Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: (35,) Communion: (20,)

Bible Study: (7, )

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Choir and Children practice for installation

10:10 a.m. Voters Meeting, school commons

7:00 p.m. Youth Group softball at home

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

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. School Cleaning (until noon)

4:00 p.m. School Cleaning (until 8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. School Cleaning (until noon) 4:00 p.m. School Cleaning (until 8:00 p.m.)

Thursday 9:00 a.m. School Cleaning (until noon)

4:00 p.m. School Cleaning (until 8:00 p.m.)

7:00 p.m. 19-Minutes with Luther Bible Study, church

7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

Sunday 8:30 a.m. 19-Minutes with Luther Bible Study, church

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship, Communion, Installation

**Thank You** to Dennis Griepentrog for leading us in worship today. Thanks for your service to the Lord and his people!

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

**Pastor Ott** will be gone through Sunday, July 20. 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. Please join us!

**School Cleaning** After the voters meeting on 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!

**Adult Christ Light Bible Study** This week we will look at *The Parable of the Two Sons*. We meet at 7:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café. Join us!

19 Minutes With Luther This class takes us through Luther's Small Catechism. It is an excellent way to review essential Bible Doctrines and keep you in the habit of group Bible study through the summer months. Next week we will look at "The Address of the Lord's Prayer." Join us Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

**VBS** Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School this past week. Your service to the Lord and his people is a blessing!

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

Naomi Circle will not meet this month.

**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.

**Installation** On Sunday, July 27, we will install Mr. Joseph Woldt, 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!

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Lancer Golf Classic to benefit the MLHS Athletic Dept. is right around the corner, and we'd love for you to join us! This funfilled, 4-man best-ball event will be held rain or shine on Saturday, August 2 at Autumn Ridge Golf Course in Valders. Shot-gun start at 8:30 a.m., with lunch & prizes to follow.

**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.

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### 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost July 17 & 20, 2008



#### Prayer before worship

Lord, you are beyond my understanding. Help me rejoice in what I do understand; you love me and have taken away my sins. Amen

#### THURSDAY

**Service:** Evening Prayer (p. 52)

**Hymns:** 255, 574, 619

#### **Psalm Prayer**

O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith may love you with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

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**Psalm:** Psalm 119b (p. 110)

#### SUNDAY

**Service:** Word (p. 38) **Hymns:** 255, 574, 283, 619

#### Prayer of the Day

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Pentecost 10– Series A

Eternal wisdom comes from God through his Word.

#### **First Lesson:** 1 Kings3:5-12

The Lord offered King Solomon whatever he wanted. Solomon did not ask for the earthly props in which the world places its trust. He was struck by his solemn, God-given responsibility and his own inability. Solomon first sought God's kingdom by asking for a heart that would lead God's people God's way. God granted his prayer and added everything he had not asked for as well.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

Now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 119b (page 110) God's children treasure the Word of life and delight to walk in the Lord's commands.

## **Second Lesson:** Romans 8:28-30

Before he created us, God knew us and destined us to be his. In this life he called us to faith by the gospel and justified us. Even now God promises to turn Satan's evil into good for those who

love him. If our gracious Father has so carefully forged each link in the chain of salvation, we can be sure he will not forget the final link: he will bring us to glory!

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

#### Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

The parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl show us the inestimable value of the kingdom of heaven. The trusting heart will joyfully sacrifice everything to keep from being separated from it. God's kingdom, like a net, attracts both believers and unbelieving hangers-on. How precious faith in Christ is as we prepare for our final destination—heaven.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied.

He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

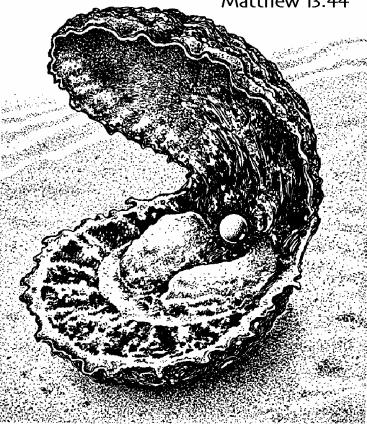
## Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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We exist to honor God as we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel

# The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden.

Matthew 13:44



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.