

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 366 (23, 343)                      **Graduation:** 158

**Bible Study:** 101 (11, 5, 17, 27, 26, 8, 4, 3)

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Choir  
 Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church  
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace University, commons  
 Thursday 1:00 p.m. Fun Day  
                   7:30 p.m. Pentecost Festival Worship with Communion  
                   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  
                   8:30 a.m. Choir practice  
                   9:00 a.m. Pentecost Festival Worship with Communion  
                   10:00 a.m. Band Rehearsal for Music in the Park

**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.

**Choir** will practice in the balcony after worship today.

**Tuesday Bible Study** will conclude the study, *Christ* this Tuesday. Our final lesson is “Prophet, Priest, King.” 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: God Steps in to Protect*. Join us!

**Pentecost Festival Worship** will be next Thursday and Sunday. Pentecost is the third and final major festival of the church year. It is the “birthday” of the New Testament Church. Geraniums will decorate the church as a symbol of the Spirit’s fire. Communion will be a part of worship at both services. Join us for this festival day!

**Timber Rattlers** On June 28 we will head to the Timber Rattler game. After church we will travel to the stadium to tailgate before

the game begins. There are about 25 tickets still remaining. The cost is \$6.50 per person. The deadline has been extended to June 7. Sign up in the church basement.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Kalahari Family Retreat** There are only 2 rooms yet available for our Kalahari resort weekend trip March 5-7, 2010. If you are interested, please speak to Mr. Humann. The deadline to sign up is May 22.

**Softball Tournament** The softball tournament scheduled for June 27 has 6 teams signed up already. We are only taking a maximum of 8 teams. If you wish to get a team into the tournament the deadline is June 7. All members of your team must be 18 years of age or older.

**Band** will meet after worship on May 31 and June 7 to prepare for Music in the Park.

**School Picnic** Thanks to all who attended last week’s school picnic. Matching funds of around \$600 were donated by Thrivent to help with our lighting project. Thank you!

**Vacation Bible School** will be held July 13-17 this summer. Sign up sheets will be in the church basement in coming weeks.

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**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
May 24, 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*

*Lessons are on the back cover*

**Service**  
Divine Service II (p. 28 cws)

**Personal Preparation**  
**For Holy Communion**  
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**Hymns**  
173, 359, 309, 741, 318

**Prayer of the Day**  
*Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Psalm of the Day**  
Psalm 8 (p. 67)

**Sermon:** Acts 7:54-60  
**Answered Prayer?**  
Reason’s answer  
The faith of Stephen’s answer

**Musical Offering**  
Mabel Krahn

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter—Series B

*Jesus prayed for us the night before he died. He prays for us still in heaven, and God has answered his prayer.*

### **First Lesson:** Acts 7:54-60

When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

### **Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 8 (p. 67)

### **Second Lesson:** Hebrews 7:11-27

If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come—one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? For when there is a change of the priesthood, there must also be a change of the law. He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. For it is declared:

"You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek."

The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him:

"The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind:  
'You are a priest forever.' "

Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

### **Gospel:** John 17:11-19

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

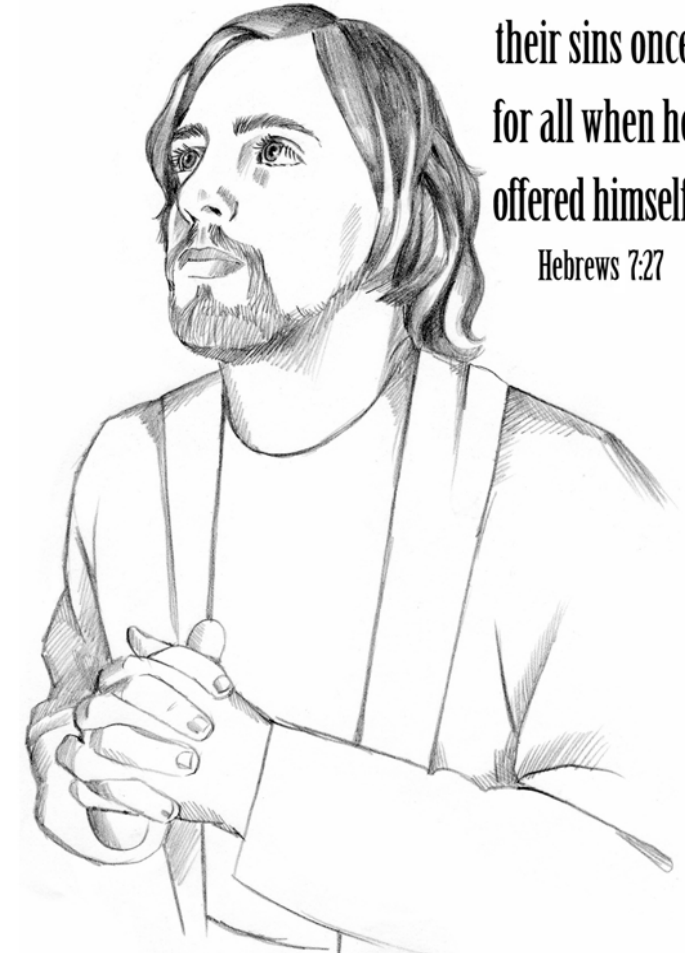
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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**He sacrificed for  
their sins once  
for all when he  
offered himself.**

**Hebrews 7:27**



**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.