

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 basement near the steps.

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.

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod *Glorifying God as we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel*
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Gathering Rite: Remember Your Love

The opening hymns and songs of Christian worship mean to "gather" individual Christians into a worshiping assembly. What the traditional service does with hymns, canticles, and opening liturgy, this Lenten gathering rite does with contemporary song and responses.

ENTRANCE SONG

The choir introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated.



As watchmen who wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord.
I trust in your kindness and redemption and your faithful word. **Refrain**

Before all the mountains were begotten and earth took shape,
even then, O Lord, you were our refuge throughout every age. **Refrain**

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

CONFESSION - LORD, HAVE MERCY - ABSOLUTION

M: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

The choir sings the verse. The congregation repeats the last phrase as printed below.

1. Lord Jesus, our hope of resurrection: Lord, have mercy.
2. Christ Jesus, the life of your people: Christ, have mercy.
3. Lord Jesus, the firstborn from the dead: Lord, have mercy.



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| 1. Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy. |
| 2. Christ, have mer - cy. | Christ, have mer - cy. |
| 3. Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy. |

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

All sing the refrain once more.



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

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Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, 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

First Lesson:

Isaiah 43:16-21

This is what the LORD says—

he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

"Forget the former things;

do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the desert
and streams in the wasteland.

The wild animals honor me,
the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the desert
and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 73 (p. 94 of CW)

Second Lesson

Philippians 3:8-14

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 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 and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Choir

Thy Word

STAND

Gospel:

Luke 20:9-19

He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

"Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'

"But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!"

Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."

The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 596

"Let Me Be Yours Forever"

Examination of this Year's Confirmation Class

Offering

STAND

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sung) It is good and right so to do.

Proper Preface

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sing) Amen.

BE SEATED

O Christ, Lamb of God (sung)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymn: Hymn 310

"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

THANKSGIVING

STAND

Song of Simeon (sung)

**C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your Word,
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all
people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: (sung) And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

Benediction

M: 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.

Closing Hymn: Hymn 316

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

Worship: 379

Lent: 242 (177, 65)

Bible Study: 76 (10, 5, 6, 44, 11, 3 classes cancelled)

Youth Study: 13

Sunday 12:15 p.m. Youth Group Bowling, meet at school
5:30 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, church basement
6:30 p.m. His-Word My Life Class, church basement

Monday 6:30 p.m. Easter For Kids Workers Meeting, school
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, school

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church basement

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship, church
12:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper, church basement
4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. Bible History Class
6:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper, church basement
6:30 p.m. Trumpets
7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship, church
8:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ Light Bible Study, church
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. Easter for Kid's, school (closing worship 1:00 p.m.)
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ Light Bible Study, 6-8 grade room
 9:00 a.m. Worship, at church (Palm Procession, Confirmation Sunday)
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church
 5:30 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, church basement
 6:30 p.m. His-Word My Life Class, church 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.

Examination Today the examination of the confirmands will replace the sermon. The members of this year's confirmation class are: Alex Edinger, Josh Knaus, Tim Ott, Akaiye Schmidt, Amber Van Iten, Kris Wagner, Adam Wegner, and Megan Wendt

Palm Sunday/Confirmation Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and Confirmation. The service will begin with a palm procession. If you would like to participate you can pick up your palm in the church basement and remain in the basement/entry.

Tuesday Bible Study will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. We will continue our study, *The Service Zone*. Please join us.

Adult Christ Light Bible Study Next week we will study "*Jesus Betrayed in Gethsemane.*" We meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement..

Soup Supper The last soup supper (this Wednesday) will be served by Thrivent Financial members. Donations will be used for the operating deficit and will be matched by Thrivent up to \$600. If you would like to help cook or serve the meal please speak with Sarah Ihlenfeldt or Paula Griepentrog.

Easter For Kids will be on Saturday, March 31. This VBS style event is open to children ages 3 through those in 6th grade. Holly Eichhorst will be the Easter for Kids Coordinator. There will be a worker meeting on Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the school. There are sign up sheets for students, workers, and donations on the table. We also need paper grocery bags. If you have some, please speak with Holly.

Addition Update The building committee finalized most of the details for the new addition to school. The final price for the addition is \$545,855.00, not including paint, landscaping, and remodeling the locker rooms. Included in the project is air conditioning for the addition, update existing electrical, repair school parking lot, site and parking lot lighting, and a fire lane on the east side of the gymnasium. Two items to be discussed at the congregational meeting will be to repair the church parking lot and replace the gym lights. If you have any questions about the building project please speak to Randy Loppnow.

Ladies Aid next meeting will be after Maundy Thursday worship at 12:15 p.m., church basement.

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