

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

**Worship:** 296 (28, 322)      **Bible Study:** 76 (2, 74)

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Aid
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church basement
	7:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church basement
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Volleyball at MLHS
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Work Day
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church basement
	8:00 a.m.	Angels & Demons Bible Study, school commons
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class, church basement

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

**Tuesday Bible class** begins this week. We will study *Luther's Large Catechism*.

**Adult Christ-Light** will begin on Thursday, Sept. 10 after worship and Sunday, Sept. 13 at 8:00 a.m. Both classes will meet in the church basement.

**Work Day** We will paint at school and some of the windows at the parsonage Saturday, Sept. 12, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please come if only for an hour!

**New Life In Christ Adult Information Class** will begin on Sunday, Sept. 13. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. This class will replace the His Word-My Life that normally meets on Sundays. Please join us for this 20 lesson course. If this time does not work for you and you would like to go through it to join the congregation please see Pastor Ott to schedule a class.

**His Word-My Life** class will begin on Monday, Sept. 14. We will study, *The Kingdom of God*. Class will meet in the church basement at 7:00 a.m.

**Sunday Commons Bible Study** will begin on Sunday, Sept. 13. We will study *Angels and Demons*. Class will meet at 8:00 a.m.

**Youth Group Bible Study** will begin on Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**Special Outdoor Worship** On Sunday, Sept. 20 we will have a special outdoor service at Way-Mor Park. After the service there will be a special meal in the shelter at the park. This service will serve as the kick off for the one year capital appeal that the congregation decided to have in 2010. Why worship off-site? God has called us to "Go" into our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Please join us!

**Breaking Down The Barriers** is the theme of our one-year Capital Appeal. God has broken down the barrier of sin through the life and death of Jesus. The blessings of this broken barrier become ours through the gospel. Yet, as we serve God, barriers spring up. There are financial barriers. At times our own lack of vision becomes a barrier. This appeal will seek to focus on how

God's love in Christ helps us to overcome the barriers of our own creation. The outdoor service will kick off the appeal. The financial goal for the appeal is \$148,000 for debt reduction. \$1,000 for each year that Morrison Zion Lutheran has existed as a congregation.

**Breaking Down The Barriers Booklet** To help us raise our eyes above the barriers of day to day activity we plan to create a booklet of what our members imagine our ministry could look like with God's blessings. Please write 200-400 words or so on what you think the gospel ministry of our congregation could look like with God's blessing. Dream big! Think about new ministries or programs that could be undertaken. Think about staff, reaching out to the community, the state, or even the world. If you are willing to accept this challenge to dream big, then write up your ministry dreams for our congregation and put it on Pastor Ott's desk at church or email it to him at ottr@mzluth.org. by Sept. 27.

**Choir** will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the school basement. We look forward to seeing everyone back again this fall. We hope to welcome many new members as well.. We will also have a second opportunity to join voices in praise. A second choir will meet on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Hopefully this rehearsal time will solve the time issue that many have expressed. It will also be an opportunity for our youth group members to come sing before Bible class and open gym. Our first rehearsal will be on Monday Sept. 21 in the school basement. Our two choirs will join forces to sing for many of the special services throughout the church year. We hope many will join one or both of these choirs to sing praises to God.

**Thank You!** Thank you so much for the special day last Sunday, for all the cards, and for the generous gifts! Everyone who had a hand in planning and carrying out the celebration did a wonderful job. I am truly humbled to be able to serve so many gifted people! Thank you one and all! –Pastor Ott

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**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

September 3 & 6, 2009

**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, there is much I do not understand. Help to recognize what can not be understood and simply believe. Amen*

**THURSDAY**

**Service:** Evening Prayer (p. 52)

**Hymns:** 538, 556, 283:4

**Psalm Prayer**

*Lord God, support us all the years of our lives that we may follow your gracious will both in good times and bad, that our lives may be an unending testimony to your love and faithfulness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Lessons are on the back cover*

**Psalm:** Psalm 71 (p. 92)

**Sermon:** Hebrews 11:24-28

**Appearances Can Be Deceiving**

“Obvious” choices

Faithful choices

**SUNDAY**

**Service:** Word (p. 36)

**Hymns:** 538, 556, 466, 283:4

**Prayer of the Day**

*Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Musical Offering:** *Amazing Grace* (by the family of Joy and Orville Otto in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost-Series B

Supplemental Lectionary

*It is not only the outsider who turns aside from the Wisdom which is Christ. Many who have heard the Word with us also go away when some part of it conflicts with their own thinking. Sacrificing trust in human reason is not a onetime thing. It is a sacrifice that needs to be renewed often, in every stage of life, as new threats come that oppose Wisdom and its expression in the Word.*

### First Lesson: Exodus 7:8-13

*Pharaoh saw, but he did not hear! Even God's mighty acts, be they in nature or in an extraordinary miracle, do not create faith in those who only see. They need to hear and hear and hear the Word of the Lord (Romans 10:6). Notice, too, that Pharaoh's unbelief is altogether contrary to reason, given the demonstration of God's power through Moses. Many like to say that the gospel is not reasonable, and therefore they will not believe it. In point of fact, when they reject the gospel, they cling to something else that is a delusion and is itself utterly unreasonable. And so God makes fools of those who deem themselves wise.*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 71 (p. 92)

### Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:24-28

*By the standard of the world Moses was a fool. But God trained him early in life to cling to the promises of God rather than to the wisdom and wealth and pleasure of the Egyptians. He had no outward evidence that God's wisdom was preferable and ultimately the only true wisdom. But so powerful was the promise, that in spite of all the evidence to the contrary he continued to cling to the promise implicit especially in the Passover. We used to put blinders on horses so that they would not be distracted by what was going on around them but would pull the wagon straight ahead. May we*

*close our eyes to the distractions of the world's wisdom and pleasure and look only to the wisdom which is not only true but saving.*

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

### Gospel: John 6:60-69

*The stumbling block thrown in his path by the human reason of many in the crowd does not move Jesus to soften the message. Instead he repeats it with emphasis. Through their own fault many of the hearers refuse to bend their thinking to his Word. But Jesus is the one who descended for our salvation. Jesus is the one who went back to the right hand of the Father to rule all things in heaven and on earth. Jesus is the one who will return to judge all mankind. Do you really think your opinion matters or that it is more likely to be on the mark than his? What folly! But still many came and then went away. How many times in your life have you been tempted to go away to what your own wisdom preferred? How many times have you actually done it? But today, hear his voice and answer: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God!"*

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

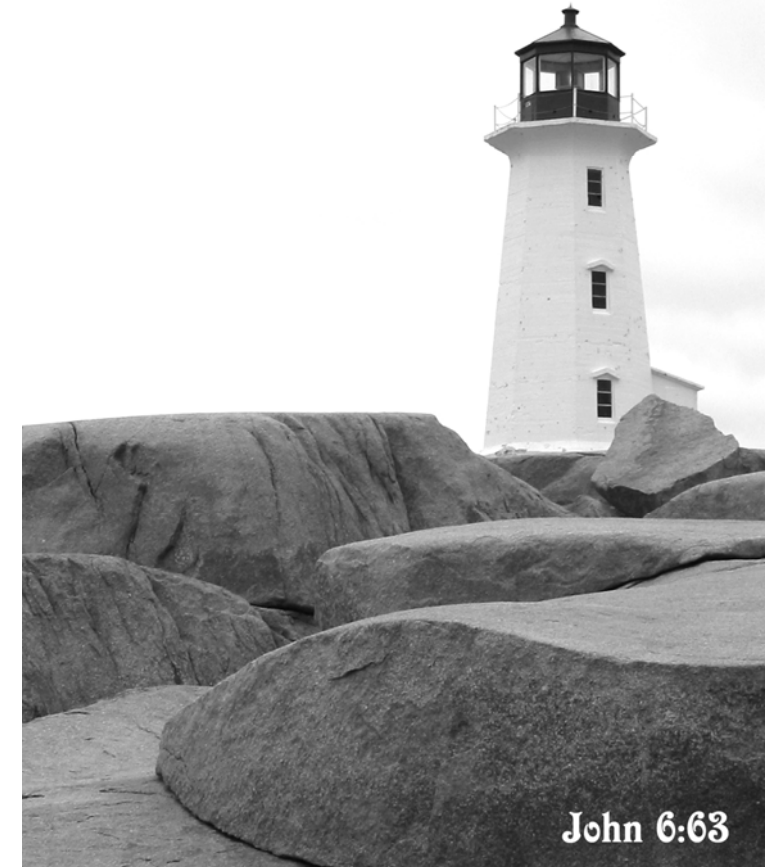
Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

## 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*

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are spirit and they are life.**



**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.