

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door front entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the steps in the back of the church.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and the Sacraments. 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.

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 273 (35, 238) **Bible Study:** 80 (3, 3, 14, 29, 10, 9, 12) **Youth Study:** 15

Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ Light Bible Study, basement
Sunday	8:00 p.m.	Adult Christ Light Bible Study, basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:30 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, basement
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word—My Life Class, Cindy's Café
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church basement
	7:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting, school
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	6:30 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class
	7:30 p.m.	Band
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	8:15 a.m.	Lutheran Ladies League Rally
	6:00 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class
	7:30 p.m.	Worship with Communion
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ Light Bible Study, basement
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	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:30 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, 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 members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

His Word—My Life Bible Study will continue *A Study of World Religions* this week. Join us Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement or Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Cindy's Café.

Youth Group Bible Study will meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the school basement. Open gym will follow.

Tuesday Bible Study continues its study of The Smalcald Articles.

Please join us Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Children are welcome.

Parent Teacher Association Meeting will be this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at school.

Adult Christ Light meets Thursday after worship and on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Please join us as we study the Bible history stories the children of the congregation will study next week.

Gym Floor The gym floor will be refinished Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday this week. If you would like to help, please contact Erv Zeamer for more information.

Lutheran Ladies League Rally will be September 27, 2006. The hosts are Trinity Lutheran Church, Kiel and Zion Lutheran Church, Louis Corners. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Sylvia Loppnow or sign up in the church basement. This is open to all members of Morrison Zion, men as well as women. Sign up by September 13. The cost is \$6.00 per person. The rally starts at 8:15 a.m. Babysitting is provided.

Growing, Building, Together, In CHRIST This past week the steering committee met. The telephone committee chairman will begin recruiting telephone callers this weekend. The building committee also met with the IEI, our construction company this past Tuesday. The plans for the addition will be sent in for state approval soon. The architect fee of \$10,000 will be due in the next 30 days.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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16th Sunday After Pentecost

September 21 & 24, 2006

Peace Through Jesus
Know it. Live it. Share it.

Prayer before worship

Lord, you are beyond my understanding. Help me rejoice in what I do understand; you love me and have taken away my sins. Amen

Lessons are on the back cover

Service

Common Service (p. 15)

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

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Hymns:

238, 235, 312, 399, 329

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.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 146 (p. 120)

Special Music: Grades 1-2

Rejoice in the Lord Always
(verse of the day)
God is So Good (after creed)

Sermon: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Be Strong, Do Not Fear

Your God has come
He has done great things

16th Sunday after Pentecost: Series B

*We trust in the mercy of Jesus
who does all things well.*

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you."
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.
The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 146 (p. 120)

Second Lesson: James 1:17-27

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at

himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Verse of the Day:

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4) Thursday

Rejoice in the Lord Always will be sung by grades 1-2 in place of the verse of the day on Sunday.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means, "Be opened!"). At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



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in the
desert.

Isaiah 35:6



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Glorifying God as we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel