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LISTEN TO

HIM

LUKE 9:35



Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the hallway outside the gym.

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.

Jesus is revealed as the Lord of Glory!

Opening Hymn

How Good, Lord, To Be Here

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,
We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death, We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed you guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See (sung by the congregation)

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; It stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

Be Seated

THE WORD

Choir Anthem

I Love To Tell The Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings, as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own Holy Word.

I love to tell the story 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
His precious love!

I love to tell the story for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story, the story of Jesus, and God's great love.
I love to tell the story.

First Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the Lord's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

The radiance of God's face is not viewed on any one person's face today. Instead, God's glory glows wherever his majestic name is proclaimed.

Choir Anthem

How Majestic Is Your Name

Oh Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
Oh Lord our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.
Oh Lord, we praise Your name. Oh Lord, we magnify Your name.
Prince of Peace Mighty God, oh Lord God Almighty.

Psalm of the Day

The appointed Psalm of the Day for Transfiguration is Psalm 148, a psalm of praise. Today, in the place of Psalm 148, our choir will sing a song of praise to the Lord, The Hallelujah Chorus.

Hallelujah Chorus, From "The Messiah"

Choir and Band

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of the world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.
And he shall reign forever and ever.
Forever and ever, Hallelujah!
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords,
And he shall reign forever and ever.
King of Kings, forever and ever.
And Lords of Lords, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!!

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

The light of the gospel of which Paul speaks is not limited to the New Testament era. God as our Savior was proclaimed to let God's light shine 700 years before Jesus was born through the prophet Isaiah.

Choir and Children Anthem

The First Song of Isaiah

refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

refrain

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name.

refrain

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
See that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

refrain

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, Ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

refrain

Paul reminded us that we do not preach ourselves. Our primary goal is making Christ crucified known. Therefore we seek his kingdom and his righteousness first. Not our own glory.

Choir Anthem

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

The overwhelming glory of Jesus may have led Peter to say things he did not understand, but it also has the same effect on us. We are left with nothing to say except to Shout to the Lord the praises of our Awesome God and Beautiful Savior.

Children Anthem

Awesome God

When he rolled up his sleeves, he wasn't puttin' on the ritz,
our God is an awesome God!

There is lightning in his footsteps and thunder in his fist.
our God is an awesome God!

And the Lord he wasn't jokin' when he kicked 'em out of Eden;
It wasn't for no reason that he shed his blood.

His return is very soon, so you better be believin' that our God is an awesome God!

refrain Our God is an awesome God; he reigns from heaven above
with wisdom pow'r and love, our God is an awesome God!

And when the sky was starless in the void of the night,
our God is an awesome God!

He spoke into the darkness and created all the light,
our God is an awesome God!

Judgment and wrath he poured out on Sodom;
mercy and grace he gave us at the cross.

I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten that our God is an awesome God!

refrain

Choir Anthem

Beautiful Savior

Fair are the meadows, Fairer the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine.
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Choir Anthem

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You,
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.
Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing power and majesty, praise to the king;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hand, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
nothing compares with the promise I have in You.

Sermon

Glory Is Found In The Light Of The Gospel 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Many are blind to the light
Many receive and reflect the light

The full knowledge that the One who has had divine glory for all eternity went willing to the cross for us leads us to always point away from our service to him and encourage one another to focus on his incredible glory and majesty. Even the talents of our choirs and ban are not about us, they point us to the greatness of God.

Choir Anthem

How Great Thou Art/Majesty

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, thou great thou art!
Then signs my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sign sweetly in the trees; sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority. Jesus who died, now glorified; his name be praised.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

Offering

Musical Offering

Swedish Hymn of Praise

Church Band

Stand

Prayer of the Church

M: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. May the love he showed to us in setting aside this glory in order to save us, move us to set aside our sinful pride and live for him.

C: (sung) Down from the mount of glory Came Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Recall the wondrous story, Rich gem in sacred Word.
Again your faith will view him In double glory here;
The greater homage due him Will in your life appear.

M: Lord Jesus, we cannot comprehend the agony of hell you endured for us. We cannot understand the fullness of your hidden glory. Help us to rejoice because of what we do know: you loved us enough to endure the deepest woe.

C: (sung) Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend
And, by the Father bidden, His willing footsteps bend
To seek humiliation In deepest depths of woe,
To suffer degradation No mind can probe or know.

M: Holy Spirit, you led us to believe that the Lord of glory went to the hill of shame in our place. Strengthen us in the faith so we may share this good news with those who are still trapped in the guilt of their sin.

C: (sung) Strange how his journey ended! In love that is his fame
Our Lord again ascended A mount -- the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered Himself to agony;
His holy soul he offered To set the guilty free.

M: Look on your church, O Triune God, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake.

C: (sung) Then hail the double glory Of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
And let the wondrous story Full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him The majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer -- yours and mine.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

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

Farewell to Alleluia

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we gather for worship again the day will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn Lenten journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian Church has omitted its most jubilant songs during the season, including the song Alleluia, which means, "Praise the Lord."

Now for a time we shall say farewell to Alleluia. With this we prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. But the Alleluias will return on Easter dawn, as we gather to shout our songs of praise to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Song of Triumph (sung by the congregation)

Alleluia, song of triumph, sound of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
Saints adorned in robes of glory join the great angelic cry.

Alleluia we are singing, voicing hymns in pure accord,
With Christ's holy Church united, justified, redeemed, restored,
And with all his faithful people raise our songs to praise the Lord.

Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forego.
For the solemn time in coming when our tears for sin must flow.

May our hymns be filled with longing – hear us, Holy Trinity,
As we look to your blest Easter, here, and then eternally,
When we shall once more be singing Alleluia joyfully!

*Text by Jason Mason Neale (11th Century)
Adopted by James Tiefel – 1998*

Postlude *Faith Triumphant*

Church Band

Announcements

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 375 (21, 354) **Communion:** 217(14, 203)
Bible Study: 86 (3, 3, 7, 49, 6, 9, 9) **Youth Study:** 16

Sunday	5:30 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class, church basement
	6:30 a.m.	His Word – My Life Bible Study, church basement
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word – My Life Bible Study, Cindy's Café
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school basement
	7:30 p.m.	Building Committee, school
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church basement
	6:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee, school basement
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion, gym
	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, gym
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, gym
	7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion, gym
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ Light Bible Study, 6-8 grade room
Friday-Sunday		A-Team Basketball Tournament at MLHS

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ Light Bible Study, 6-8 grade room
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 5:30 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, church basement
 6:30 a.m. His Word – My Life Bible Study, church basement

Sunday School will not meet this Sunday.

His Word—My Life Bible Study will begin the study, *Live the Life of A Missionary*. The first lesson is “Don’t Look Back.” 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 will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. We will continue our study, *The Service Zone*. This most recent study in the Fifth Pew From the Front Bible Study series looks at serving in God’s kingdom. Please join us.

Ash Wednesday Worship will be this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Please join us for this festival service.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be served in the gym after the morning Lenten service and before the evening service. Beverly Leitermann will take care of the noon meals and Paula Ott will take care of the evening meals. If you would like to help make sandwiches, serve, make soup, or make bars, please speak with Paula Ott.

Adult Christ Light Bible Study will look at *Zacchaeus* next week, Please join us after worship Thursday or before worship Sunday.

New Life in Christ Class If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our congregation, or learning what we teach and believe, this is the class for them. If you would like to review what you learned in confirmation class, this is the class for you. We will meet each Sunday in the church basement, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

Church Renovations If you would like to see how things are progressing as the church is renovated and repainted, the doors will be open after worship. Feel free to stop and carefully take a look around. There also are pictures of the renovations on the church website.

Blindmen’s Volleyball Tournament will be Friday, March 9 (youth) and Saturday, March 10 (adults). Sign up sheet are in the hallway.

Packers Concession Stand Next year our congregation will serve in one of the concession stands for all home Packer games. Linda Brugge is organizing this effort. There is a meeting on Saturday, March 3. Linda is looking for 2-3 people to go to the meeting with her and help run the stand. If you are interested or have questions please contact Linda.

Repeat Performance will hold a bag sale Monday, Feb. 19—Friday, Feb. 23. Stuff a bag for \$4.00. Sale includes shoes, children's clothing sizes 7 and up, and adult clothing excluding special occasion dresses.

Worship in the Gym

- If you are able to help pick up chairs after worship it is greatly appreciated. If not, drink some coffee and then get your mail. The brown chairs and the padded yellow chairs go into the storage container located next to the softball field. The racks for the other chairs are located in the corner of the gym.
- Cards are available in the hallway. If you are looking for something specific please talk to Nancy Pantzlaff.
- Mail is located on the table in the back of the gym. Please pick yours up today.
- Thank you for your patience and help while the renovation on the church continues!

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