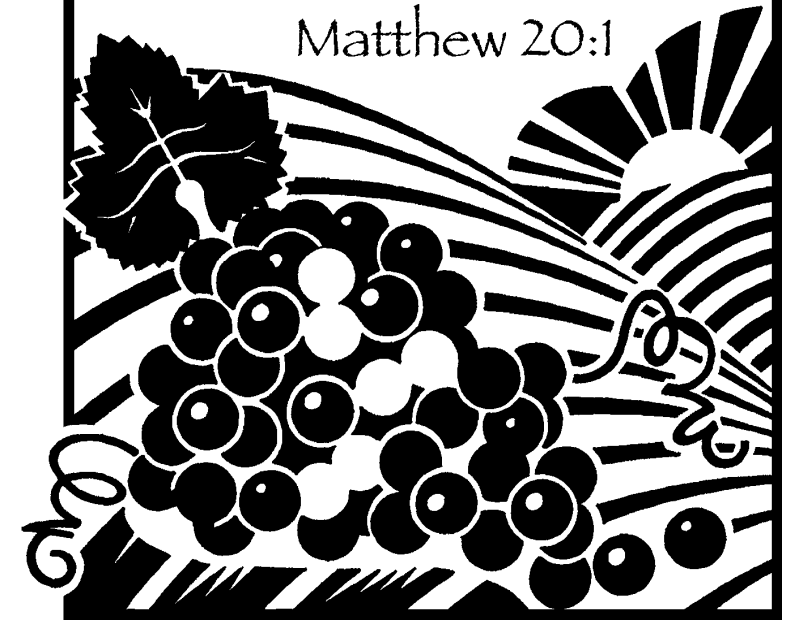
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*Our mission is to honor God as we help people Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel*

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of Heaven  
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morning to hire laborers  
for his vineyard.”

Matthew 20:1



**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.