## **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.

10th Sunday after Pentecost July 29 and August 1, 2010

The Believer Follows Christ: Followers of Christ Pray Boldly

**Service:** Evening Prayer (p. 52) Thursday Service of the Word (p. 38) Sunday

Hymns: 412, 410, 478, 408

Prayer of the Day: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32

Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am noth-

ing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."
Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."
Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it "

Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it "

### **Psalm of the Day**: Psalm 6 (page 66)

**Psalm Prayer:** Lord God, you are merciful and tenderhearted, abounding in love and faithfulness. Turn to us in our anguish over sin and hear our cry for mercy that we may be at peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Second Lesson: James 5:13-18

Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

### **Gospel:** <u>Luke 11:1-13</u>

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say:

" 'Father,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.' "

Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

# Sermon: Psalm 6 Repentance Is The Christian's Heartbeat

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace: Worship: 326 (31, 295) Communion 197 (17, 180)

**Bible Class**: 53 (2, 51)

Tuesday 6:30 pm School Board

7:00 pm Worship Committee
Thursday 6:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal
7:00 pm 19-Minute Bible Study
7:30 pm Worship, communion
Sunday 8:30 am 19-Minute Bible Study
9:00 am Worship, communion

Church Band will play for Music in the Park on Wed., Sept. 1 at 6:30 pm. Musicians, join us at rehearsals for this special concert! Rehearsals have been scheduled on a variety of nights and times. Please try to attend as many as possible! Thursday Aug. 5 at 6:00 pm; Wednesday Aug. 18 at 7:00 pm; Sunday, Aug. 22 after worship; Monday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 pm. If none of the times fit but you still would like to play please contact Mrs. K to make other arrangements.

**Friday Fun Night** First German Lutheran Church & School in downtown Manitowoc invites you and your congregation to our Fabulous Friday Fun Night. Friday, August 6, 6:00-8:00 pm. All ages welcome! Carnival games, mini golf, bounce house, face painting, door prizes, food, & fun. Featuring a concert by Artesian WELS, 6:30-7:30. For free family fun, join us in the First German Lutheran Church Parking Lot on Friday, August 6!

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