### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship:306 (31, 275)Communion: 178 (19, 159)Bible Study:57 (4, 40, 11, 2)

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Aid Meeting, church
Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class, church basement
	7:00 p.m.	School Board Meeting
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship with Communion
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	His Word—My Life Bible Class, church

Bread of Life Women's Bible study will not meet this month.

- Adult Christ Light Class The Sunday morning Adult Christ-Light Class will begin on Sunday, September 9. Our first lesson is *The Flood*. We will meet in the church basement at 8:00 a.m.
- **Sunday School** for 3-5 year olds will begin after worship on September 9. We will meet in the church basement.
- His Word My Life Class will begin its study of New Testament Gospel Words on Sunday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. We will also meet on Mondays at Country Crossroads at 7:00 a.m.
- Youth Bible Study will meet in the commons, beginning on September 10.

Tuesday Bible Class will begin on September 11.

- **Wednesday Bible History Class** for public school students in 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade will begin on Wednesday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Confirmation Class** for public school students in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin on Wednesday, September 12 at 4:30 p.m. We will meet until 6:15 p.m. Students will need a blue catechism and a bible.

**Choir** will begin on Wednesday, September 12. We will meet in the school basement at 8:15 p.m.

**Daily Devotions** is a free service provided by the WELS <u>WhatAboutJe-sus.com</u> website. The devotions arrive every weekday by email. On Mon-days, Wednesdays, and Fridays they focus on the appointed lessons of the past Sunday. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, there is a series on a specific book of the Bible. Starting September 3, the daily devotions are available as a downloadable audio file, so you can listen to it at your computer or on an iPod. Go to <u>www.whataboutjesus.com</u> and click on *Daily Devotions*.

*Bread of Life* Ladies Aid Cookbook If you are looking for some of the great recipes or the secrets of the great cooks of Morrison here is your chance. The cookbooks have over 500 recipes. Each 3-ring bound, hard-

cover cookbook is \$13.00 and includes a stand. They are available in the church basement or at school. If you have any questions please ask, Diane Suchomel, Janice Kuchenbecker, Paula Griepentrog, Julie Ossmann, Mary Laabs, or Nancy Pantzlaff.

- **Repeat Performance** will hold a bag sale Sept. 10-15. Bags of clothing and shoes for \$4:00 with some exclusions. Repeat Performance is located behind Verlo mattress and is open Monday Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- **Diaper Drive** Bay Area Pregnancy Counseling Center reaches young mothers who may have no church by offering free diapers. At this time we are out of sizes 4, 5, and 6 diapers. We will have a "Diaper Drive" at our church in September. There is a large box in the church basement for the contributions of diapers. We also accept cash to purchase diapers. If you have any questions please speak to Margaret Schultz.
- Lutheran Ladies League Rally will be Sept. 26 at Immanuel, Kewaunee. Rev. Dennis Kleist will speak about Mission Partners. Vicar Aaron Strong will speak on evangelism in Las Vegas. Men and women are welcome.
- **Volunteer help** with periodic maintenance work at MLHS is needed. Contact Jerry Haupt, MLHS physical plant committee chairman, at 682-5954.
- WELS Church Circle Bicycle Tour on Sunday September 9, connecting Grace and Rockwood Churches, biking on the county's scenic country roads. Meet at 3:00 pm in the parking lot at Grace. The distance will be approximately 10 miles. Questions? Contact Norm or Pam Reichardt at 732-3656 or reichardt@lsol.net

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# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 30 & September 2, 2007

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

Lord, speak to me of your love and forgiveness as I worship that I may grow in faith and serve you in my life. Amen.

### THURSDAY

**Service:** Evening Prayer (p. 52) **Hymns:** 405, 431, 476:3

# Psalm Praver

Almighty God, we praise you for the gracious rule of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let his kingdom come to us and to all people so that the whole earth may know his saving help and be filled with his glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Lessons are on the back cover

Psalm: Psalm 72 (p. 93) Sermon: <u>Hebrews 12:18-24</u> Where Will You Find Holiness? Don't stop short on Sinai Reach the goal at Zion

**SUNDAY Service:** Word (p. 38) **Hymns:** 405, 431, 351, 476:3

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Series C

There are two paths in eternity, total joy or total destruction.

### First Lesson: Isaiah 66:18-24

In the closing words of his prophecy, Isaiah foretold that people from every nation would be saved. However, whose who rebelled against God in unbelief would receive unending punishment.

"And I, because of their actions and their imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory.

"I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. And they will bring all your brothers, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD -on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. "They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites," says the LORD.

"As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me," declares the LORD, "so will your name and descendants endure. From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me," says the LORD. "And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind."

**Psalm of the Day:** <u>Psalm 72</u> (page 93) This messianic Psalm portrays Christ as the universal King to whom "all kings will bow down."

**Second Lesson:** <u>Hebrews 12:18-24</u> Approaching God by way of Mt. Sinai (the law) can only lead to a terrified conscience. Approaching him by way of Mt. Zion (the gospel) will lead to eternal life.

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

### Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

The door to heave, open to people from all nations, is Jesus, the One who makes us right with God. Those who try to enter through any other door will be sent away.

Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

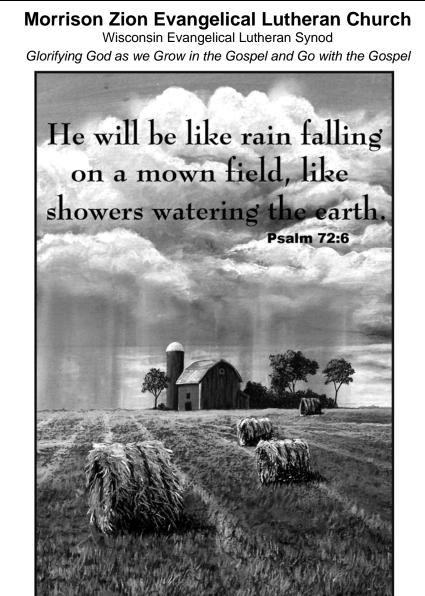
He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

"Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

"But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

"There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."



**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 double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very 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 all of our worship.