

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 300 (33, 267) **Communion:** 176 (19, 157)
Bible Study: 57 (5, 52)

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Open Forum
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Softball at Two Rivers
Thursday 7:00 p.m. 19-Minute Bible Study, pavilion
7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
Sunday 8:25 a.m. 19-Minute Bible Study, church
9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Presentation on Mission to Japan, food following in basement
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Softball First German at Morrison

Open Forum On Sunday after worship there will be an Open Forum. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend and ask any questions they have or offer any input about the ministry of our congregation.

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!

Mission Festival On Thursday, July 9 and Sunday July 12 Missionary Brad Wordell will be our guest pastor. After worship on July 12 there will be a presentation about our work in Japan. Ladies Aid will serve sandwiches in the basement after the presentation. Sign up sheets for items to bring are in the basement. Join us!

Church Council will meet on the 14th, not the 7th as the calendar states.

Summer Spiritual Growth There are ways you can continue to grow in faith this summer outside of worship and 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 also a number of *Forward in Christ* magazines that are free for the taking. Also, don’t forget about the *Meditations*. This is an excellent resource for daily time with God’s Word. Pick one up today!

New Life In Christ Adult Information Class We will start another *New Life in Christ* class later this summer. This is a 20 lesson class the reviews the basic teachings of God’s Word. If you would like to learn what our congregation teaches or review what you learned in confirmation then this is the class for you. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our congregation then this is the class for you. If anyone is interested, please contact Pastor Ott. Classes will begin towards the end of summer.

Food/household Donations are being accepted in the church basement for our new teacher, Tim Pingel. Installation will be August 9.

VBS will be July 13-17, 9:00-11:30 a.m.. Please sign your child up in the basement of church today! We still need food donations and need many volunteers. Check out the sign up sheets in the church basement. We're looking for 1 gallon milk jugs for a VBS project. Please cut them about 3-4 inches from the bottom so it forms a bowl. We're also in need of aluminum pie or round cake pans. If you have any of these items that we can use please put them on the table by the VBS sign up sheets in the church basement or contact Brenda Kuchenbecker, Carrie Cappelle or Becky Zittlow.

After the congregational meeting on July 19 we ask that anyone available come and help clear out the classrooms of the school for school cleaning. Other days to help are July 21-22 (9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.) All school parents are expected to help out and other congregational members are encouraged to help.

Drop off your rummage items in the school gym on July 19 after worship and July 20 all day. Place your items on the tables in the gym. Join us August 1 as we open the doors for our 3rd annual “Free school supplies and More” event. We are in need of school supplies. As the sales start to begin in a few weeks, please pick up a few items to be donated to needy families.

This year our school will be hosting the B team basketball tournament. We will need many items donated. As the soda sales heat up this summer pick up a few 12 packs for the tournament and drop them off in the school kitchen or church basement. Thank you in advance!

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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5th Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 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

Baptism, Word (p. 12, 39)

Hymns

473, 379, 405, 619

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; 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 46 (p. 84)

Hold On To The Anchor Of God’s Promises

Trust them
Share them

5th Sunday after Pentecost – Series B

We have seen that faith should give evidence of itself in life. But sometimes things challenge our faith. The fact that Christ lives and lives in us, the fact that he rules all things for our good, is no guarantee that we will never face fear and disaster. Quite the contrary, he has promised us that we will have an abundance of troubles in this life. This Sunday's reading shows us one particular fruit of faith: We trust in him when all outward evidence argues against trust.

First Lesson: Proverbs 30:4,5

God's love has no boundary and his mercy has no bottom. His promises are as clear as they are flawless. Therefore, in spite of the evidence that seems to the contrary in days of disaster, we will seek and find refuge in him and in his promises that cannot fail! That is the nature of faith rooted in his Word, not in our senses, our reason, our emotions.

Who has gone up to heaven and come down?

Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands?

Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak?

Who has established all the ends of the earth?

What is his name, and the name of his son?

Tell me if you know!

Every word of God is flawless;

he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 46 (p. 84)

Second Lesson: Acts 27:13-26

Sometimes disasters have this as their purpose: To teach us to despair of ourselves and to trust solely in God's providence and promises. God does not tell Paul the why of the shipwreck. Nor does Paul attempt to explain it apart from God's Word. Paul had the promise that he would appear before Caesar, and therefore he knew that he would not drown. He had the promise that the sailors would not perish, and therefore he could assure them of the same. But why they all had to go through this terrible experience God had not told him. Paul's business was to trust the promise and providence of God, and then to share that promise whatever his outward circumstance might be.

When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the "northeaster," swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure. When the men had hoisted it aboard, they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Fearing that they would run aground

on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

What a mirror of the mix of unbelief and trust that describes us so often in our lives! On the one hand the disciples have heard his words of love and have believed them; they trust that he is perfectly able to help. But in their distress, having tried to do everything on their own first, they can't imagine that he would keep his Word to them. He promised that they would be fishers of men—an impossible promise for him to keep if they perish! How kind of Jesus to put up with us! How gracious of him to wait with his help until we have learned that the only ultimate help is from him, a lesson we would never learn without suffering. Hold fast to the promise that Jesus will not leave us or forsake, not even in death!

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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

WHO IS THIS? Even the wind and the waves obey him!



Mark 4:41

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.