

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 340 (20, 320)
Bible Study: 100 (10, 6, 11, 37, 6, 6, 9, 6, 4, 5)
Youth Study: 16

Sunday 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
Monday 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons
Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church
4:00 p.m. Softball (5-6 first, then 7-8)
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. Fun Day
4:00 p.m. Softball (7-8 first, then 5-6)
7:30 p.m. Worship
8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
Saturday 10:00 a.m. Financial Peace University, commons
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
8:00 a.m. Commons Bible Study, commons
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement
10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting, 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/ELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Voters Meeting The voters will meet after worship on Sunday in the commons. We will discuss the education fee for the school, elect an elder, and hear reports about the ministry of our congregation.

His Word—My Life Bible Class will meet Sunday evening and Monday morning. On Sunday we will continue our study of *Christian Citizenship in Church and State*. On Monday we will not meet this week in order to get the two classes back together.

Tuesday Bible Study will begin the study, *Christ* this Tuesday. Our first lesson is “Jesus is both God and Man.” 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!

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.

3rd Kalahari Family Retreat We had so much fun this past Spring Break that we want to do it again! Join us March 5-7 for our third annual Kalahari Family Bible Retreat. During the weekend we will dive into God’s Word, enjoy the water park and indoor theme park, and relax in 5 bedroom luxury condos. Each condo consists of: Individual room with 2 queen beds, 7 TV’s, full kitchen, movie theater, pool table, game table, and much, much more! The cost for the entire weekend will be around \$100 per person. There are only 2 rooms still available, so reserve your spot today! Deadline for signing up is May 22.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23 & 26, 2009

Prayer before worship

*Lord, in my struggles I often fail.
Help me see Jesus victory as my own as I worship today. Amen*

Lessons are on the back cover

Service

Divine Service II (p. 28 cws)

**Personal Preparation
For Holy Communion**

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Special Music

*Praise We the Lord in Highest
Heav’n* (call to worship, before the opening hymn)

Hymns

561, 160, 719 (Sunday: choir v. 1, cong. 2-5), 531, 742, 293

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 118 (p. 108)

Sermon: Mark 8:31-38

Now I Know

Opened mind and opened eyes
Lead to an educated open mouth

Musical Offering

Amazing Grace (Ryan Malcore, Thursday)



3rd Sunday of Easter—Series B

The blessings of Easter are all ours through the Word, the effective means of grace!

First Lesson: Acts 12:1-19

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating."

When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

"You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."

But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 118 (p. 108)

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said good-by to them and went on to Macedonia.

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task? Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

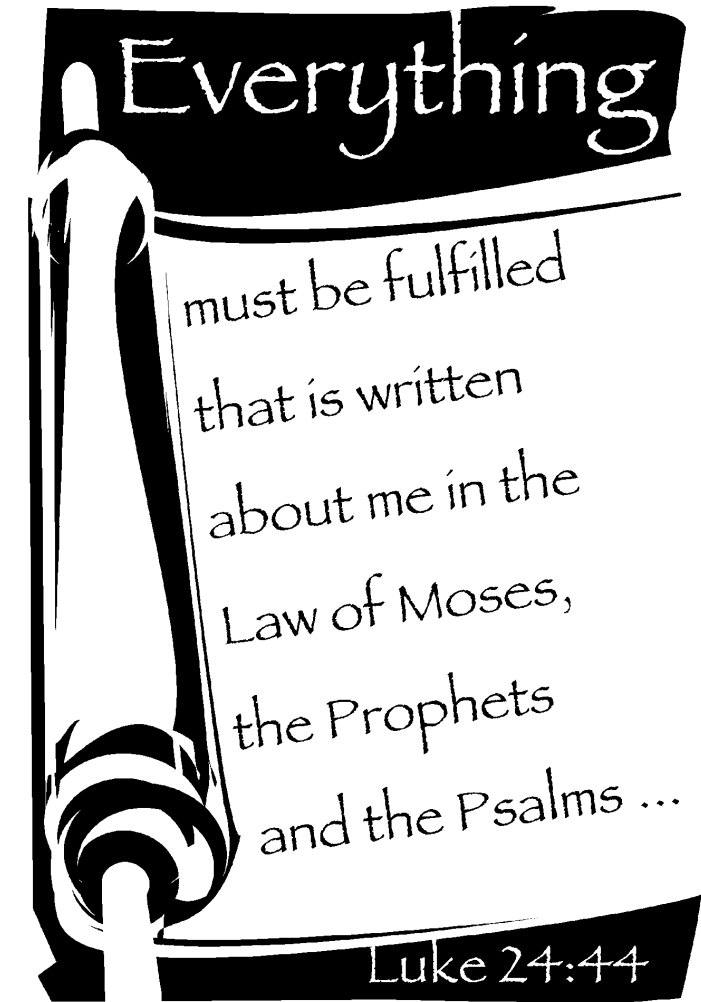
He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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.