

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

**Worship:** 280 (22, 258) **Bible Study:** 76 (2, 42, 22, 10)

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee, Bible Study room  
 10:00 a.m. Choir and Children practice for installation  
 5:30 p.m. Youth Softball vs. Bethany at Rheume Park  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group vs. First German at Rheume Park

Monday 7:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School, school (until 11:30 a.m.)

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Thursday 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School, school (until 11:30 a.m.)  
 1:00 p.m. Fun Day, 3-5 year olds, school  
 7:30 p.m. Worship

Friday 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School, school (until 11:30 a.m.)  
 11:30 a.m. VBS Closing Worship (all are invited)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. 19-Minutes with Luther Bible Study, church  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:00 a.m. Choir and Children practice for installation  
 10:10 a.m. Voter's Meeting, school commons

**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.

**Thank You** to our guest preacher on Sunday, Pastor Keith Haag.

**Pastor Ott** will be gone from Saturday, July 12 through Sunday, July 20. This Sunday he is preaching for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trinity, Lincoln, one of the churches he served in Minnesota. If you need pastoral care while he is gone, please contact Nancy Pantzlaff.

**Choir** and school children will practice for the July 27 installation service after worship this Sunday and next Sunday. Please join us!

**Baptism** Last Sunday after worship McKayla Anne Mathies was baptized into the Christian faith. McKayla is the daughter of Mike and Rose Mathies. Please remember this child of God and her family in prayer!

**Adult Christ Light Bible Study** This week we will look at *The Foolish Rich Man*. We meet at 7:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café. Join us!

**VBS** meets each day this week (9:00-11:30 a.m.). Students will need to bring glue, scissors, crayons, and markers. We need volunteers to help with crafts, teacher helpers, and in the kitchen. Please sign up in the church basement if you can help in any way.

**Installation** Pastor-elect Jonathan Bourman will be installed as an associate pastor at Trinity, Brillion on Sunday, July 13 at 4:00 p.m. Please join us!

**Bread of Life** Bible Study will not meet this month.

**Naomi Circle** will not meet this month.

**Voters Meeting** The quarterly voters meeting will be in the commons agter worship on Sunday, July 20.

**19 Minutes With Luther** Next week we will look at "Introduction to the Lord's Prayer." Join us Sunday at 8:30 a.m. We will not meet Thursday.

**Dedication** Bethany, Manitowoc invites you to the dedication of their church on Sunday, July 20. There will be an organ recital at 2:00 p.m. The dedication service will be at 3:00 p.m. Synod President Mark Schroder will be the guest speaker. A dinner will follow at 4:30 p.m. Bethany is located at 3209 Meadow Lane.

**School Cleaning** After the voters meeting next Sunday we would like your help in moving items out of the classrooms. We also would like your help Tuesday, July 22 through Thursday, July 24. We will clean each day from 9:00 a.m. until noon and 4:00-8:00 p.m. Please join us when you are able!

**Installation** On Sunday, July 27, we will install Mr. Joseph Woltdt, our new 5-6 grade teacher. Weather permitting; we will worship outdoors on the 27<sup>th</sup>. After worship we will have a meal. Please bring a salad or a dessert. Join us and bring a friend!

**Jesus Cares Ministry Golf Outing** The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Jesus Cares Ministries Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, July 30 at The Golf Club at Camelot in Lomira, Wisconsin. Green Bay Packers Ryan Grant, Fuzzy Thurston, and Jerry Kramer have committed to the event along with other sports celebrities. Please call Heidi from Jesus Cares Ministries at 414-841-4411 or 414-259-0292 to find out more information or to request a registration form.

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

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**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
July 10 & 13, 2008



**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, open my eyes that I might see great things in your Word. Touch my heart with your sacrament that I live for you. Amen.*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Service**

Common Service (p. 26)

**Personal Preparation for Holy Communion:**

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**Hymns**

226, 541, 312, 462, 181:4

**Prayer of the Day**

*Grant us Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may be your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Psalm of the Day:**

Psalm 18 (p. 69)

**Sermon: Romans 8:26,27**

**The Spirit Intercedes for Us**

To help us as we pray  
To lead us in God's way

## 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Series A

*Final judgment belongs to our God, who will judge justly and vindicate his saints.*

### First Lesson: Joel 3:12-16

*The Lord calls his enemies to assemble and advance. Let them do what they will. He sits on his throne and he is the Judge. The forces of darkness are many, but their destruction is as sure as the fall of ripe grain before a sickle of grapes under a press. For those who trust in the Lord, he is their shelter and refuge.*

‘Let the nations be roused;  
let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat,  
for there I will sit  
to judge all the nations on every side.  
Swing the sickle,  
for the harvest is ripe.  
Come, trample the grapes,  
for the winepress is full  
and the vats overflow—  
so great is their wickedness!’  
Multitudes, multitudes  
in the valley of decision!  
For the day of the LORD is near  
in the valley of decision.  
The sun and moon will be darkened,  
and the stars no longer shine.  
The LORD will roar from Zion  
and thunder from Jerusalem;  
the earth and the sky will tremble.  
But the LORD will be a refuge for his people,  
a stronghold for the people of Israel.

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 18 (page 69)

*The Lord is worthy of our trust. He has delivered his people from the hands of their enemies.*

### Second Lesson: Romans 8:26,27

*When God’s saints are suffering, sometimes they don’t know what to pray. Here we have the gracious promise that the Holy Spirit prays on our behalf! With such a perfect petition prayed for us, we can be sure that God’s gracious will is done!*

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, be-

cause the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.

### Verse of the Day:

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

### Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*In righteous zeal, Jesus’ followers have been tempted to destroy the enemies of God’s church. In this parable Jesus demonstrates why his church must never use the sword. First of all, we may destroy believers together with unbelievers. Secondly, final judgment belongs to God and his angels on the Last Day.*

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

‘An enemy did this,’ he replied.

The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

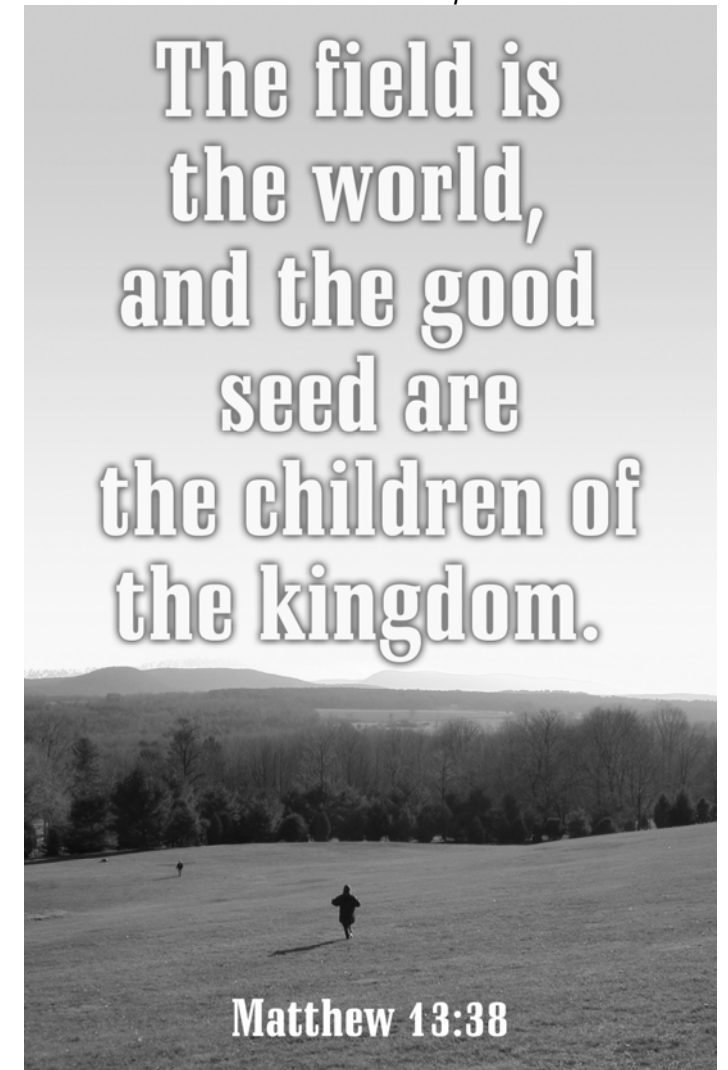
He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

## Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*Our mission is to honor God as we help people 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 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.