

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

**Worship:** 279 (34, 245)      **Bible Study:** 55 (2, 48, 5)

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Athletic Association Meeting, church
	7:00 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class, church basement
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word-My Life Class, church basement
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class, school
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church basement
	7:00 p.m.	Bread of Life Bible Study
Wednesday	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	8:00 p.m.	Choir, school
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Naomi Circle, church basement
	7:30 p.m.	Worship
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church basement
Friday	4:30 p.m.	Volleyball at home
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Barrier Bible Study Way-Mor Park Shelter
	9:00 a.m.	Outdoor Worship at Way-Mor Park
	10:00 a.m.	Refreshments in shelter after worship
	7:00 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class, church basement

**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.

**Sunday School** will meet in the basement after church Sunday.

**New Life In Christ Adult Information Class** will begin this Sunday, Sept. 13. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. 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. We will study, *The Kingdom of God*. Class will meet in the church basement at 7:00 a.m.

**Youth Group Bible Study** will begin Monday at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday Bible class** is studying *Luther's Large Catechism*.

**Bread of Life Women's Bible Study** will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the school.

**Naomi Circle** will meet Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

**Breaking Down Barriers** Bible Study will meet next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the park shelter. The commons study and Christ-Light study will not meet.

**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](mailto:ottr@mzluth.org). by Sept. 27.

**Sign Up Sheets** Zion will host two conferences this fall. The Pastor conference (about 30 people) is Monday, September 28. The Pastor/Teacher conference (about 100) will be Monday, October 5. There is no school this day. We ask all members to help out by checking the food and drink donation sign-up sheets in the basement. Workers are also needed. If you have any questions, please contact the Ladies Aid President, Diane Dobberpuhl.

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

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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 10 & 13, 2009

**Prayer before worship**

*Lord, all too often I focus on my actions as though they lead you to love me. Help me today to see that you loved me when I was spiritually dead. Lead me to greater joy in living in love for you.. Amen*

**Lessons are on the back cover**

**Preservice Music** (Sunday)

Marissa and Brianna Leick

**Service**

Word and Sacrament (p. 26)

**Personal Preparation**  
**For Holy Communion**

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**Hymns**

471, 459, 313, 205, 192

**Prayer of the Day**

*O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 119c (p. 111)

**Sermon:** Mk 7:1-8,14,15,21-23

**Avoid Hypocrisy**

Follow God's Word  
Have a clean heart

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost—Series B

### Supplemental Lectionary

*The remaining Sundays in this season of the church year emphasize this truth: Jesus wants to so deepen our understanding of his grace that he becomes all in all to us. The particular emphasis in the readings for this Sunday is the truth that all God pleasing obedience must begin in the heart.*

#### **First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9**

*God is serious about all of his Word, both the law and the gospel. Those who only take God's gifts seriously soon lose those gifts as a consequence of despising his commands. His commands are good because he who gave them is good.*

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

#### **Second Lesson: James 1:17-27**

*Calls for a sanctified life always find their basis and motivation in God's gifts to us. His gifts are all good and perfect because God is changeless;. But to recognize those gifts and to appreciate them and then make use of them in life we need the Word. The Word clears the clutter from life and the temptation to hypocrisy from the heart. Therefore, listen to the Word; be honest with God in confession; get on with the life that reflects the good and perfect gifts of God.*

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

#### **Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14,15, 21-23**

*Adding to God's Word is just as bad as subtracting from it. In both cases man sets aside what God has said in favor of what he wants. To the extent that the heart is cleansed by the gospel, what flows from it will be clean and in accord with the law. An unclean heart can produce only unclean works, no matter how clean those works may appear on the outside.*

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?"

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are but rules taught by men.'

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."

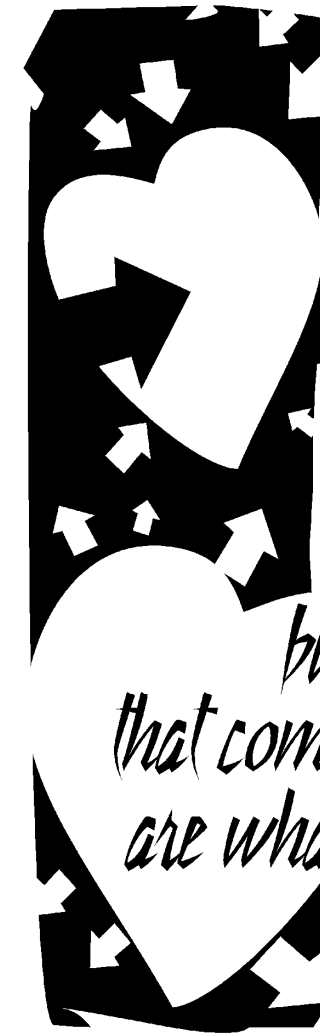
Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'

For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.' "

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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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**Mark 7:15**

**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.