

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.

6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2010

*The Believer Follows Christ:
Followers of Christ Are Blessed By God
Through Governments*

Service: Service of the Word (p. 38)

Hymns: 617, 618, 620, 619

Prayer of the Day: Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sermon: Romans 13:1-7

Honor God's Gift Of Government

Prayer of the Church: The Nation (p. 130)

First Lesson: Psalm 33:12-20

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he chose for his inheritance.
From heaven the LORD looks down
and sees all mankind;
from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth-
he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.
No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.

But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear
him,

on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.

We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 148 (page 121)

Second Lesson: Romans 13:1-7

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay

taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 294 (55, 239)

Communion: 166 (44, 122)

Bible Class: 54 (4, 50)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. 19-Minute Study, church
9:00 a.m. Mission Festival, communion
10:00 a.m. Presentation on Friends of China, sandwiches afterwards in basement
7:00 p.m. Youth Softball at Brillion

Mission Festival Next Sunday Pastor Jon Bare will be our guest speaker for our mission festival. After worship, Pastor Bare, Tim and

Jen Pingel, and Kim Lemke will give a presentation on Friends of China. After the presentation the Ladies Aid will serve sandwiches in the church basement. We hope that you can plan your day so that you can learn more about this work that is being done on our behalf.

No Thursday Worship There will be no Thursday worship this week. Please make plans to join us for our mission festival on Sunday!

Pastor Ott On will be gone from Sunday July 4 after worship through Monday, July 19. If you need pastoral assistance please call Nancy Pantzlaff (864-2349 or 864-7334) and she will contact a pastor.

Voters Meeting The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, July 18. Please make plans to join us.

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