

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 325 (22, 303) **Bible Study:** 87 (5, 27, 24, 8, 8, 10, 5) **Youth Study:** 17

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	10:00 a.m.	Band, school
		A-Team Tournament at MLHS
	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
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship, communion
	12:00 p.m.	Soup Supper, church basement
	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class (5 th -8 th grade)
	4:45 p.m.	Bible History Class (3 rd -4 th grade)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class (1 st -2 nd grade)
	6:30 p.m.	Soup Supper, church basement
	7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship, communion
	8:30 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Fun Day (3-5 year olds at school)
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Martin Luther College Choir Concert
Saturday		Parent/Player Basketball
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 with Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	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/ELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

His Word—My Life Bible Class will meet Sunday evening and Monday morning. On Sunday we will look at our response when we receive financial blessings. On Monday we will look at the challenge when we face moral desensitization. Join us!

Tuesday Bible Study is studying, *Lord's Supper*, based on the People's Bible Teaching book of the same name.

Adult Christ-Light Bible Study will meet this Thursday after worship. We will also meet Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us!

Ash Wednesday worship will be this Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Soup Suppers There are sign up sheets in the basement if you would like to help serve, make soup, or make bars for the Lenten soup suppers. The meals will be after the morning service and an hour before the 7:30 p.m. service.

Blessings and Challenges Bible Study meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Next week we will study, *Our Christian Response to Blessings and*

Challenges When We Face Moral Desensitization. Join us at school.

MLC Choir Concert The MLC Choir will sing in a special worship service at Zion on Friday, February 27. Please plan to join us for this special worship service and bring a friend! There is a box in basement for cash donations to purchase the food for the sack lunch we will send with choir members. There is also a sign up sheet for housing choir members and for donations for the Friday evening meal for the choir. We will also be collecting water and soda to send along with the choir as they continue their tour. Please check the sheets out to see if there is any way you can help!

Cookies for MLC Choir: The Youth Group is collecting cookies for the MLC Choir and would like the congregation's help making them. We would like to put them together Thursday, February 26. Sign-up sheets can be found in the church basement. Thank you!

Christian Worship Supplement If you would like to purchase a supplement for use at home, please sign up on the sheet in the basement. Spiral-bound copies are \$16.75. Copies like we have in the pews are \$13.75.

Repeat Performance Stuff a Bag Sale! Feb. 23-28, we will have a bag sale at \$5 a bag. It may include clothing and shoes. Open 9-5. Monday thru Saturday (behind Country Kitchen). Repeat Performance also needs donations.

MLHS Sunday Showcase will be March 8. Advance tickets are available in our school office. Adults are \$5 (\$6 at the door). Children's tickets are \$4.

Blindmen's Volleyball Youth Group will host its annual Blindmen's Volleyball Tournament in March. Put together a team of friends and enjoy this fun-filled weekend. The Youth Tournament is Friday, March 13. The Adult Tournament is Saturday, March 14. Sign up information is in the church basement or ask Mr. Muchka. Registration ends February 22.

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Last Sunday after Epiphany
The Transfiguration of our Lord
February 19 & 22, 2009



Prayer before worship

Lord, in your miracles you displayed your divine power. Open my eyes today so that I see you more clearly every day of my life. Amen

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For Holy Communion

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Hymns

735, 711 97, 95, 82, Farewell to Alleluia (cover)

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music Sunday Choir
Shout to the Lord (intro to *Farewell to Alleluia*)

Band *Faith Triumphant* offering
Fanfare Prelude: O Worship the King Postlude

Psalm of the Day
Psalm 148 (p. 121)

Sermon: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Know The Glory Of God

See it in the face of Christ
See it in spite of attempts to blind

Last Sunday after Epiphany—Series B

The Transfiguration of our Lord

The season of showing his glory to those he has called is coming to a close. We stand at the threshold of the season of his ultimate humiliation. But before we go down to the valley of the shadow of death, he gives us a glimpse of the glory which he hid so carefully even while he was revealing it. Lent is coming; hang on to the glory that soon will be covered in shame and washed with blood!

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12a

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours--otherwise not."

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 148 (p. 121)

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Verse of the Day:

Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we gather for worship again the day will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn Lenten journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian Church has omitted its most jubilant songs during the season, including the song Alleluia, which means, "Praise the Lord."

Now for a time we shall say farewell to Alleluia. With this we prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. But the Alleluias will return on Easter dawn, as we gather to shout our songs of praise to the risen Lord.

ALLELUIA, SONG OF TRIUMPH

**Alleluia, song of triumph, sound of joy that cannot die;
Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;
Saints adorned in robes of glory join the great angelic cry.**

**Alleluia we are singing, voicing hymns in pure accord,
With Christ's holy Church united, justified, redeemed, restored,
And with all his faithful people raise our songs to praise the Lord.**

**Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forego.
For the solemn time in coming when our tears for sin must flow.**

**May our hymns be filled with longing – hear us, Holy Trinity,
As we look to your blest Easter, here, and then eternally,
When we shall once more be singing Alleluia joyfully!**

Text by Jason Mason Neale (11th Century)

Adopted by James Tiefel – 1998

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.