

Tuesday Bible Class meets at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. We are studying: Christian Decision Making. This week we look at decisions God has already made, Absolute Right or Wrong.

The Believer Grows in Christian Character is the seven week series we will begin next week. The topics are:

Christians love the lost like Christ
Christians have a right relationship with worldly wealth
Christians find real wealth in heavenly treasure
Christians do their duty
Christians live a life of thanksgiving
Christians are persistent in prayer
Christians serve God above all else

Please join us a bring a friend who might benefit from the day's topic!

Confirmation Class and Bible History Class for those not in our school will begin on Wednesday, September 18. Confirmation begins at 5:00 p.m. Bible History begins at 5:30 p.m.

Service Project On September 21 our school is planning a service project for congregation members. Do you need a little help around the house? Need someone to help with vacuuming, dusting, cleaning, etc.? Do you need help with gardening, weeding, picking up debris? If you would like a little help around your house on September 21 from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m., please contact Mr. Humann right away!

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For the past three Sundays we have seen that the narrow path to heaven is marked by division and humility. Yet another warning is heard this week: the life of faith may come at great personal expense. Counting the cost of discipleship leads to true wisdom.

Service: Divine Service II (p. 28 cws)
Baptism, Divine Service II (p. 12 cw, p. 30 cws) Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Hymns: 348 (297 10:30), 464, 310, 454, 510

Prayer of the Day: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-8

Leaving his homeland behind, Abram believed the Lord's promise and moved a second time to the Promised Land of Canaan. Abram left safety, home, and even family behind to take possession of his inheritance. There he lived in communion with his Lord and heard the Lord's promises again and again. So great is our Promised Land that we will willingly carry our crosses and bear any cost to follow Jesus into eternity.

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they

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*Our mission is to
Glorify God
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Grow in the Gospel
and
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.

had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 19 (p. 70)

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-11

When Paul lists his qualifications as a son of Israel, many might have thought it was too much to leave behind and follow the Way. Paul, however, views everything differently in Christ. Chasing after worldly gain will only result in the loss of the soul. Rather, with faith firmly rooted in him, follow Jesus and share in his sufferings. Suffering for his sake will miraculously result in a share of his resurrection and eternal inheritance. Paul counted the cost of discipleship and God gave him both the fear of the Lord and true wisdom.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns all those who would come after him to count the cost of discipleship. Jesus’ statement may seem hyperbolic to those who have been blessed with doctrinal unity within the family. But the weight of each one’s cross is different. Those whose families have been ripped apart by religious differences know how heavy our Savior’s cross can be. Know this; know well; know now what it takes to follow our Savior. The life of faith is certainly not for the faint of heart. Remember, however, whom we follow. We follow a Savior who carried the cross for us and for our salvation. Remembering his love leads us to follow him at any cost.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you

lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Sermon:

Genesis 12:1-8

**The Believer Hears Jesus’ Warnings
Count the Cost of Discipleship**

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 266 (51, 213) **Bible Class:** 40 (29, 11)

Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Today’s Light Bible discussion, church basement
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Pastoral Circuit Meeting, Mishicot
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church basement
	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
	9:15 a.m.	Translation Bible Study, school commons
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Today’s Light Bible discussion, church basement

Baptism & Affirmation of A Baptism In the 10:30 a.m. service this week McKenzie Jo Berg, the daughter of Tracie Beyer, will be baptized into Christ. McKenzie was born on June 12, 2013. Kaylee Rose Hyde, the daughter of Tammie & Dale Hyde was baptized on March 20, 2013. Kaylee was born on March 19. We will publicly affirm her baptism in the 10:30 service this week. Please remember these children of God and their families in prayer!

Sunday School for 3-5 year olds begins this week. We meet at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement.

Adult Christ Light begins this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. We will meet in the church. We will study the Old Testament this year.

Translation Bible Study will meet this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the commons. This four week course will look at the challenges that face translating the Bible from the original languages and how to evaluate translations.

Today’s Light Bible Discussion begins Sunday evening at 7:00. Even if you can’t make the discussion please pick up a guide that lists the daily readings and join us in reading the Bible in two years. Two bibles are still available for \$10. Talk to Pastor Ott if you would like one.

Youth Group bible class begins this Monday at 7:00 p.m.