

Followers of Christ understand the call for total commitment

Followers of Christ support kingdom work

Followers of Christ love their neighbor

Followers of Christ listen when God speaks

Followers of Christ pray boldly

Followers of Christ know that earthly wealth is meaningless

Followers of Christ find true treasure in trusting God's promises

If you know of someone who could benefit from one of these topics in their walk with Jesus please invite them to join us!

We will have a **Christmas at Camp** (VBS) workday on Sunday, June 30 right after worship. We need many hands to help ready the school, help prepare crafts, copying, folding, and assembling booklets, and making 600 sugar cookies. If you have an hour or two free after Sunday worship next week, please join us in the school commons. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Humann or Mr. Muchka.

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Pentecost 5

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Is faithfulness to Christ worth the trouble it brings? The life of faith is lived in a godless world, and it is therefore certain to be met with persecution. Like our Suffering Savior, we too bear his cross in our daily interactions. The Lord, however, uses these persecutions suffered for the sake of the Gospel to refine us into the pure, precious metal of his children. Strengthened through the means of grace, we boldly confess Jesus as the Christ in the face of any persecution or trouble. The Church prays that God in his mercy would direct the affairs of this world so that the Church might have peace, but at the same time we prepare ourselves for persecution.

Service: Common Service (p. 15)

Hymns: 465, 536, 392, 403, 404, 422:1,4

Preparation for Communion: Page 156

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.

First Lesson: Genesis 39:6b-12, 16-23

Is faithfulness to Christ worth the trouble it brings? Under daily pressure, Joseph knew the struggle of contemplating that question. When confronted with the blatant seduction of evil, he boldly confessed his obedience to the Lord only to find himself wrongly imprisoned. Yet even through this trial the Lord blessed Joseph, preparing him for future leadership and the saving of many lives. God had not forgotten him; God was refining him; God was preparing him for future service.

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*Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we help people
Grow in the Gospel
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Go with the Gospel*

Welcome! We thank



God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the 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 our worship.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house

She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 22 (p. 71)

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:24-26

Is faithfulness worth the trouble it brings? For Moses, faithfulness meant giving up power, riches, and pleasure so great that the world still marvels at ancient Egypt's glories. Even more than abstaining from these, faithfulness meant Moses would leave nobility behind and identify himself with an enslaved people. Such trouble for being faithful! Moses, however, knew the Hope of Israel and regarded this disgrace for the sake of Christ to be worth more than all the treasures of Egypt.

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

Gospel: Luke 9:18-24

In a private moment, Jesus offers the disciples an opportunity to confess their faith. They confess Jesus as "God's Messiah." These men so bold in faith have no idea what lies ahead. Jesus warns them of his impending suffering and glorious resurrection. But the suffering is not his alone. To all who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior come trials and suffering on account of his name. We bear his cross on our heads and hearts at the risk of our lives. But to him who overcomes is given the crown of eternal life.

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "God's Messiah."

Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Sermon:

Genesis 39:6b-12, 16-23

**The Believer Follows Christ
Followers of Christ Expect Persecution**

Even when they do what is right
Trust that God has a plan

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 267 (33, 232) **Bible Class:** 35

Sunday	6:00 p.m.	Youth Softball at Manitowoc
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	"One Another" Study, church basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas at Camp Workday, school

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak to Pastor Ott before communing.

"One Another" Bible Class On Sunday, June 30 we will begin a new series on the "One Another" passages in the Bible. The first lesson will focus on "Love One Another." These classes have proved very beneficial in the past. Please join us! We meet at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement.

Open Forum & Voters' Meeting The Open Forum will be after worship on July 14. The Voters' Meeting will be after worship on July 21. At the last voters' meeting the voters decided to have two Sunday services. In the May newsletter there was a full page of the Worship Committee's recommendations on how we might proceed with two services. This sheet has also been available in the church basement. This topic will be discussed at the Open Forum. The voters will decide on times and other items at their meeting.

The Believer Follows Christ is the theme of worship the next eight weeks. The topics we will look at are:

Followers of Christ expect persecution