

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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



[Jesus]
asked his disciples,

**"Who do people
say that the
Son of Man is?"**

Matthew 16:13

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.

The Christian Church is built, protected, and extended by the confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, our Savior.

Hymn:

“The Church’s One Foundation”

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.
3. The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.
4. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
5. Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

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STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.

C: **Direct my footsteps according to your Word; let no sin rule over me.** (*Psalm 119:132-133*)

M: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. *(Psalm 130:3-4)*

M: We come before our Lord in repentance

(silence for reflection)

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thought, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy (sung)

**C: Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (sung) Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be To God (sung)

**C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men,
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for you great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer,
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

First Lesson:

Exodus 6:2-8

"The Lord" is the title that describes God as the God of the covenant . . . the God of independent and faithful grace. The Lord is more fully known as he fulfills his promise in delivering his people from their enemies, setting them apart for himself, and guiding them to the promised land.

God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them. I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they lived as aliens. Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.'"

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 34

The psalmist invites us to join him in praising God for the care and protection of those who trust in him.

The image shows two lines of musical notation on a green background. The first line is labeled "Refrain" and features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Hap- py the peo- ple the Lord has cho- sen to be his own." are written in a spaced-out font. The second line is labeled "Psalm tone" and also has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It shows a single melodic line with a star symbol above the staff, indicating a specific tone or mode.

Taste and see that the 'Lord is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the Lord are on the 'righteous*
and his ears are attentive 'to their cry.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who 'fear him,*
and he de'livers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the Lord 'hears them;*
he delivers them from all their 'troubles.

The Lord is close to the broken'hearted*
and saves those who are crushed in 'spirit.

The Lord redeems his 'servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will 'be condemned.

**Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
as it was in the be'ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Romans 11:33-36

St. Paul finishes a section that demonstrates how God's wisdom can turn mankind's disobedience into an opportunity for mercy. No wonder the apostle breaks forth into a hymn of praise! Who could have thought of such a thing? It could only be the unsearchable wisdom of our triune God.

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

“Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?”

“Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

C: (sung) **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

STAND

Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

Human reason cannot consider Jesus to be any more than a prophet-the forerunner of the Messiah at best. But Peter, on behalf of the other disciples, confesses, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." On this bedrock confession the entire church of God is built. We who are built upon Christ have overcome the dark powers of death. Jesus gave all Christians the authority to proclaim freedom to penitent sinners. Likewise, Christ's voice is heard through us when we withhold forgiveness from those who proudly insist on their life of sin.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day:

“Lord Jesus Christ, The Church’s Head”

1. Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,
 You are her one foundation.
 In you she trusts, before you bows,
 And waits for your salvation.
 Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
 Though all the world decay And all things pass away.
 Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!
2. O Lord, let this your little flock,
 Your name alone confessing,
 Continue in your loving care,
 True unity possessing.
 Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word
 To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain
 Our only strength and comfort.
3. Help us to serve you evermore
 With hearts both pure and lowly.
 And may your Word, that light divine,
 Shine on in splendor holy
 That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.
 The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.
 Oh, make us faithful Christians.

4. And for your gospel let us dare
To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear your blessed cross,
To find in you all pleasure.
Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress.
Lord, for your mercy's sake, Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and glory.

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Sermon:

Eternal Questions and Answers

Matthew 16:13-20

About Jesus

About us

STAND

After the sermon the congregation sings:

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

Offering

STAND

Prayer of the Church

(Based on Martin Luther's Paraphrase of the Our Father in the German Mass.)

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, your needy children on earth, and grant us grace, that your holy name may be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of your Word and through the fervent love of our lives. Turn away from us all false teaching and all evil living. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Grant that your kingdom may come to us and grow. Especially we ask you to send your Holy Spirit to those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom so that they may come to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, in true faith through the fellowship of your Church. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Grant that we may be strengthened by Your Spirit to do and suffer Your will, both in life and in death, in good and in evil things. We ask this grace especially for those who are going through difficult times. Give to all your people the faith and strength to pray “not my will, but thine be done.” Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Grant us, Father, our daily bread. Preserve us from greed and selfish cares. Grant us good government, and protect us from violence. Help us to trust that you will provide for our every need, so that our lives may overflow with thanksgiving. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Forgive us, Father, our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Root out all bitterness and hatred from the hearts of your people that they may be filled with your loving forgiveness. Grant us a good conscience before you so that no sin would ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Protect us, Father, in every time of trial and temptation. Help us by your Spirit to subdue our sinful nature, to despise the sinful world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Deliver us, Holy Father, from every evil of body and soul, both now and forevermore, that we may at last leave this valley of sorrow with joy and enter into the company of Your saints in light, joining in their song of praise that never ends. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Lord's Prayer

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.

BE SEATED

Sermon Hymn:

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, his covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

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STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Closing Hymn:

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

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Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 270 (41, 229)

Communion: 176 (29, 148)

Bible Study: 71 (3, 57, 11)

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

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

Ice Cream Please join us for ice cream, sundaes, and floats after worship on Sunday. The treats are being served by the youth group.

School Registration will be after worship on Sunday until 11:00 a.m. and Monday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please have all the paperwork filled out before hand. Make sure your children come along with you to the classrooms. They can pick out their desk and take home an AR book to get ahead of the game. If you cannot make one of those two dates, please speak to Mr. Humann ahead of time. Join us for opening worship service August 25 at 8:45 a.m.

Adult Christ Light Bible Class will meet Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café This week we will look at *Deborah and Barak* in Judges 2:6-23 and 4:1-24. Please 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 4th Petition." Join us Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:30 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.

Lutheran Ladies League Rally will be Saturday, September 20, 2008, at St. Johns Lutheran Elementary School, Two Rivers. (Note: Saturday event rather than the usual Wednesday

rally.) The theme for the rally is “Whatever you do for one of the least of these – you did for me.” The cost is \$5.00 (by September 10, 2008) in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Sign up sheets and more information located on the back table in the church basement. If you have any questions please contact Sylvia Loppnow. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thanks for all your donations to our 2nd annual "Free School Supplies and More." We are already planning for next year. As the back to school sales heat up here in the next few weeks please consider donating some items for this event for next year. Drop them off at school and we'll store them for you! Thanks in advance!

The MLHS Principal's Conference will meet in our school commons On September 12. We need donations for this afternoon. A sign up sheet is located in the church basement or school office.

Athletic Association would like donations for volleyball and basketball concessions. A sign up sheet is located in the church basement or the school office. Donations can be dropped off at school by September 2.

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