

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.

11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 5 & 8, 2010

The Believer Follows Christ: Followers of Christ know that earthly wealth is meaningless

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: 421, 484, 466, 482, 477, 320

Prayer of the Day: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2:2:18-26

"Meaningless! Meaningless!"

says the Teacher.

"Utterly meaningless!"

Everything is meaningless."

I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor

under the sun. For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.

A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 34 (page 80)

Second Lesson: James 5:1-11

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its

valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

Sermon: James 5:1-11

Be Patient and Stand Firm

Guard against impatient greed
Guard against impatient grumbling

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 259 (44, 215) **Bible Class:** 58 (7, 51)

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Elders
7:30 p.m. Council

Thursday 7:00 pm 19-Minute Bible Study
7:30 pm Worship
Sunday 8:30 am 19-Minute Bible Study
9:00 am Outdoor Worship
10:00 a.m. Ice Cream
10:00 a.m. School Registration

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! 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.

Outdoor worship Next Sunday we will worship outdoors. Bring a lawn chair and a friend. After worship the Youth Group will serve ice cream. School registration will also be after worship until 11:00 a.m.

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