

**Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

*Sing  
joyfully  
to the  
Lord*

*Psalm 33:1*



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

September 30, 2007

**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.

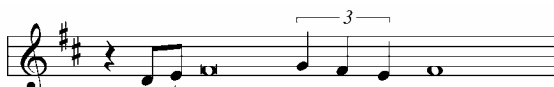
Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and the Sacraments. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.

*Our attitude about material possessions and the way we handle money reflect our relationship with God.*

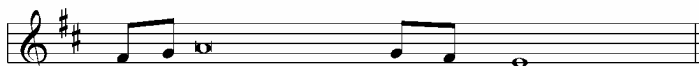
## OPENING HYMN

Hymn 484

STAND



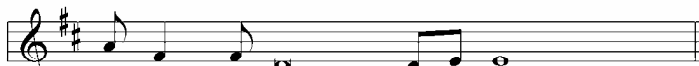
**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**L** Hasten to save me, O God.



**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.



**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**C** Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

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# COME, OH, COME LET US SING TO THE LORD *Venite*

*The congregation will sing the refrain and the verses*

## **Refrain**

1  
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,  
2  
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;  
3  
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,  
*Repeat for use with canon*  
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

### *Verses*

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,  
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.  
You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,  
*to Refrain*  
you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

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**BE SEATED**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 38 (page 81)

### FIRST LESSON

Amos 8:4-7

*The all-seeing Lord will not forget the dishonest deeds of men who try to take advantage of a neighbor for their own greedy gain.*

Hear this, you who trample the needy  
and do away with the poor of the land,  
saying,

"When will the New Moon be over  
that we may sell grain,  
and the Sabbath be ended  
that we may market wheat?"—  
skimping the measure,  
boosting the price  
and cheating with dishonest scales,  
buying the poor with silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

The LORD has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done.

### CHOIR

*These Alone Are Enough*

### GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

*Christ's parable of the shrewd manager teaches us to use our earthly treasures to build heavenly friendships—to support the spread of the gospel message that gives eternal life.*

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

"Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.'

"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

## **SEASONAL RESPONSE**

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Hymn 421

## **SERMON**

1 Timothy 2:1-8

*The person who knows his true worth is found in the precious blood Christ shed will offer up prayers and intercessions for the benefit of all people.*

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

## **God Wants All To Be Saved**

Pray for it  
Proclaim it

*STAND*

## **YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU *Te Deum***

*The choir will sing the verses.*

*The congregation will sing the refrain and bold phrases.*

Choir: Refrain

Congregation: Refrain

*Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

*Verses*



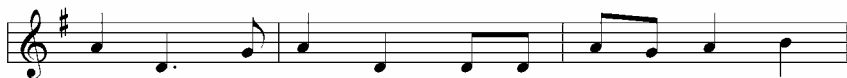
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



**praise you!** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**  
You be - came a man to set us free;



**praise you, we praise you!** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**  
You have ris - en to free us;



**praise you, we praise you!** With the mar - tyrs and your  
To the Trin - i - ty most  
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, **We sing in end - less praise!** *to Refrain*  
bless - ed, *to Refrain*  
glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

*The Final Refrain is on page 7.*

*Final Refrain*

① You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

② To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,

all cre - a-tion of - fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

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*BE SEATED*

**OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*STAND*

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** *Kyrie*

**L** In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;

be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: (spoken) Amen.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

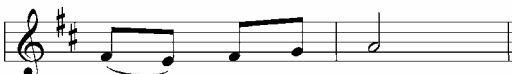
## PRAYER FOR GRACE

**M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.**

**C: (spoken) Amen.**



**L** Let us praise the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



# BLESSING



**L** The Lord bless and keep you.



**C** A - men.



**L** The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



**C** A - men.



**L** The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



**C** A - men.

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*BE SEATED*

**CLOSING HYMN**

Hymn 125:3, 4



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

**Worship:** 358 (31, 327)

**Communion:** 177 (19, 158)

**Bible Study:** 71 (9, 41, 5, 9, 7)

Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life Class, church
Monday	7:00 a.m. His Word—My Life Class, Crossroads Café 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, school commons
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church basement 6:30 p.m. School Board 7:30 p.m. Phone Canvassing Training Meeting
Wednesday	4:30 p.m. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Bible History Class 7:30 p.m. Church Band 8:15 p.m. Choir
Thursday	1:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting, school commons 7:30 p.m. Worship 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. His Word—My Life Class, church

**Baptism and Confirmation** Last Sunday Jaimie Christine McNeill was baptized and received as a member of our congregation by adult confirmation. Please welcome Jaimie to our family of faith!

**Sunday School** Students may go to the classroom in the church basement as the announcements begin.

**His Word – My Life Class** will continue its study of New Testament Gospel Words Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We will also meet Monday at Country Crossroads at 7:00 a.m. This week we look at *Substitution*..

**Phone Canvas Training Meeting** scheduled for this Monday evening has been moved to this Tuesday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the school commons. The outreach committee needs your help in conducting this phone canvas of our area. The more callers that we have the fewer calls each person will make. Please come and join us at this training meeting and learn how you can help us as we seek to reach the unchurched in our area.

**Youth Bible Study** will meet in the commons Monday at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday Bible Class** will continue a study of the Formula of Concord Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at church. This week we look at Article Three: The Righteousness of Faith before God. Join us before you pick up your school children!

**Ladies Aid** will meet Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the school commons.

**Adult Christ Light Class** will study *God Tests Abraham's Faith*. We meet in the basement after worship on Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

**Bread of Life Ladies Aid Cookbook.** Each 3-ring bound, hardcover cookbook is \$13.00 and includes a stand. They are available in the church basement or at school.

**Diaper Drive** Bay Area Pregnancy Counseling Center reaches mothers who may have no church by offering free diapers. We are out of sizes 4, 5, and 6 diapers. We will have a "Diaper Drive" at our church in September. There is a box in the church basement for the contributions of diapers.

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