

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 286 (116, 170) **Bible Study:** 97 (69, 28)

- Sunday 10:00 a.m. Presentation on Mission to Japan, food following in basement
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Softball First German at Morrison
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Church Council
- Thursday 7:00 p.m. 19-Minute Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Worship
- Sunday 8:25 a.m. 19-Minute Bible Study, church
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Voters Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Softball at Brillion

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.

Thank You to Missionary Brad Wordell for his message this week. Pastor Wordell serves the Lord and his people in Japan. After worship on Sunday we will not usher the congregation out. If you are able, please stay for a 25 minute presentation on WELS mission work in Japan. After the presentation the Ladies Aid will serve food in the basement. Please join us!

VBS will be Monday through Friday, 9:00-11:30 a.m. this coming week. 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.

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!

Voters Meeting Next Sunday the voters will meet after worship.

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.

School Cleaning After the congregational meeting this Sunday please 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.

Pastor Ott will be away until July 23. If you need emergency pastoral care, please contact Nancy Pantzlaff.

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 need 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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6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 9 & 12, 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 trust that your love will never leave me.. Amen

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Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 30 (p. 76)

Sermon: Psalm 131
May The Lord Give Us Humble Confidence

6th Sunday after Pentecost – Series B

Last Sunday we saw that faith does not eliminate suffering from our lives. This Sunday we see that the suffering includes even death. The unbeliever who has only tears and despair in the face of death vainly hopes in his fear that death ends all. The Christian clings to the one who has overcome death for us even when faced with death.

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 12:11-25

"This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"

Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die."

After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill. David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and went into his house and spent the nights lying on the ground. The elders of his household stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused, and he would not eat any food with them.

On the seventh day the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they thought, "While the child was still living, we spoke to David but he would not listen to us. How can we tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate."

David noticed that his servants were whispering among themselves and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked.

"Yes," they replied, "he is dead."

Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate.

His servants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!"

He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.' But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved him; and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 30 (p. 76)

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:8-14

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-24a,35-43

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him.

While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?"

Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

The Lord Jesus,
on the night he
was betrayed,
took bread



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.