

## 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 Easter

April 8 & 11, 2010

*Witnesses of the resurrected Lord walk by faith.*

**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.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion: p. 156

**Service:** Word and Sacrament (p. 26) Hymn 265 will replace the Song of Praise, *O Lord, Our Lord* on p. 28

**Hymns:** 719, 165, 741, 756

**Prayer of the Day:** O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Sermon:** Genesis 15:1-6

**Blind Faith Isn't Blind**

Faith rests on God's promises  
Faith results in righteousness

**First Lesson:** Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.  
I am your shield,  
your very great reward."

But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram

said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

**Psalms of the Day:** Psalms 16 (p. 68)

**Second Lesson:** 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Maundy Thursday

**Worship:** 209 (131, 78) **Communion:** 109 (43, 66)

Good Friday

**Worship:** 330 (101, 229) **Communion:** 222 (56, 166)

Easter

**Worship:** 498 (70, 428) **Communion:** 277 (50, 227)

Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. Open Forum, church
	1:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, commons
	7:00 p.m. <i>Theology of the Cross</i> study
Monday	7:00 a.m. Bible Study CWS Hymns
	7:00 p.m. Youth Group
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. Bible Study, 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
	8:00 p.m. Choir
Thursday	7:30 p.m. Worship
	8:30 p.m. Adult Christ Light Bible Class
Friday	7:00 p.m. Plays by 5-6, 1-2 grades, pre-k
Saturday	9:00 a.m. 7th-8th graders cooking
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Hebrews Bible Class commons

8:00 a.m. Bible Class, church

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. **Voters Meeting Commons**

11:30 a.m. *O Give Thanks* Dinner

7:00 p.m. *Theology of the Cross* study

**Open Forum** will meet in church after worship on Sunday.

*Theology of the Cross* study will meet at church Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

**Monday Bible Study** will meet at 7:00 a.m.

**Tuesday Bible Study** will meet at 2:00 p.m.

**Adult Christ-Light Study** will meet Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

**Plays** This Friday grades 5-6, 1-2, and the preschool will perform their plays in the school gym at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!

**O Give Thanks Celebration Dinner preparations** On Saturday the 7-8 graders will get together at 9:00 a.m. to prepare the dinner for Sunday. We should be done around 11:00.

**O Give Thanks Celebration Dinner** Please join us next Sunday for the O Give Thanks Spaghetti Dinner to celebrate the paying off of the loan for our school addition. The entire meal will be prepared and served by the school children. We will eat after the Voters Meeting at about 11:30 a.m.

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