

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

**Worship:** 278 (19, 259)

**Bible Study:** 73 (2, 60, 11)

- Sunday 8:30 a.m. 19 Minutes with Luther
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee, basement
- 1:30 p.m. Installation at Rockwood
- Monday 7:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Church Council
- Wednesday 5:45 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, Church
- Thursday 9:00 a.m. New Life in Christ Class, Commons
- 1:00 p.m. Fun Day
- 7:00 p.m. 19-Minutes with Luther Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Worship
- Sunday 8:30 a.m. 19-Minutes with Luther Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Ice Cream
- 10:00 a.m. School Registration

**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.

**Stewardship Committee** will meet Sunday after worship in the Bible Study Room in the church basement.

**Installation** Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Burgess Huhn will be installed at Rockwood Lutheran Church. Pastor Ott will preach for the installation service.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Petition.” Join us Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

**Bread of Life Bible Study** will not meet in August.

**Naomi Circle** will not meet in August.

**Babysitting Training Course** The Wayside- Morrison Lion’s club and American Red Cross will hold a babysitter’s training course on Saturday, August 16 (8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.) at our school. If you are interested please call the American Red Cross at 227-4290. Cost of the class is \$22.50 and class size is limited.

**Outdoor Worship** On Sunday, August 17 we will worship outside, weather permitting. After worship join us for ice cream sundaes or floats. School Registration will also take place after worship until 11:00 a.m.

**School Tuition Presentations** In September we invite and encourage every communicant member to join us at presentations on the possibility of charging tuition in order to financially support the school. This presentation will be offered five times. The dates are: Saturday, September 6; Sunday, September 7; Thursday, September 11; and Sunday, September 14. Please make plans to join us at one of these presentations.

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

- Pastor Randy Ott 864-2348
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- President Jade Witt 983-2829
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**Today’s Organist:** Brenda Kuchenbecker

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**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

August 7 & 10, 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**

Word and Sacrament (p. 26)

**Personal Preparation for Holy Communion:**

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**Hymns**

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**Prayer of the Day**

*Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fullness of what 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.*

**Psalm of the Day:**

Psalm 133-134 (p. 115)

**Sermon: Matthew 15:21-28 Do You Have Great Faith?**

Great faith knows its place  
Great faith knows its object  
Great faith clings to God’s Word

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

*The gospel of Christ calls people of every nation into the communion of saints.*

### First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

*The Lord's New Testament church will be "a house of prayer for all nations." By the grace of God, those who had formerly been excluded from the people of God would bring acceptable sacrifices to his altar.*

This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." The Sovereign LORD declares-- he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 133-134 (page 115)

*We rejoice in the unity God has given us in the fellowship of the forgiven.*

### Second Lesson: Romans 11:13-15, 28-32

*At one time in history God gave all the promises of salvation to Israel alone. Israel's rejection of the Messiah became an opportunity for apostles, like Paul, to call the Gentiles to salvation. At one time or another, God bound over all the world to disobedience so that God's mercy might call his elect from among the Jews and the Gentiles.*

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

### Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

*How harshly Jesus seems to treat a Gentile woman who turns to "the Son of David" for help! Her repeated pleas are met with silence, exclusion, and insult. Nevertheless, faith in a loving, merciful Savior still sees room for a "yes" in his harsh replies. Her "great faith" in Jesus is not disappointed, but strengthened. Her prayer is answered with the healing of her daughter.*

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

"Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

## 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*



*Matthew 15:25*

**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.