

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.

4th Sunday of Easter

April 22 & 25, 2010

On Good Shepherd Sunday God's Word shows us our Shepherd, Jesus, who leads his flock to safe pastures and his eternal fold.

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: Thursday: Common Service (p. 15) Hymn 265 will replace the Song of Praise, *Glory Be To God* on p. 16 Sunday: Baptism/ Common Service (p. 12, 16)

Special Music: *The Shepherd's Call* Choir, Sunday after the prayer of the day

Hymns: 766 Th./737 Sun., 375, 720, 374, 432

Prayer of the Day: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sermon: Ezekiel 34:25-31

See What It Means To Have God As Shepherd

See what is absent

See what is present

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:25-31

"I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in the desert and sleep in the forests in safety. I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send

down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are people, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23 (p. 72)

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

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

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

"Amen!

Praise and glory

and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength

be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

Never again will they hunger;

never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

he will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gospel: John 10:22-30

Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Worship: 338 (21, 317)

Bible Study: 102 (5, 23, 26, 18, 4, 11, 10, 5) **Youth:** 16

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
7:00 p.m. *Theology of the Cross* 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
8:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship
8:30 p.m. Adult Christ Light Class

Friday 7:00 p.m. Music Night, school
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Hebrews Bible Class
8:00 a.m. Adult Christ Light Class
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid, church
7:00 p.m. *Theology of the Cross* study

Baptism On Sunday Hope Nichole Muchka will be baptized into Christ. Hope, the daughter of Rick and Katie Muchka, was born April 16. Please remember this new child of God and her families in prayer!

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

Monday Bible Study will look at *In Christ Alone*, hymn 740. We meet at 7:00 a.m. Please join us!

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study will continue its study of *The Daily Grind*, a "Fifth Pew From the Front Bible Study, this Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Please join us!

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

Music Night will be next Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Please join us!

Hebrews Bible Study will conclude its study of the book of Hebrews next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Join us!

Ladies Aid will meet after worship next Sunday.

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