

Morrison Zion Lutheran Church

November 5 & 8, 2009

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 340 (35, 305)

Bible Study: 92 (1, 24, 43, 10, 6, 8) **Youth Study:** 16

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Voters' Election Meeting, church
	10:00 a.m.	Church Band, school
	7:00 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class, church basement
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word-My Life Class, church basement
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class, school
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church
	7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	8:00 p.m.	Choir, school
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship with Communion
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Study, church basement
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Baby Shower for the Pingels
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Study, church basement
	8:00 a.m.	Angels/Demons Study, school commons
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class, church basement

Voters' Meeting The voters election meeting will be after worship this Sunday. We will meet in church.

His Word-My Life class will begin the study, *How To Interpret the Bible* this week. The first lesson is "Foundations for Interpreting Scripture." Class will meet in the church basement at 7:00 a.m. on Monday.

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

Tuesday Bible class is studying *Luther's Large Catechism*. This week we will look at the Fourth Petition. Join us at 2:00 p.m.

Angels/Demons & Adult Christ Light Bible classes will meet next Sunday in the commons. We will study Satanism. Join us!

Save the date! A baby shower for the Pingels is set for Saturday, November 14 at 9:00 am in the school commons. Look for sign up sheets in the basement.

Breaking Down The Barriers is a one year stewardship emphasis that has an educational goal and a financial goal. The financial goal is to raise \$148,000 (\$1,000 for each year our congregation has existed). These funds will be put toward the building loan first of all and the remainder towards our operating loan. The educational goal is to see some of the barriers we erect and can overcome as we seek to serve the Lord faithfully. The barriers we have looked at so far are our tendency to look inward and forget our calling to spread the gospel and financial barriers. In November we will look at our tendency to stay in comfortable ruts and not dare to dream big in our kingdom service. On Christ the King Sunday in November every member will have the opportunity to return a commitment card with their intended financial support of the appeal. After the service on the 22nd we will have a pot luck dinner at school.

Financial Peace University We will offer this 13 week course on personal finance from God's point of view again this year. On November 15 we will show an informational video about the class in the commons. The first class will meet on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the commons. Please contact Joe Sabel or Pastor Ott if you would like more information or if you wish to register,

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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

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.

2nd Sunday of Endtime: Last Judgment—Series B Supplemental Lectionary

The readings for this week set in sharp contrast the attitudes of believers and unbelievers. The attitude of the unbeliever to any talk of judgment by God can only be denial or terror. But the attitude of the child of God is formed by the Word of God. As that Word has created his faith during his life on earth, so it molds his confidence in the face of death and judgment. But the Word of God and the faith it creates will be seen as fully vindicated by death and judgment. Therefore we look forward to the day on which we pass into the courtroom of God to hear the “Not guilty!” verdict which brought us to faith in the first place. There is no better preparation for death and judgment than a firm clinging to that gracious verdict. There is no better life than the one that has that verdict as its center and the motivation for everything in it.

Prayer before worship: *Lord, keep me focused on the things that have eternal importance. Amen.*

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.

Service: Word and Sacrament (p. 26)

Personal Preparation For Holy Communion: Page 156

Hymns: 209, 382, 376, 208, 351:2

Prayer of the Day: *Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

Special Music (Sunday) *Here He Comes* (grades 3-4, after Prayer of the Day)

Sermon: [John5:19-30](#)

Be Amazed at the Greater Things

In Christ you have crossed from death to life

In Christ you will stand in the judgment

First Lesson: [Malachi 4:1-3](#)

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things," says the LORD Almighty.

Psalm of the Day: [Psalm 90](#) (p. 99)

Second Lesson: [Hebrews 9:24-28](#)

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.

Gospel: [John 5:19-30](#)

Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

Eternal Encouragement

Encouragement. We all need it at one time or another. Hopefully we all give it to one another as the opportunity presents itself. But this week God talks about *eternal* encouragement. So evidently we are talking about more than just generic encouragement like, “Hang in there, things will get better.”

If it is eternal it must have real power. It must have real authority. Not just a wish or a hope like the encouragement we often give, “Things will get better.” No, this kind of encouragement our God talks about in his love letter to us this week has to have more to it than a trite cliché.

The encouragement God pointed the Thessalonians about through Paul centered in God himself. This encouragement has the power to help us with “every good deed and word.” So if you say there isn’t anything you can do to serve God and others, you are calling God a liar! Not the brightest way to start your day.

This encouragement is eternal because it centers in Jesus’ life and death in our place. This encouragement tells us we can face the Last Judgment confidently even while we live in a constant battle with Satan. This encouragement is found in Word and sacrament, not in a bottle or on a bar stool. If you want real courage and encouragement get closer to your God in Word and Sacrament!

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. (2 Thessalonians 2:16,17)