

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 323 (28, 295)

Bible Study: 88 (5, 35, 18, 3, 10, 7) **Youth Study:** 10

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. Band Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, Crossroads Café
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church

Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (5th-8th grade)
 4:45 p.m. Bible History Class (3rd-4th grade)
 5:30 p.m. Bible History Class (1st-2nd grade)
 8:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday 1:00 p.m. Ladies Aid, school commons
 1:00 p.m. Fun Day
 7:30 p.m. Worship
 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement

Friday 4:30 p.m. Volleyball at Brillion

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.

Baptisms On Sunday morning Alaina Mae Morrehouse and Ava Mae Bowers will be baptized into the Christian faith. Alaina is the daughter of Kelly and Jon Moorehouse and was born on August 22. Ava is the daughter of Jason and Amber Bowers and was born on September 9. Please remember these new children of God and their families in prayer!

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.

Choir There still is room for you in Choir! Please consider using your musical gifts to proclaim the gospel with the choir in worship. We meet Wednesdays at school at 8:00 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be after school on Thursday and all day Friday.

Ladies Aid will meet this Thursday in the school commons at 1:00 p.m.

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!

Open Forum Everyone in the congregation is invited to an open forum after worship on Oct. 12 to discuss items for the voters meeting. You are also invited, encouraged, and asked to come and voice any questions or concerns you have about the ministry of our congregation. Once again, everyone in the congregation is invited to attend and be heard.

Voters Meetings The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be after worship on Oct. 19. The election meeting will be after worship on Nov. 2.

Large Print Hymnals are available in 3-ring binders next to the middle doors at the back of church. Please try them to see if they are beneficial to you!

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.

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20th Sunday
after Pentecost
September 25 &
28, 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

Service

Word and Sacrament (p. 26) Thu.
Baptism (p.12, 28) Sun,

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion:

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Hymns

225 (297 Sunday), 203, 386
(choir sings v. 4 on Sunday, 466, 319)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music Sunday Choir

Not to Us (after prayer of the day)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 118 (p. 108)

Sermon: Isaiah 5:1-7

Listen To A Love Song

A joyful song of God's love for sinners

A sad song of our love for God

20th Sunday after Pentecost: Series A

God has richly endowed us with the gospel of Christ to call others into his kingdom.

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Psalm of the Day: Psalms 118 (page 108)

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:12-21

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern

we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

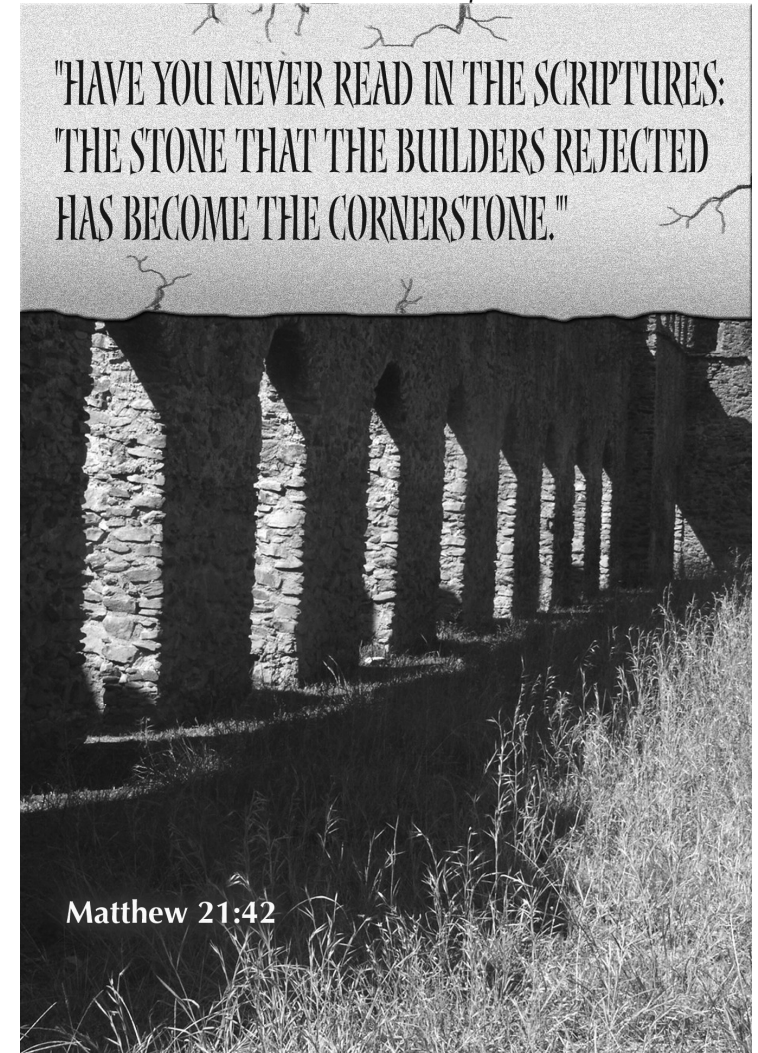
" 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

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



Matthew 21:42

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.