

## 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.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2009

*In the family of believers, it is our brother Jesus who changed the future for Abraham's descendants. To be about the Father's will meant sharing in our humanity and destroying the power of death.*

**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:** Common Service (p. 15)

**Personal Preparation For Holy**

**Communion:** Page 156

**Hymns:** 226, 41, 309, 742, 343

**Prayer of the Day:** *Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and*

*reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Sermon:** Psalm 111

**Remember: The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

*The similarities between the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus are striking: a gracious gift to his mother, the boy Samuel was dedicated to the Lord's service, ministering in the Tabernacle. By grace he would grow "in favor with God and men." By grace he would willingly carry out the "Father's business" all his life.*

**Psalm of the Day:** Ps 111 (p. 106)

**Second Lesson:** Hebrews 2:10-18  
*The writer to the Hebrews lays out the loving purpose of God in Jesus. It is fitting that the Author of Salvation should make his One and Only Son like those he came to save. As our brother, he knows our weaknesses and temptations. Yet, in service to God, he carried out the Father's will. Having overcome death and made atonement for our sins, he now claims us as members of his family.*

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

*With an emphasis on the two natures of Christ, these words from Luke reveal Jesus' growth "in favor with God and men." Yet, very clearly, Jesus always understood his purpose was to carry out the Father's plan of salvation. Though he willingly he obeyed Mary and Joseph, more striking is his willing obedience to the Father's will.*

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**Worship:** 396

**Christmas Children:** 664 (256, 428)

**Christmas Candlelight:** 36

**Christmas Festival:** 165

**Communion:** 109

Sunday 7:00 p.m. New Life in Christ

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace

Thursday 9:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship, communion  
Friday 9:00 a.m. New Year's Day Worship, communion  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Installation of Church Council  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting  
7:00 p.m. New Life in Christ

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