

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

**Worship:** 284                      **Midweek Advent:** 199 (125, 74)  
**Bible Study:** 61 (17, 26, 4, 4, 10)    **Youth Study:** 16

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement  
11:00 a.m. Band at Parkview Estates  
2:00 p.m. Worship Committee set up Nativity  
5:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight, school  
6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church  
2:00 p.m. Pray and Play Bible Study, school  
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Midweek Advent Worship  
12:00 p.m. Soup Supper  
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)  
6:30 p.m. Soup Supper  
7:30 p.m. Midweek Advent Worship  
8:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday 8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement

Saturday 9:00 a.m. C Team Basketball at Wayside (2 games)  
12:00 p.m. Basketball vs. Kiel at home (4 games)  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Free Babysitting Night

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement  
8:00 a.m. Challenges and Blessings Study, commons  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement  
10:00 a.m. Band , school  
10:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee  
1:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study, commons  
6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

**Baptism** Today Adam Mark Dequaine will be baptized into the Christian faith. Adam is the son of Mark and Robin Dequaine. Please remember this new child of God and her 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!

**Blessings and Challenges Bible Study** Join us next Sunday as we continue the study, *Our Christian Response To Blessing and Challenges*. This week we will look at *When We Recover from a Serious Illness*. We meet in the school commons at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.

**The Daze Before Christmas** is the topic of our Tuesday Bible Study. This is a video study from the Fifth Pew From the Front series. It is entertaining and enlightening. If you have not joined us before, please come and give this timely study a try! We meet Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement.

**Pray and Play Bible Study** will meet Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

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

**Advent Midweek Worship** will be Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Join us as we focus on how Jesus Will Come Again At The End Of Time. Soup suppers will follow the morning service and begin an hour before the evening service. Please join us and bring a friend!

**Soup Supper** If you would like to make soup, bars, or serve, please sign up on the sheet in the church basement.

**Youth group Babysitting** The youth group invites you have a night out on them! They will offer free babysitting this Saturday. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Sign up sheets may be found in the church basement or at school.

**Christmas cards** are available in the church basement by the mailboxes.

**Christmas for Kids** will be Saturday, Dec. 20 (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.). We especially need people to teach and help in the classroom. Questions can be directed to Sarah Ihlenfeldt (jsbeam@centurytel.net or 864-2822).

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
December 7, 2008



**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, come to me and strengthen my faith as I prepare to celebrate your coming in time so that I am ready for your Second Coming. Amen*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Service**

Dedication, (cover)  
Gathering Rite Baptism (cws p.8)  
Word (p. 40)

**Hymns**

16, 3, 218

**Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 14 (p. 40 CWS)

**Special Music**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*  
Choir after prayer of the day  
*In the Bleak Midwinter* Stephanie Beyer Musical offering

**Sermon: 1 Peter 3:18-22**  
**Live for the great unknown**

Treasure God’s patience  
Treasure God’s promise

## Advent 2— Series B

*Prepare for Christ's return by repentance*

### First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-10

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 14 (p. 40 CWS)

### Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-14

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

### Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way"—

"a voice of one calling in the desert,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## 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*

### Dedication Rite for *Christian Worship: Supplement*

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Scripture encourages us, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Throughout the centuries, God's people have gathered regularly around the gospel in the Word and Sacraments. In every time and place, Christians have proclaimed the good news about Jesus Christ and what he has done for our salvation with poetry and music. Texts and melodies, ancient and modern, edify and enlighten Christians gathered for public worship as they proclaim the saving words and works of our Lord Jesus. To aid us in our proclamation of the gospel in Word and Sacrament, we dedicate *Christian Worship: Supplement*.

**M:** Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

**C:** **It is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

**M:** Sing to the Lord a new song,

**C:** **For he has done marvelous things.**

**M:** The word of the Lord is right and true;

**C:** **He is faithful in all he does.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you dwell among angels who praise you continually. You open our mouths to sing salvation's new song. Your Spirit is the breath of such music. We praise you for the contributions of those who labored diligently to prepare *Christian Worship: Supplement*. Through its hymns, psalms, and services, speak to us your saving Word, so that your name may be hallowed and your kingdom come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** To the glory of our Triune God and for the edification of his holy people, we dedicate *Christian Worship: Supplement* in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**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.