

Service Project Sunday, September 15 is the last day to sign up for the school service project. As of right now, we have about 45 people signed up. If you are interested, please speak to Mr. Humann or email him.

State Accreditation After two years of a self-study our visiting team will be here September 24-26. They will observe classrooms, interview parents and teachers, and pour over our 15 binders of documents. During this time we are responsible for feeding the 4 people on our team for lunch and for providing drinks and snacks throughout the day. If you are able to donate any of the following, please contact Mr. Humann: soda, snacks, juice, water, coffee, \$50 for lunch each day

Hmong Congregation Opening Service Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church would like to invite our brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate God's grace with them. This congregation recently formed as a daughter of First German Lutheran Church and was recognized at the Synod Convention in July. On Sept. 22 at 1 PM they will host a service of celebration and install the first resident pastor, Nau X. Lee. A free meal will follow. The service and meal will be at First German, Manitowoc. Please call to let us know if you will join us (920-684-0101).

Pancake and Porky Breakfast Served by the Youth Group on Sunday, September 29. We will serve from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and from 10:15am to 12:30pm

WELS Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Ministry is offering a series of webinars that would be useful for families of people with special needs and many other Christians! The webinars are free! You can sign up for as many as interest you. Check out poster at church and school for more info – all of them are offered at 9:00 pm Central time during October and November.

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The believer loves the lost like Christ. The righteous live by faith; yet how easy it is for the righteous to slip into self-righteous judgment of other sinners, forgetting the grace that has been shown them. Today Christ calls us to love the lost like he does and rejoice over every sinner that "once was lost, but now is found."

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52) Thursday
Common Service (p. 15) Sunday

Hymns: 569, 304, 748, 263:3

Prayer of the Day: (Sunday) Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Hosea 3:1-5

To illustrate the Lord's grace to idolatrous Israel, Hosea is instructed to marry and love an adulterous woman. The action of showing love to one considered so undeserving spoke a volume of God's grace to sinners. When a sinner comes seeking to find the goodness of God, he finds the joyful and welcoming arms of our faithful God.

Then the LORD said to me, "Go again; show love to a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, just as the LORD loves the Israelites though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes."

² So I bought her for 15 shekels of silver and five bushels of barley. ³ I said to her, "You must live with me many days. Don't be promiscuous or belong to any man, and I will act the same way toward you."

⁴ For the Israelites must live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, and without ephod or household idols.

⁵ Afterward, the people of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come with awe to the LORD and to His

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*Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we help people
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.

goodness in the last days. (HCSB)

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 51a (p. 86)

Psalm Prayer: (Thursday) Almighty and merciful Father, you freely forgive those who, as David of old, acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away our sins in the blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

Satan's schemes can twist even the act of repentance into an opportunity to plunge a soul into the depths of despair. Will the repentant man return with heart in hand only to have that heart trampled by self-righteous hypocrites who feel they are owed their due? No, the congregation is to show Christ's love for the lost. Forgiveness and comfort are to be given to the penitent heart rather than heaping guilt over the sinner's head and robbing the contrite heart of the joy of salvation.

If anyone has caused pain, he has caused pain not so much to me but to some degree—not to exaggerate—to all of you. ⁶The punishment inflicted by the majority is sufficient for that person. ⁷As a result, you should instead forgive and comfort him. Otherwise, this one may be overwhelmed by excessive grief. ⁸Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him. ⁹I wrote for this purpose: to test your character to see if you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰If you forgive anyone, I do too. For what I have forgiven—if I have forgiven anything—it is for you in the presence of Christ. ¹¹I have done this so that we may not be taken advantage of by Satan. For we are not ignorant of his schemes. (HCSB)

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The difference between the truly righteous and the merely self-righteous can be seen in the attitude displayed by the Pharisees and the teachers of the law. The Savior of nations spent even his meal times with those clamoring to know his forgiveness, while his detractors condemned him for associating himself with such worthlessness. The temptation is to place the lost and straying on the irrecoverable list without making the effort to "seek and save." The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin describe not only the heavenly joy at a sinner's repentance, but the priority placed on such a recovery mission. Jesus calls us to love the lost both because of their place in the flock and because of their intrinsic worth in the eyes of God.

All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to Him. ²And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them!"

³So He told them this parable: ⁴"What man among you, who has 100 sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the 99 in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, ⁶and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!' ⁷I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous people who don't need repentance.

⁸"Or what woman who has 10 silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not

light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she finds it, she calls her women friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the silver coin I lost!' ¹⁰I tell you, in the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents." (HCSB)

Sermon:

Hosea 3:1-5

**The Believer Grows In Christian Character
Christians Love the Lost Like Christ**

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 369 (34, 177, 158) **Communion:** 240 (24, 124, 92)

Bible Class: 101 (37, 35, 18, 11) **Youth Study:** 9

Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible discussion, church basement
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church basement
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	7:30 p.m.	Choir, school
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

Sunday School for 3-5 year olds meets at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement.

Adult Christ Light meets Sunday at 9:15 a.m. 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 continues 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.

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.

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

Choir begins on Wednesday, Sept. 18. We meet at 7:30 p.m. in the school.

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

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!