

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 317 (34, 283) **Bible Study:** 84 (7, 39, 16, 10, 6, 6) **Youth Study:** 11

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Church Band at school
 10:00 a.m. Open Forum
 7:00 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, church basement

Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word-My Life Class, church basement
 6:00 p.m. Choir
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Class, school

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church basement
 7:00 p.m. Elders
 7:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class
 5:30 p.m. Bible History Class
 8:00 p.m. Choir, school

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship
 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Study, church basement

Saturday . Volleyball Tournament at MLHS

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Study, church basement
 8:00 a.m. Angels/Demons Study, school commons
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Voters' Meeting
 7:00 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, church basement

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.

Open Forum There will be an Open Forum after worship on Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns about the ministry of our congregation, this is the place to be. Any member of the congregation can join us and be heard.

Sunday School will meet in the basement after church Sunday.

Church Band will meet in the school basement after worship on Sunday.

New Life In Christ Adult Information Class It's not too late to join us! We meet Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

His Word-My Life class will continue the study, *The Kingdom of God*. Class will meet in the church basement at 7:00 a.m. on Monday.

Youth Group Bible Study will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday Bible class is studying *Luther's Large Catechism*. Join us at 2:00 p.m.

Choir Don't forget that there is a new choir opportunity for you this year! Choir also meets on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. For those who have said that choir at 8:00 p.m. is too late this is the perfect chance to get involved in proclaiming the gospel in song in our congregation!

Breaking Down The Barriers is a one year capital appeal that has an educational goal and a financial goal. The financial goal is to raise \$148,000 (\$1,000 for each year our congregation has existed). These funds will be put toward the building loan first of all and the remainder towards our operating loan. The educational goal is to see some of the barriers we erect and can overcome as we seek to serve the Lord faithfully. The barrier we have looked at is our tendency to look inward and forget our calling to spread the gospel. In October we will look at financial barriers. In November we will look at our tendency to stay in comfortable ruts and not dare to dream big in our kingdom service. On Christ the King Sunday in November every member will have the opportunity to return a commitment card with their intended financial support of the appeal.

Voters' Meeting The quarterly voters meeting will be after worship on October 18. All voters of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 8 & 11, 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

Lessons are on the back cover

Preservice Music

Lauren Griepentrog

Service

Common Service (p. 15)

Personal Preparation For Holy Communion

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Hymns

735, 192, 742, 344

Prayer of the Day

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music (Sunday)

There is Power in the Name of Jesus (Pre-K & K, after Prayer of the Day)

Take My Life (Monday Choir, during distribution)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 51b (p. 87)

Sermon: Mark 8:27-35

Have "Salt" In Yourself

There are threats to your "salt"
The result of losing your "salt"

17th Sunday after Pentecost—Series B

The gifts of God are so rich and varied that the devil uses that very generosity in God to stir up jealousy and envy. Expect it in others; find it yourself as well! That weakness makes it crystal clear that our need for a Savior is a constant one. It makes it equally clear that our struggle against our own flesh gives us much more difficulty and anguish than the hostility or the persecution from the world.

First Lesson: Numbers 11:16,24-29

The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 51b (p. 87)

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:12-18a

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing

that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

"Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

"And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where

" 'their worm does not die,
and the fire is not quenched.'

Everyone will be salted with fire.

"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

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*S*urely you desire truth in the
inner parts; you teach me wisdom
in the inmost place.

Psalm 51:6



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.