

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 402 (29, 373) **Communion:** 206 (19, 187)
Bible Study: 79 (4, 29, 27, 5, 7, 7) **Youth Study:** 12

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
	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
	6:30 p.m.	School Board
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee
Wednesday	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class (5 th -8 th grade)
	4:45 p.m.	Bible History Class (3 rd -4 th grade)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class (1 st -2 nd 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	5:00 p.m.	Volleyball at Manitowoc Lutheran High School
Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Volleyball at Manitowoc Lutheran High School
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
	10:00 a.m.	Open Forum, church
	10:00 a.m.	Band Rehearsal, school
	10:00 a.m.	Athletic Association, mothers' room
	6:30 p.m.	His Word My Life Bible Study, church

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.

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 next Sunday 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.

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.

Band will meet next Sunday after worship at school. There still is room for you to join a group that glorifies God and proclaims the gospel in music, the reason we exist as a congregation.

Naomi Circle, a support group Bible study for widows, will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the café.

Pray and Play Bible Study for mothers and their young children will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the kindergarten room.

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

Concessions We are looking for donations for basketball concessions. We also want to sell baked goods at our home games. There is a sign up sheet in the church basement. Thank you in advance!

Athletic Association will meet next Sunday in the mother's room after worship. We will discuss the basketball schedule and form a concessions committee. The meeting will take a half-hour. Interested parents and members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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Board of Education: Jeff Leick		864-3439

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Today's Organist: Beverly Leiterman Thur. Brenda Kuchenbecker Sun.

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Living Hope Counseling Ministries (WELS counseling)
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21st Sunday after Pentecost
 Oct. 2 & 5, 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: 337, 376, 326

Psalm Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of the Church, in the waters of baptism you have given us new life and at your table you nourish us with the food of salvation. Lead us along safe paths through the darkness of this world, dispel the terrors of death, and bring us at last to your house, where you dwell with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lessons are on the back cover

Psalm: Psalm 23 (p. 72 Thur.)

Sermon: Isaiah 25:6-9

Trust In The Lord

Be sure that he saved you
 Be glad in his salvation

SUNDAY

Service: Common Service (p. 15)

Hymns: 337, 376, 339, 326

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now God, now and forever.

Special Music

Grades 5-8 *There Still is Room* in place of the Verse of the Day

Pentecost 21– Series A

Today the Lord calls us to the heavenly banquet. Let nothing hinder our attendance.

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

"All peoples" are invited to the eternal feast of the Lord Almighty. Only the best is served, and the participants are in high spirits. Death, tears, and persecution are things of the past.

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23 (page 72 Thursday, front cover Sunday. On Sunday Grades 5-8 will sing the refrain first, then the congregation. The children will sing the verses. Everyone is invited to sing the refrains and *the Glory be to the Father*)

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-13

From prison Paul invites Christians to rejoice with him! Why? "The Lord is near." Anxiety is put to rest by confident petitions to the Omnipotent and thankful recognition of divine blessings received.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but

you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The kingdom of heaven is likened to a wedding banquet that is spread and announced by the lavish grace of God. It is free to all, and all are eventually invited. If God invited so many, why do so few actually attend? Leave it to depraved human nature to drag its feet, to make excuses, or to seek admission while dressed in its own rebellion!

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

"But they paid no attention and went off--one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless.

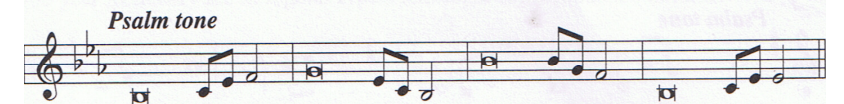
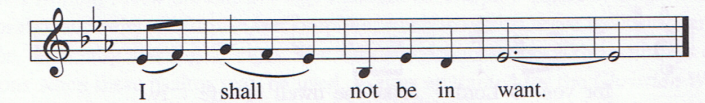
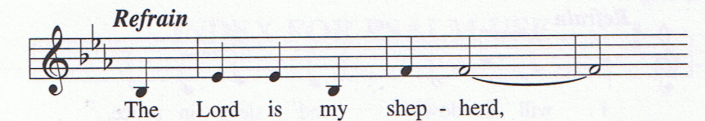
"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

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The LORD is my / shepherd,
I shall not / be in want.
He makes me lie down in green / pastures,
he leads me beside quiet / waters,

he re- / stores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness for his / name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are / with me;
your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days / of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for- / ever.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

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.