



**This is the gate  
of the LORD  
through which  
the righteous may enter.**

Psalm 118:20

**Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

***Growing, Building, Together, In CHRIST Commitment Sunday***

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Endtime – Saints Triumphant

November 16 & 19, 2006

*Saints Triumphant. We will live together forever with God in heaven. This is God's commitment to us. He lived and died in our place so that we have the victory. He lived and died in the place of the members of Zion who have died in the past year. This is his commitment to them. They died knowing heaven was theirs. They heard the gospel because those before us made the commitment to build this house of worship and this ministry in Morrison. What is our response? Today we are encouraged to make a commitment to God. Not out of need, but as an intentional response to the God who loved us first and committed himself to us first!*

**Opening Hymn**            *Blessed Are the Saints of God (CW 394)*

*Please stand*

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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#### CONFESSION OF SIN

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M: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

**C: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for self-examination*

M: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed  
by my fault,  
by my own fault,  
by my own grievous fault;  
wherefore I pray God almighty to have mercy on me,  
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

**C: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,  
and remission of all your sins.**

M: Amen.

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## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

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M: Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

**C: Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.**

**Song of Praise** *For All the Saints (CW 551:1,4,8)*

### **Prayer of the Day**

M: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (sung) Amen.**

*Be seated*

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## **THE WORD**

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### **First Lesson**

**Daniel 12:1-3**

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

### **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 118 (CW p. 108)

### **Second Lesson**

**Hebrews 10:11-18**

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

**Response** (sung by all) (CW 590:3)

**Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, And, when we die,  
May we in your mighty keeping All peaceful lie.  
When the last dread call shall wake us,  
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,  
But to reign in glory take us With you on high.**

*Please Stand*

**Gospel** **John 5:25-29**

I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

*Be seated*

**Hymn** *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near* (CW 207)

**Sermon** Psalm 118:15-24

*Please Stand*

**Confession of Faith** *We All Believe in One True God* (CW 270)

*Be seated*

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## THANKSGIVING

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**Musical Offering** *How Great Thou Art* (Sunday) Kyle Zeamer

**Offering**

*Please Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

**C: We too join them to praise your majesty.**

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

**C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

**C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

**C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

**C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Be Seated*

**In Memoriam**                      *We Give You Thanks*                      **Choir**

For the bread and wine we share here, for the friends that we embrace,  
For the peace we find in healing, for all who gather in this place,  
For the faith of those around us, for the dead and all those here,  
For the hope we find in mem'ry, for the love that draws us near:

**refrain** We give you thanks, we give you thanks for the grace we receive,  
in you we believe. We give you thanks, we give you thanks.  
With faith and hope and love, we give you thanks.

M: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe and language,

**C: Standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.**

M: They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

**C: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.**

M: I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

**C: "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, and their deeds will follow them."**

*The reading of the names of the members of Zion called from the church militant to the church triumphant since Saints Triumphant Sunday 2005.*

**refrain**

For the movement deep within us, for the stories that we bring,  
For the signs of God's compassion, for the journey that we sing,  
For the Word that holds our promise, for the gifts that we can claim,  
For the wonders that surround us, for the song that sings our name:

**refrain**

For the water bringing new life, for the fragrance of release,  
For the fire that blazes forward, for the call to bring forth peace,  
For the blindness now enlightened, for the bound that are now free,  
For the brightness of your new day, for the kingdom we will be:

**refrain**

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*Please Stand*

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (sung) Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Be Seated*

**Closing Hymn**

*Jerusalem the Golden (CW 214)*

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

**Worship:** 349 (23, 326)      **Communion:** 210 (15, 195)

**Bible Study:** 67 (3, 6, 33, 8, 11, 6)      **Youth:** 16

Thursday	8:30 p.m.	“Together” Bible Study, basement
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	“Together” Bible Study, basement
	9:00 a.m.	Together Worship Commitment Sunday
	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
	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee, school basement
	7:30 p.m.	Capital Appeal Steering Committee Meeting
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Worship
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	6:30 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, basement

**Pot Luck Dinner** Everyone is invited to join us for a potluck dinner in the gym after worship on Sunday. This meal is a part of *Growing, Building, Together, In CHRIST* Commitment Sunday. Join us as we celebrate the blessings God has given us in this appeal!

**Voters Meeting** At the voters meeting last the following men were elected to the council: John Beyer: Secretary; Lloyd Lemke: Elder; James Krueger: Financial Secretary; and Jeremy Zirbel: School Board. The voters also decided to move worship to the gym while the church is being painted during January and February.

**Divine Call** Dear members of Morrison Zion, This past Monday the Lord in is infinite wisdom has issued a Divine Call to me to teach the upper grades and be principal at Mount Olive Lutheran School, Las Vegas, Nevada. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as I deliberate the call I have here at Morrison Zion and the call to Mt Olive. In Christ, Brian Humann

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

**His Word—My Life Bible Study** will continue the study *The Ideal Congregation In the Light of Holy Scripture* this week. The first lesson is “The Ideal Congregation is Governed by the Word of God.” Join us Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement or Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Cindy’s Café.

**Tuesday Bible Study** continues its study of The Smalcald Articles. This week we will look at “Forms of the Gospel.” Please join us Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Worship** Next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. we have the privilege to pause and thank God for his many blessings in a special worship service. Please join us at one of these services.

**Adult Christ Light Bible Study** Next Sunday after worship we will study “*Jesus Walks On Water*.” Join us and study the same story the children of the congregation will learn. There will be no Thursday evening Bible study.

**Worship In The Gym** When we worship in the gym in January and February we will need help setting up for worship and taking things down after worship. There will be sign up sheets in the basement for those who can help set up before worship. We are also looking for an enclosed trailer that we can use to store some of the items we will use in worship.

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