

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 315 (41, 274) **Bible Study:** 67 (12, 6, 27, 22)

Sunday 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Softball vs. Maribel
 Thursday 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle, church
 1:00 p.m. Fun Day
 7:00 p.m. 19-Minutes with Luther Study, church
 7:30 p.m. Worship
 Friday Wedding Rehearsal
 Saturday Beyer/Fritsch Wedding
 Sunday 8:25 a.m. 19-Minutes with Luther Study, church
 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship
 10:00 a.m. Youth Rally Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Softball at Newtonburg

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.

Baptism On Sunday morning Ally Linda Boylan will be baptized into the Christian faith. Ally is the daughter of Chris and Carrie Boylan. She was born on April 20, 2009. Please remember this new child of God and her family in your prayers!

19-Minute Bible Study These classes meet a half hour before worship on Thursday and Sunday. Join us and keep discussing God’s Word with fellow Christians through the summer!

Summer Spiritual Growth There are ways you can continue to grow in faith and knowledge this summer outside of worship and group Bible Study. In the basement there is a table displaying new items that we have received for the church library. Check out all of the various topics that are covered. There are devotionals, *People’s Bible* commentaries, *People’s Bible Teaching* books, books about lives of people from the Bible, books on depression, history and much more. There are also a number of *Forward in Christ* magazines that are free for the taking on the table where you usually find cookies. Also, don’t forget about

the *Meditations*. This is an excellent resource for daily time with God’s Word. Pick one up today!

Outdoor Worship Services Next Sunday, June 21 worship will be outdoors, weather permitting. Please bring finger food to share after worship.

On Thursday, July 2 we will have an outdoor service. At 5:30 p.m. we will have hot dogs and hamburgers ready to eat. Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. There is a sign up sheet in the basement. Please sign up so we know how many hamburgers and hot dogs to make.

Dive In is the theme of this summer’s Vacation Bible School which will be July 13–17, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. We need children to invite their friends, relatives, and neighbors to *Dive Into* God’s Word with us. We also need teens and adults to help with Bible stories, crafts, games, and refreshments. Even if you can spare only an hour, we can use your help! Sign up in the church basement, or call Becky Zittlow at 864-2545 or Carrie Cappelle 864-2954 or say yes if someone asks you to use your talents to serve the Lord.

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2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 11 & 14, 2009

Prayer before worship

Lord, all too often I focus on my actions as though they lead you to love me. Help me today to see that you loved me when I was spiritually dead. Lead me to greater joy in living in love for you.. Amen

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Hymns

452 (Thursday)/296(Sunday),
190, 460, 742, 286

Prayer of the Day

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 126 (p. 113)

Sermon: Acts 7:54-60
God Made You Alive With Christ

He cancelled the written code
Live in your new reality

2nd Sunday after Pentecost—Series B

In his kingdom we are to live according to his will as expressed in the law. But even in the directions given for our lives in the law, we see Christ for us. For the law does not benefit God; it benefits us. The Third Commandment is a pre-eminent example of the point.

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 21:1-6

Even the Old Testament ceremonial law had the gift of the Sabbath as its corner stone and connecting thread; thus even details of the ceremonial law could be violated in the interests of the blessings God wanted to give to man through the law. The priest gave and David received what otherwise would have been unlawful so that David and his men could carry out the expressed will of God that David should live and eventually become king. God gives the law for our benefit; our obedience to it benefits us and our neighbor, not God.

David went to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech trembled when he met him, and asked, "Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?"

David answered Ahimelech the priest, "The king charged me with a certain matter and said to me, 'No one is to know anything about your mission and your instructions.' As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place. Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find."

But the priest answered David, "I don't have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women."

David replied, "Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men's things are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!" So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the LORD and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

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Second Lesson: Colossians 2:13-17

The Old Testament Sabbath and ceremonial law had become a burden because of the pharisaical perversion of it. The Pharisees focused on the shell and missed its content. Ideally its provisions all

point to Christ's winning the real Sabbath rest for us by his refusal to rest until our salvation had been won. Now the law has been removed as a burden by its fulfillment in the work of Christ. Thus now we are free to receive what the works of the law could never give: we receive Christ; we receive life; we receive forgiveness for all our sins against all of the law! That's the whole point and purpose of our worship, to receive what God has come to give us in his Word. Therefore, let us not despise preaching and his Word but gladly hear and learn it, and thus receive its saving benefit: Christ!

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Gospel: Mark 2:23-28

The Pharisees had turned even rest into a work! Jesus declares the true intent of the Sabbath law (the word Sabbath means rest). It was God's gift, not for God's benefit, but for our benefit. Its true and lasting rest is found in Christ and in his work; thus the worship of the New Testament is chiefly a worship not of doing but of receiving what God has done for us in his Word and sacraments.

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

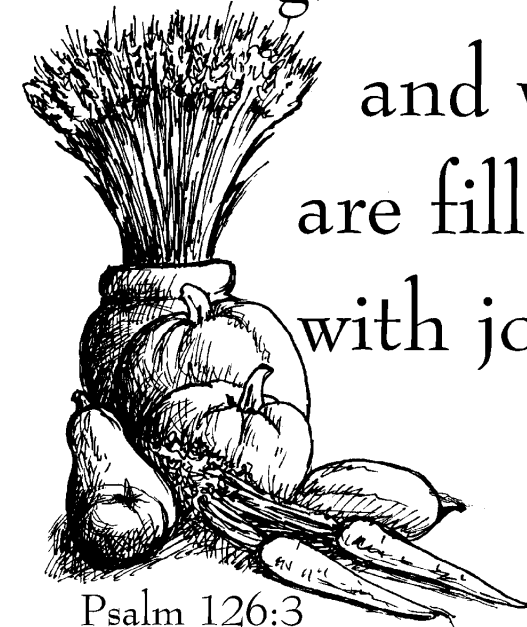
Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

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

The LORD
has done great
things for us,
and we
are filled
with joy.



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.