

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

3 Holy Days Worship: 1,090 **Communion:** 607
Maundy Thursday: 226 (123, 103) **Communion:** 138 (63, 75)
Good Friday: 319 (136, 183) **Communion:** 189 (72, 113)
Easter: 545 (56, 489) **Communion:** 280 (38, 242)

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement
 10:00 a.m. Open Forum, front of church
 1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, school
 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 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church
 2:00 p.m. Pray & Play Women's Study, school
 6:30 p.m. Bread for Life Women's 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 8:30 a.m. Kindergarten Roundup
 9:45 a.m. FVL Band Concert at Morrison
 1:00 p.m. Preschool Roundup
 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. Commons Bible Study, commons
 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement
 10:00 a.m. Voters Meeting, school commons
 10:00 a.m. Band, school
 6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

Baptisms On Sunday Brooke Jayda Van Rossum and Audra Joyce Denor will be baptized into Christ. Brooke, who was born on March 14, is the daughter of Jeff and Charlotte Van Rossum. Audra, who was born on March 31, is the daughter of Jamie and Janel Denor. Please remember these children of God and their families in prayer!

Open Forum will meet in the front of church after worship on Sunday. We will look at some of the items that will be on the agenda for the Voters Meeting next Sunday. If you have any questions about any aspect of our ministry please bring them to the Open Forum. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend and participate.

Men's Bible Study will meet Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the school commons. We will begin a new study, *Men in Church*. Join us and then stay afterwards for basketball, cards, or whatever you choose.

His Word—My Life Bible Class will meet Sunday evening and Monday morning. We will continue our study of *Christian Citizenship in Church and State*. Join us!

Tuesday Bible Study will continue the study, *My Vocation in Christ* this Tuesday. Join us before you watch the grade school softball game!

Pray and Play Women's Study will meet at 2:00 p.m. this Tuesday.

Bread for Life will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. We will study one of the hymns from the new Supplement. We will cook whatever someone suggests by the 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. Women, please join us!

Adult Christ-Light Bible Study will meet this Thursday after worship. We will also meet Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us!

Commons Bible Study meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Next week we will study, *Great Gospel Events In the Life of Elijah and Elisha*. Join us!

Voters Meeting will be after worship next Sunday in the school commons.

Manitowoc Lutheran High Hot Lunch We will serve hot lunch at MLHS on Tuesday, April 28. Sign up to help or donate the following food items: tortes, cheese, butter, bread, and tomato juice. Sign up sheets are in the church basement. If you have any questions please call Denise Laabs (864-2706).

School Picnic There are sign up sheets in the basement for donations for the school picnic.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16 & 19, 2009



Prayer before worship

Lord, as we journey through this week of weeks, help me to see the power and meaning of your resurrection.. Amen

THURSDAY

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52)

Hymns: 146, 165, 154

Psalm Prayer

Lord Jesus, keep our minds fixed on your precious Word and our thoughts on your glorious victory over death so that we may know the joy of your resurrection and share the pleasures of the saints at your right hand, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lessons are on the back cover

Psalm: Psalm 16 (p. 68)

Sermon: Acts 26:19-29

Driven Insane?

Human reason says yes
 God's gift of peace says otherwise

SUNDAY

Preservice Music:

Brianna Leick and Kara Schultz

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

Hymns: 297, 165, 386, 154

Prayer of the Day

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Musical Offering Chimes, grades 7-8

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

2nd Sunday of Easter-Series B

His resurrection gives us peace.

First Lesson: Acts 26:19-29

The one in chains has true peace and offers it to others freely. Those who appear to have it all reject the peace they desperately need.

"So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. But I have had God's help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen—that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles."

At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane."

"I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable. The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do."

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"

Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 16 (page 68)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Christ is arisen! There is peace, eternal peace, for those who are in Christ!

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not

raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus not only greets the disciples with "peace" he gives it to them, even to Thomas after a week full of doubts.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may ^[a] believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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“PUT your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not DOUBT but BELIEVE.”

John 20:27

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.