

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

**Worship:** 319 (19, 300) **Bible Study:** 90 (8, 20, 28, 4, 10, 8) **Youth Study:** 13

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement  
 10:00 a.m. Band, school  
 6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church  
 Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, Crossroads Café  
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons  
 Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church  
 6:30 p.m. Bread for Life Bible Study, school  
 Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 4:45 p.m. Bible History Class (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 5:30 p.m. Bible History Class (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
 8:00 p.m. Choir  
 Thursday No School (No School Friday also)  
 6:00 p.m. Gym Floor  
 7:30 p.m. Worship  
 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement  
 8:00 a.m. Predestination Study, commons  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement  
 10:00 a.m. Voters Election Meeting, church  
 10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting, church  
 4:00 p.m. Area Reformation/Dedication Service at MLHS  
 6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

**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.

**Baptism** On Sunday, Ethan Andrew Hassemer will be baptized. Ethan is the son of Brad and Brenda Hassemer. He was born on October 4, 2008. Please remember this new child of God and his family in prayer!

**Adult Christ-Light Bible Study** meets in the church basement Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Join us!

**Predestination Bible Study** Join us next Sunday as we continue the study, *Predestination*, a study from the People's Bible Teaching Series. We meet in the school commons at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.

**Luther's Large Catechism** is the topic of our Tuesday afternoon Bible Study. We meet Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. We will look at the 7<sup>th</sup> commandment this week.

**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. This week will be the last time we meet at the Café. Beginning in November we will meet in the church basement. We are studying *The Glory of the Gospel Ministry: A Study of 2 Corinthians*. Join us!

**Election Meeting** will be after worship next Sunday, Nov. 2

**Bread for Life Women's Bible Study** will meet at school Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a 9x13 pan. We will make Chicken Pizzaria. If you want to bring your own chicken breasts, please let Paula Ott know (864-2348).

**Gym Floor** On Thursday at 6:00 p.m. we need as many volunteers as possible to help resurface the gym floor. Thank you for your service to the Lord!

**Service of Prayer for the Nation** On Monday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. we will have a brief service of prayer for our nation. As the nation focuses on the upcoming presidential election, this service provides an opportunity to reflect on what God's Word says about earthly governments and to ask the Lord for his blessing on our nation.

**MLHS Dedication/Area Reformation Worship** will be Nov. 2 at 4:00 p.m. Tours of the new facility will be available afterward. You can view the history and progress of the project by visiting [www.mlhslancers.com](http://www.mlhslancers.com)!

**Manitowoc Lutheran High School Admissions Director** This is a full time position and will be filled through the calling process. The names of eligible male candidates, (pastors, teachers, staff ministers or lay people), must be submitted by Nov. 15, to the District President Engelbrecht.

**Basketball** practice and game schedules are located on the tables in the church basement. Concession donations are also being sought. If you are interested in donating items for concessions please sign up today!

**Advent by Candlelight** Ladies you won't want to miss this year's event on Sun., Dec. 7 at 5:00p.m. All women are invited to join us for an evening of visiting, music, and delicious desserts. Bring a friend to this free event. Seating is limited so watch for the reservations information on Nov. 2. This year's program is "Anticipating His Presence: A Gift for Eternity".

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

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**Today's Organist:** Brenda Kuchenbecker

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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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 Dr. John Johnson, Director, De Pere 338-8699

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 after Pentecost**  
 October 23 &  
 26, 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**

Word and Sacrament (p. 26) Thur.  
 Baptism (p. 12, 28) Sun.

**Personal Preparation  
 for Holy Communion:**

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**Hymns**

542 (296 Sun.), 484, 486, 485,  
 488, 318:1

**Prayer of the Day**

*Lord God, forgive the wrongdoing of your people and be gentle with us in our weakness. Deliver us from the bondage of our sin and direct us to the path of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now God, now and forever.*

**Special Music** Sunday Choir  
*Help Us Be Like Them, Lord*  
 (after prayer of the day)  
*God, Whose Giving Knows No  
 Ending Offering*

**Psalm of the Day:**

Psalm 92 (p. 101)

**Sermon: Malachi 3:14-18  
 Why Bother To Serve God?**

To be blessed here and now?  
 Or because God has given us  
 eternity?

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

*God has graciously entrusted his people with gifts to advance his kingdom.*

### First Lesson: Malachi 3:14-18

"You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.'"

Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

"They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 92 (page 101)

### Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13

Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

### Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five tal-

ents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

"The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

"Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

"Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



## 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*

To one he gave *five* talents,



to another *two*,



to another *one*,



to each according to his ability.

Matthew 25:15

**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.