

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

<b>Worship:</b>	238 (22, 216)	<b>Bible Study:</b>	59 (2, 52, 5)
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Budget/Tuition Presentation, commons	
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement	
	8:00 a.m.	My Brother's Keeper Study, commons	
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement	
	10:00 a.m.	Budget/Tuition Presentation, commons	
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Aid, church	
	6:30 p.m.	His Word My Life Bible Study, church	
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word My Life Bible Study, church	
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church	
	4:15 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Reedsville, home	
Wednesday	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class (5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class (1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Fun Day	
	7:30 p.m.	Worship with communion	
	8:30 p.m.	Budget/Tuition Presentation, commons	
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Volleyball at MLHS	
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement	
	8:00 a.m.	My Brother's Keeper Study, commons	
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with communion	
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement	
	6:30 p.m.	His Word My Life Bible Study, church	

**Church Budget/School Tuition Presentations** In September we invite and encourage every communicant member to join us at presentations on the church budget/possibility of charging tuition in order to financially support the school. This presentation will be offered four 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. This presentation is for all members, not just those who have children in school.

**Ladies Aid** will meet in church after worship on Sunday.

**Adult Christ-Light Bible Study** meets in the church basement. Pastor Ott will teach the class on Thursday. Mr. Muchka will teach the class on Sunday. This Thursday the class will not meet because of the presentation.

**My Brother's Keeper Bible Study** Join us next Sunday as we continue the study, *My Brother's Keeper: Regaining the Straying Brother or sister for Christ*. We meet in the school commons at 8:00 a.m.

**His Word My Life Bible Study** meets Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement and Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café. We are studying 2 Corinthians. Join us!

**Sunday School** We need one or two people willing to help teach the 3-5 year old Sunday School class that meets after worship on Sundays for 20 minutes. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Ott.

**Wednesday Class** for public school students in grades 1-8 will begin on this Wednesday. 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades will meet at 4:45 p.m. Bring a Bible and a blue Catechism. 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade will meet at 5:30 p.m.

**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** The "mom's day out" Zoo trip has been rescheduled to Monday, September 22 because of a conflict with the 1-2 field trip. We will meet at the 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.

**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.

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

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Board of Elders: Stephen Gifford	864-2336
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**Custodian:** Beverly Leiterman      864-2355

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**Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service** (WELS counseling)  
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**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Sept. 4 & 7, 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:** 383, 493, 321

**Psalm Prayer**

*Good and gracious God, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion for his children. Forgive the sins of your people, heal our weaknesses, and crown our lives with your love, that with all the saints and angels we may glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

*Lessons are on the back cover*

**Psalm:** Psalm 103 (p. 105)

**Sermon:** Genesis 50:15-21

**Speak Kind Words of Reassurance**

To those who repent

Trusting God has done what is good

**SUNDAY**

**Service:** Word (p. 38)

**Hymns:** 383, 493, 392, 321

**Prayer of the Day**

*Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

## Pentecost 17– Series A

*God's undeserved love empowers us to forgive those who sin against us.*

### First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

*Although Joseph's brothers had sinned by selling him into slavery, when their father had died, Joseph did not retaliate. Rather, he saw the gracious hand of God in that event, forgave his brothers, calmed their fears, and spoke kindly to them.*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 103 (page 105)

(Sunday: sung responsively lectern side: first line, pulpit side: indented line, All: Glory be to the Father)

*The Lord is praised because he does not treat us as we deserve. He provides cleansing for our souls and health for our bodies.*

### Second Lesson: Romans 14:5-9

*There are matters, such as religious dietary restrictions and holy days, in which we have freedom as followers of Jesus. Although God neither commands nor forbids these things, an individual may be bound by a sensitive conscience. Rather than judge a brother in matters of indifference, we must recognize that we serve the same Master in this life and the life to come.*

One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives

to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

### Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

*It is impossible for an unforgiving person to live in fellowship with a God who has unconditionally forgiven him. Those who rejoice in the Master's grace will "forgive from the heart and gladly do good" to those who sin against them.*

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

## Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

**"Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?"**



**Matthew 18:21**

**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.