

## 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.

St. James, the Elder, Apostle  
July 25, 2010

**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 an elder before communing.

**Personal Preparation for Communion:** p. 156

**Service:** Divine Service II (p. 28 CWS)

**Hymns:** 549, 552:1,15,3; 465, 457, 467, 334

**Prayer of the Day:** O gracious God, we remember today your servant, James, who readily followed the calling of your Son, Jesus Christ, and was first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for his name. Enable the leaders of your church to forsake all false and passing allurements and follow him alone, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Lesson:** 1 Kings 19:9-18

There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the moun-

tains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 103 (page 105)

**Second Lesson:** Acts 11:27-12:3a

During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in

Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also.

**Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

"We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Sermon:** Acts 12:1-2

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:** 285 (30, 255)

**Bible Class:** 98 (2, 52, 44) **Youth Study:** 18

Sunday 7:00 pm Youth Softball at home

Thursday 7:00 pm 19-Minute Bible Study

7:30 pm Worship

Saturday Youth Softball Tour., Branch

Sunday 8:30 am 19-Minute Bible Study

9:00 am Worship

**Thank You** to everyone involved in VBS this past week. There were over 60 children from 3 years old through 6th grade who attended over the three days. On Sunday we had well over 120 who gathered together for food for the body and the soul. The meal, study for all ages, and singing around the campfire was a very enjoyable time on Sunday! Thank you to Carrie Capelle and Becky Zittlow for organizing this wonderful event!

**Voters Meeting** At the meeting last Sunday the voters were asked to think about possible ways to balance our budget for 2011. In August and September there will be presentations about ideas that have been suggested. These items include eliminating staff and reexamining tuition. A letter about the meetings and the details will be in your mailboxes early in August. God has blessed our ministry in many ways, including growth. Pray that he blesses us as we deal with these growing pains.

**Questions/Comments** about our congregation

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