


# Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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



Although you have not seen him,  
you love him.

1 Peter 1:8

**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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Series C**

March 30, 2008

*Eyewitnesses testify to the resurrection of Jesus*

# OPENING HYMN

Hymn 154

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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**PSALM OF THE DAY**

Psalm 16 (page 68)

**FIRST LESSON**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death,

because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him:

I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will live in hope,  
because you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.  
You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact."

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*You Know It*

## **GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## **SEASONAL RESPONSE**

M: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

Hymn 165

## **SERMON**

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### **Rejoice in Our Living Hope**

It brings a glorious inheritance

It brings comfort in trials

*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.

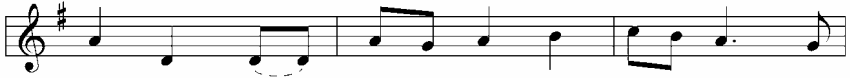


To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

*Verses*



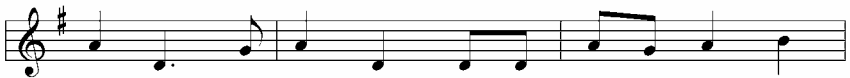
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



**praise you!** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,  
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,

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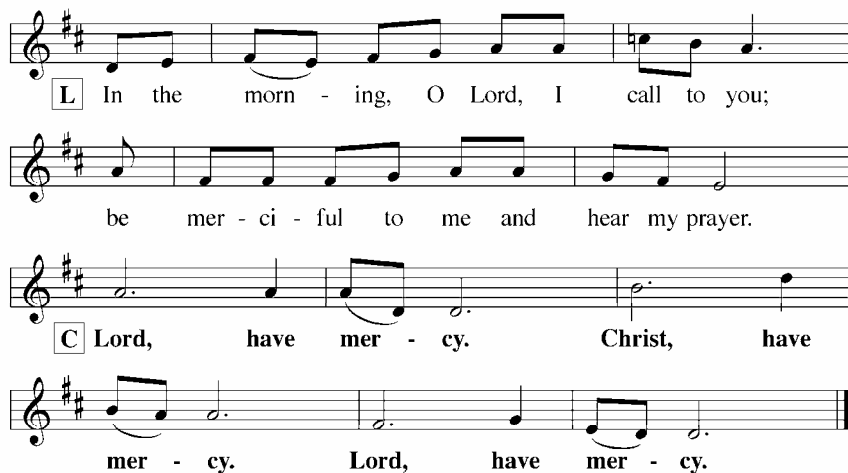
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**OFFERING**

**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: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..**

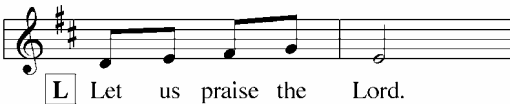
**C: (spoken) Amen.**

*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.**





# 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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**CLOSING HYMN**

Hymn 326



## Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

<b>Palm Sunday Worship:</b>	401		
<b>Maundy Thursday Worship:</b>	248 (132, 116)	<b>Communion:</b>	129 (42, 87)
<b>Good Friday Worship:</b>	302 (86, 216)	<b>Communion:</b>	188 (52, 136)
<b>Easter Worship:</b>	519 (73, 446)	<b>Communion:</b>	248 (42, 206)
<b>Bible Study:</b>	122 (1, 54, 3, 9, 6, 49)	<b>Youth Study:</b>	17

Thursday	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 Bible Study, church
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word—My Life Bible Study, 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
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee
Wednesday	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation & Bible History Class, school
	8:15 p.m.	Church Choir
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid, school commons
	7:30 p.m.	Worship
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
Friday	7:00 p.m.	School Spring Plays
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:10 p.m.	Church Band, school basement
	1:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study, Commons
	7:00 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, church

**His Word – My Life Class** will meet on Sunday and Monday this week. We will continue our study of Romans 1-8. Please join us!

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

**Tuesday Bible Class** will begin the study, *For Me To Live Is Christ* this week. Our first lesson will focus on “My life and my daily tasks.” 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 *David’s Kindness to Saul*. We meet in the basement after worship on Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

**Voters Meeting** The voters will meet after worship on Sunday, April 27 in the school commons.

**Church Band** will not meet this week. We will meet next Sunday 10 minutes after worship ends in the school basement. Join us as we praise God and proclaim the gospel in our music!

**Open Forum** Everyone is invited to join us at an Open Forum after worship on April 20. Bring any questions or comments you may have about the ministry of our congregation.

**Ladies Bus Tour** On May 3, 2008 we will tour Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI. We will also stop at the Northwestern Publishing House to tour and shop. We hope to leave around 8:00 a.m. and return about 5:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**Maintenance Help at MLHS** Manitowoc Lutheran High School is looking for volunteers to help with maintenance at the school. If you are willing to be a part of this effort or would like more information as to how you can help, please call Jim Reis, MLHS Facilities Manager at 682-0215, ext. 158 or Jerry Haupt, Chairman Physical Plant Committee at 682-5954. More information can be found in your mailbox.

**Christian Estate Planning Presentation** Fox Valley Lutheran High School will host a Christian Estate Planning Presentation on Monday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. More information will be placed in your mailboxes.

**Questions/Comments** about our congregation may be directed to:

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