

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.

3rd Sunday of Endtime: Saints Triumphant—Series B

As we approach the end of all things and the great Day of Judgment, we want to make sure we have it all straight; the readings for this Sunday help us prepare by their careful description of what is to come, so that we will not fear as we look and long for the day of his appearing. Rather, clinging to his grace in Word and sacraments we strive to live as though who know what to expect at the end of it all.

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

Service: Word (p. 38)

Hymns: 394, 207, 213, 214

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

Special Music *We Give You Thanks*
(join choir, “In Memoriam”)

Sermon: Mark 13:24-27

Guarantees For Saints Triumphant
Distress and Darkness
Deliverance

In Memoriam

After the sermon, in place of the song of praise

Choir

M: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe and language,

C: Standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

M: They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

C: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.

M: I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

C: “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, and their deeds will follow them.”

The reading of the names of Zion’s members called from the church militant to the church triumphant since Saints Triumphant Sunday 2008.

Choir

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

The God who protected his elect in this life will certainly not abandon them in death and in the Day of Judgment. Those who lived in such lowliness, following in the footsteps of their Savior in his humiliation, will rise in triumph and live with him forever in glory. The fate of the damned, who do not know or who despise his gracious Word, impels us to labor with all our might to bring them to the righteousness of the gospel. What a glorious special reward of grace awaits all those who labor thus! What a blessed added incentive to all, especially to pastors, to share the saving Word!

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 118 (p. 108)

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

What a day that will be! Therefore encourage one another with the certainty of its coming and the total and utter blessedness of the saints in heaven and the saints on earth who will finally be joined in perfect harmony with the Lord. No, we will not despair at the death of those who die in Christ. No, we will not live in dread of our own funeral. Rather with confidence in the Savior who promised it, we will drive away such despair and dread with the happy contemplation of the blessedness that awaits us. For he would not die and rise in vain; nor could he ever lie to us. Even so, Come Lord Jesus!

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-27

God's mighty acts of judgment and grace in New Testament times have Old Testament parallels. But the ultimate acts of judgment in the New Testament are a thousand fold more terrifying, just as the acts of grace are incomparably more beautiful and glorious. What terror the Flood inspired in the perishing! What terror beyond comparison will fall and fall forever on those who perish in the judgment on the Last Day! What grace Noah and his house experienced in their rescue through the water that destroyed the world! What grace beyond compare as the saints rise with the angels through the clouds into eternal bliss and the wedding feast of the Lamb as all of the visible creation collapses around them!

"But in those days, following that distress, " 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

"At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

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November 12 & 15, 2009

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 377 (30, 347) **Communion** 203 (24, 179)
Bible Study: 100 (1, 24, 43, 10, 6, 8) **Youth Study:** 11

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Church Band, school
10:20 a.m. Financial Peace University Video Preview, school
7:00 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, church basement
Monday 7:00 a.m. His Word-My Life Class, church basement
9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle, DePere, Village Grille Restaurant
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. Bread of Life
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. Breaking Down Barriers worship, communion
8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Study, church basement
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Study, church basement
8:00 a.m. Angels/Demons Study, school commons
9:00 a.m. Breaking Down Barriers worship, communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Breaking Down Barriers Pot Luck Dinner, gym
7:00 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, church basement

Election Last Sunday the following men were elected to the church council:
Alec Otto: Secretary; Nathan Jaschob: Financial Secretary; Dave Wegner: Elder; and Curt Nushart: School Board. Thank you to everyone who was willing to serve and had their name on the ballot.

Financial Peace University We will offer this 13 week course on personal finance from God's point of view again this year. This Sunday 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 for more information.

His Word-My Life class will continue the study, *How To Interpret the Bible* this week. The second lesson is "Let Scripture Interpret 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.

Naomi Circle, our women's Bible Study group for widows and their friends will meet Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Village Grille in DePere. If you need a ride please contact Paula Ott (864-2348).

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

Bread For Life Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at school. After studying Zechariah we will make taco pie. Please bring a pi pan. If you plan to cook please let Paula Ott know so she can have enough ingredients on hand.

Angels/Demons & Adult Christ Light Bible classes will meet next Sunday in the commons. We will study "Jesus' Victory Over the Devil." Join us!

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. Next week every member will have the opportunity to return a commitment card with their intended financial support of the appeal. After the service next Sunday we will have a pot luck dinner at school. Sign up sheets are in the basement for the meal.

Outreach Committee is looking for your help! We are putting together several Christmas cookie tins to give to unchurched families in our area, similar to the Easter basket project we did in the Spring. The tins will be filled with baked goodies, an invitation to worship at Zion and attend Christmas for Kids, and most importantly, the true Christmas message of our newborn King and Savior. If you would like to supply cookies/bars, metal or plastic tins, or donate funds toward the purchase of these items, look for a sign-up sheet in the basement. Also, if you have a friend or neighbor you would like to receive a cookie tin, please talk to Gretchen Jaschob.

There is a Sign Up Sheet in the basement for those who would like to help serve the meal or donate items for the hot lunch at school on Dec. 4. There is also a sign up sheet for those who would like to purchase poinsettias.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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