

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

**Worship:** 278 (19, 259) **Bible Study:** 76 (2, 62, 12)

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	19 Minutes with Luther
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	7:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study
	8:45 a.m.	Opening Worship, School basement
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	New Life in Christ Class, Church
	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
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	19-Minutes with Luther Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Chase/Pantzlaff Wedding

**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.

**Adult Confirmation** On Sunday (after the offering) we will receive Morgan Applebey and Danielle Chase as communicant members by way of adult confirmation. Please welcome our new members and remember them in prayer!

**Adult Christ Light Bible Class** will meet Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Cross-roads Café. We will look at John 10, *Jesus our Good Shepherd*. Join us!

**Opening Day** of school is August 25 at 8:45 a.m. Join us for worship in the school basement as we begin our school year with Jesus.

**19 Minutes With Luther** This class takes us through Luther's Small Catechism. Next week we will look at "The 5<sup>th</sup> Petition." Join us Thursday at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

**The pew cushions** in our church were given in memory of the late Walter and Florela Krueger by the Krueger family and by Wilmer and Barbara Loppnow for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Thank you very much!

**New Bible Study** "Pray and Play" will meet once a month beginning September 2 at 2:00 p.m. We will end at 3:00 p.m. for those who have kids in school. This class is for moms who have young children at home. We will meet in the Preschool/Kindergarten room where your kids can play while we have topical Bible studies. Join us as we grow in faith together! Mrs. Humann will lead this Bible Study.

**Church Budget/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 (9:00 a.m.); Sunday, September 7; Thursday, September 11; and Sunday, September 14 (all after worship). Please make plans to join us at one of these presentations.

**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.

**NEW Zoo Outing** On September 15 anyone interested in going to the Zoo for a Mom's Day Out should meet at the Zoo entrance at 10:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch to eat after enjoying the zoo. If you are interested in this event please email Mrs. Humann at school@mzluth.org or call 864-7751.

**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 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!

**Lutheran Ladies League Rally** will be Saturday, September 20, at St. Johns Lutheran School, Two Rivers. (Note: Saturday event rather than the usual Wednesday rally.) The cost is \$5.00 (by Sept. 10) and \$7.00 at the door. Sign up sheets and more information are in the basement. If you have any questions please contact Sylvia Loppnow. Everyone is invited.

**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.

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

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Board of Elders: Stephen Gifford	864-2336
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**Today's Organist:** Brenda Kuchenbecker

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**Custodian:** Beverly Leiterman 864-2355

**Church and School Secretary:** Nancy Pantzlaff 864-7334

**Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service** (WELS counseling)  
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Dr. John Johnson, Director, De Pere 338-8699

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost**  
August 21 & 24,  
2008



**Prayer before worship**

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

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Service**

Common Service (p. 15)

**Personal Preparation  
for Holy Communion:**

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**Hymns**

452, 465, 396, 477, 484:1,3

**Prayer of the Day**

*O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Psalm of the Day:**

Psalm 121 (p. 112)

**Musical Offering** Sunday

*You Have Made Us One*  
(sung by Karl and Lou Ihlenfeldt's grandchildren)

**Lord' Prayer** Sunday

sung by Sarah Ihlenfeldt

**Sermon:** Jeremiah 15:15-21

**Examples of Faithfulness**

Impressive Faithfulness  
Gracious Faithfulness

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

*Through contrition and repentance the Christian's body and mind are renewed for service in God's kingdom. This is our spiritual worship.*

### First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

*Jeremiah experiences the great internal battle of every believer in the true God. On the one hand, the Lord's words are his staff of life. He joyfully embraces them with his inmost being and rejoices in his prophetic office. On the other hand, he must bear the grievous and incurable wound of declaring judgment to the people he loves. He blasphemes when he calls God a brook that gives no comfort at times like this. Repentance is God's prescription for the wayward prophet. Then he can be restored to useful service and worthy words.*

You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty. I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails?

Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel."

### Psalm of the Day: Psalms 121 (page 112)

### Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

*God's mercy, not our accomplishments, moves his people to spiritual worship. Our bodies are living sacrifices. Our minds are renewed in the image of their Creator. There is no room for pride when each sees its mission as a ministering member of the body of Christ.*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by

the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

### Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia (Jeremiah 15:16)

### Gospel: Matthew 16:21-26

*Satan again tempts our Lord Jesus to abandon the way of the cross. This time his appeal is made through Peter. Nothing less than the world's salvation lay in the balance. The Savior's rebuke was fitting. Christianity without the cross is an impossibility for the Savior and for his disciples. Those who stand with the Savior must deny themselves, crucify their old way of thinking, and be ready to lose wealth, honor, even life itself.*

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

## 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*

# For what will it profit them if they GAIN



## but forfeit their life?

Matthew 16:26

**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.