

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 305 (38, 267) **Bible Study:** 90 (7, 30, 28, 8, 9, 8) **Youth Study:** 13

Sunday	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
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word My Life Bible Study, Crossroads Café
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, commons
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Naomi Circle, Crossroads Café
	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church
	2:00 p.m.	Pray and Play Bible Study, Kind. Room
	6:00 p.m.	Basketball coaches meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
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
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Parent Player Volleyball game
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.	Voters Meeting, school
	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.

Open Forum Everyone in the congregation is invited to an open forum after worship this 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.

Band will meet 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.

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. Join us!

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

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

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!

Advent by Candlelight is set for Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m. We are looking for people to be involved in the program and for volunteer's to be a table hostess. Hostesses provide table settings, holiday decorations, candles, and a dessert for the table. Many partner with one or two to host a table. There are sign up sheets in the church basement for hostesses, readers, musicians, soloist, and a small choir. Please contact Janice Kuchenbecker about being a hostess or Amanda Humann about being part of the program.

Fun Day continues every Thursday (1:00-3:00 p.m.) for 3-5 year olds. The afternoon will consist of story time, play, and arts and crafts. The program is free and open to all. Invite a neighbor or friend!

Volleyball Tournament Trinity, Kaukauna is hosting a co-ed adult volleyball tournament on November 8. If you are interested in forming a team please sign up with Mr. Humann. The deadline to sign up is October 19.

Concession Donations Please check out the sign up sheets located in the basement of church. We are still looking for donations of items to sell at basketball this year.

Athletic Association will meet Sunday in the mother's room after worship.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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**22nd Sunday
after Pentecost**
October 9 & 12,
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

Common Service (p. 15)

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion:

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Hymns

239, 421, 313, 617, 519

Prayer of the Day

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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 Pre-K-K

I will Praise the Lord
(after prayer of the day)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 96 (p. 102)

Sermon: Isaiah 45:1-7

God Acts through Governments

To show he is the only God
For the sake of his people

22nd Sunday after Pentecost: Series A

The Lord of history has established earthly governments to carry out his will.

First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7

How inscrutable is the Lord's deliverance! His people were hopelessly exiled in Babylon because of their sins. But the Lord fashioned a deliverance they neither deserved nor dreamed possible! He anointed a pagan ruler, Cyrus of Persia, to conquer their oppressors and set them free. Our God is the Lord of history. He controls all things for the good of his Church.

"This is what the LORD says to his anointed,
to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of
to subdue nations before him

and to strip kings of their armor,
to open doors before him
so that gates will not be shut:

I will go before you

and will level the mountains;

I will break down gates of bronze
and cut through bars of iron.

I will give you the treasures of darkness,
riches stored in secret places,

**so that you may know that I am the LORD,
the God of Israel, who summons you by name.**

For the sake of Jacob my servant,
of Israel my chosen,

I summon you by name

and bestow on you a title of honor,

though you do not acknowledge me.

**I am the LORD, and there is no other;
apart from me there is no God.**

I will strengthen you,

though you have not acknowledged me,

so that from the rising of the sun
to the place of its setting

men may know there is none besides me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form the light and create darkness,

I bring prosperity and create disaster;

I, the LORD, do all these things.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 96 (page 102)

Our Lord's song of praise is shared by all creation—animate and inanimate. Of all God's praiseworthy acts, the greatest is the salvation of his people.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a

The opening of the epistle conveys the blessing of God's grace and its resultant peace. The apostle assures them of the specific prayers of thanksgiving that the Church at large prays on their behalf. He also reminds them that God loved them and chose them to be his people.

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

In an attempt to trap Jesus, the Pharisees asked whether it was right to pay taxes to a pagan government. Our Lord demonstrated that there was no conflict between our debt to the government and our debt to God. However, we owe God much more than taxes. We owe him thankful and believing hearts, which accept Jesus as the Messiah who paid our debt of sin. The Pharisees were unwilling to grant this to God.

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

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Our mission is to honor God as we help people 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.