

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 386 (30, 356) **Communion:** 213 (20, 193)
Bible Study: 109 (9, 20, 46, 8, 9, 8, 9) **Youth Study:** 13

Sunday 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, church
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle, church
2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church
6:30 p.m. Bread of Life Bible Study, school
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 7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
8:00 a.m. Predestination Study, commons
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement
10:00 a.m. Band, school
6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

Baptism On Sunday Elizabeth Violet Laabs will be baptized into the Christian faith. Elizabeth, the daughter of Jim and Cathy Laabs, was born on November 9. Please remember this new child of God and her family in your prayers!

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!

Predestination Bible Study Join us next Sunday as we continue the study, *Predestination*, a study from the People's Bible Teaching Series. We meet in the school commons at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Naomi Circle will meet Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at church. Widows and friends, if you haven't attended yet, why not stop in and see if you enjoy it?

Luther's Large Catechism is the topic of our Tuesday afternoon Bible Study. We meet Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. We will look at the conclusion to the commandments this week.

Bread of Life Women's Bible study will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at school. We will make cookies and other treats to send to the college students of our congregation. Bring the makings for your favorite recipe and we will put together Thanksgiving care packages for our college students! Women, if you haven't joined us before, stop in and join in the fun!

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

Advent by Candlelight There will be a short meeting in the mothers' room November 16 after church about hosting a table. Information will be handed out and we will answer any questions you might have. This is for anyone who has signed up or is interested in being a hostess. Sign up sheets are in the church basement to be a part of the program, host a table, or attend. If you would like to be a part of the program as readers or musicians please sign up by Nov. 16 so we can finalize the program. Please see Amanda Humman with any program questions and Janice Kuchenbecker with any hostess questions.

Thanksgiving Worship Please join us for our Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, Nov. 27 at 9:00 a.m.

Food Collection We will collect food for the needy through Nov. 30. Please bring your donations to the church basement.

Poinsettia There is a sign up sheet in the church basement if you would like to purchase a poinsettia to have in church during Advent. The cost is \$7.00.

Mom's Day Out! We will go to Rainbow Play Systems in Appleton on Wednesday, Nov. 19. We will get to play on their swing sets in their indoor showroom. You can check out some pictures at www.rainbownew.com. We will leave school at 9:00a.m. and be home by lunch time. It is \$5.00 for the first child and \$3.00 additional siblings (under 1 is free). Please let Mrs. Humann know by Monday, Nov. 17 if you are interested (864-7754 or humannbj@mzluth.org).

There are only a few items left to donate toward concessions. A sign up sheet is located on the tables in the church basement. Thank you.

Bread of Life Cookbooks There are still about 50 cookbooks (\$13.00) left for Christmas gifts. This will be the end of the cookbooks. They are located in the church basement by the cards or in the school office.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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Today's Organist: Jackie Zeamer

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3rd Sunday of End Time

Nov. 13 & 16, 2008

Prayer before worship

Forgive me Lord for not standing firm in you. Anchor me to your Word and sacraments. Amen



THURSDAY

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52)

Hymns: 291, 200, 293

Psalm Prayer

Almighty God, grant that during our earthly pilgrimage we may so treasure your Word and sacraments that being nourished in faith we may one day dwell in the courts of heaven to praise you forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lessons are on the back cover

Psalm: Psalm 84 (p. 96)

Sermon: Isaiah 52:1-6

Wake Up!

See What God Has Done!

Contemplate What Is To Come!

SUNDAY

Service: Baptism, Word (p. 12, 39)

Hymns: 297, 206, 214, 218

Preservice (band)

*Grand Processional
Chorale and Scherzo*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep u ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music (choir, as a part of *In Memoriam*) *Blessed are They*

Offering: Band *Arioso for Band*

End Time 3-Saints Triumphant-Series A

Keep Watch. Your Savior will come for you soon!

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:1-6

Our God is the Lord of history. He subjugates nations as he wills and redeems his people out of pure grace.

Awake, awake, O Zion,

clothe yourself with strength.

Put on your garments of splendor,

O Jerusalem, the holy city.

The uncircumcised and defiled

will not enter you again.

Shake off your dust;

rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem.

Free yourself from the chains on your neck,

O captive Daughter of Zion.

For this is what the LORD says:

"You were sold for nothing,

and without money you will be redeemed."

For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

"At first my people went down to Egypt to live;

lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

"And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD.

"For my people have been taken away for nothing,

and those who rule them mock,"

declares the LORD.

"And all day long

my name is constantly blasphemed.

Therefore my people will know my name;

therefore in that day they will know

that it is I who foretold it.

Yes, it is I."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 84 (page 96)

How blessed is the intimate communion a soul enjoys with the Lord Almighty!

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Jesus' resurrection is the sure foundation of our confidence that those who have "fallen asleep in him" will participate in the glorious resurrection of the dead on the Last Day/

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

The parable of the ten virgins calls us to constant vigilance, since the day and hour of our Lord's judgment is not known.

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

" 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

"Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!'

"But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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

In Memoriam

After the sermon, in place of the song of praise or creed

Choir: (refrain) Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called
To the marriage feast of the Lamb

Verse 1

Verse 2 (refrain)

Verse 3

M: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe and language,

C: Standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

M: They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

C: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.

M: I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

C: "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, and their deeds will follow them."

The reading of the names of those members of Zion called from the church militant to the church triumphant since Saints Triumphant Sunday last year.

Choir:

Verse 4 (refrain)

Verse 5 (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.