

Speak to family life and congregational life. 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 this Sunday. 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 eight week theme of worship. Today is week four. The remaining topics we will look at are:

*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!

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**Pentecost 8** July 11 & 14, 2013

*The believer loves his neighbor. We have every reason to love him. We know what we were when God found us; we know the love and mercy he poured out on us. Christ, the compassion of God, has treated our spiritual wounds and paid for our healing with his own blood. As we have known his goodness, let us do good to all. As our Prayer of the Day reminds us: The word is planted in our hearts, and now we ask the Holy Spirit to bring forth such fruits of faith as loving our neighbor for the sake of Christ.*

**Service:** Divine Service II (p. 28 cws)

**Hymns:** 773, 456, 505, 518, 499, 498

**Preparation for Communion:** Page 156

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Lesson:** Deuteronomy 24:17-22

*The Lord commands the Israelites to remember those in need by reminding them that they were once slaves in Egypt. Crying out in need, the Lord answered Israel's prayer and provided for their salvation. God's love for us is always the reason and motivation for our acts of love toward our neighbor.*

Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this.

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it.

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Glorify God  
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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.

Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 25 (p. 72)

**Second Lesson:** Romans 12:9-21

*Paul calls on the believer to live the life of faith in joyful response to the Lord's goodness. This means shunning what is evil and embracing what is good. Loving our neighbor means embodying the love of Christ: being humble, brotherly, hospitable, peaceable. Sharing with those in need, especially the enemy, embodies the love Christ had for us. This, then, is truly showing love to our neighbor and doing good to all.*

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

*In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus connects love for God with love for our neighbors. Just as God has had compassion on us, so we are to have compassion on others, especially those in need. This love for others, even for our enemies, grows from the Word of the Lord rooted in our hearts and mouths.*

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

**Sermon:**

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

**The Believer Follows Christ  
Followers of Christ Love Their Neighbor**

They remember what they were

They remember what God is

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 246 (21, 225) **Bible Class:** 41

Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Open Forum, church
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Softball at home
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	"One Another" Study, church basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Voters' Meeting, 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.

**It has pleased our heavenly Father** to call the soul of Marcella Wegner to her eternal home. Marcella died on July 3. Her Christian funeral was on July 7. Please remember all who mourn Marcella's death in prayer!

**It has pleased our heavenly Father** to call the soul of Dolores Klug to her eternal home. Dolores died on July 8. Her Christian funeral was on July 11. Please remember all who mourn Dolores' death in prayer!

**"One Another" Bible Class** Next Sunday we will focus on "Carry Each Other's Burdens." These classes have proved very beneficial in the past. They