

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 after Christmas

January 3, 2010

Promises kept: we celebrate with joy how God fulfilled them all.

Service: Service of the Word (p. 38)

Hymns: 275, 34, 28, 334

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

Sermon: 2 Samuel 7:8-16

God Establishes An Eternal House

1. Built on Promises Made
2. Built eternally on promises kept.

First^t Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:8-16

The Lord promises peace to David's kingdom of Israel and a descendant who will establish his throne for eternity. But this eternal throne named for David will be greater than that from which David ruled God's people. For the this ruler and throne will be established by the LORD.

"Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you

have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me ; your throne will be established forever.'"

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 148 (p. 121)

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:13-20

God had promised to establish a house and kingdom for David forever. Looking around the Ancient Near East at the beginning of the Christian era, it must certainly have seemed that God's promised to David had failed. There was no king in Israel; David's line had been cut off and his kingdom destroyed. But God keeps his promises, no matter how unlikely they may seem. Zechariah sang about the horn in the house of David. In Christ, David's Son, God kept every promise.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers

or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Gospel: Luke 1:68-75

Zechariah had learned to trust God's promises. After months of silence, he bursts forth to sing of God's promises kept. Blessed be the God of Israel who has come to redeem his people. The struggle with sin of spiritual Israel was over. Salvation has come just as the LORD, the God of free and faithful grace, had sworn by his own name. With the joy of salvation and the confidence of promises fulfilled, we fearlessly serve the LORD in righteousness.

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Worship: 204 **Communion:** 121

New Year's Eve: 104 **Communion:** 77

New Year's Day: 72 **Communion:** 51

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. School Board
7:00 p.m. Financial Peace
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee, church
Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation class
4:45 p.m. Bible History grades 3-4

5:30 p.m. Bible History, grades 1-2
Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship, communion
8:30 p.m. Bible Class, church
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Bible Class, commons
8:00 a.m. Bible Class, church
9:00 a.m. Worship, communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
7:00 p.m. New Life in Christ

Installation of Church Council will take place after the offering this morning. The newly elected members of the council are: David Wegner, Elder; Nathan Jaschob, Financial Secretary; Alec Otto, Secretary; Curt Nushart, School Board.

Marriage On Friday, January 1 Felicia Bongers and Peter Schuld were joined in marriage at Zion. Please remember this new family in your prayers!

New Life In Christ Class will not meet this evening.

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