

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.

14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 26, 2010

The Believer Hears Jesus' Warnings: The Door to heave is narrow.

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52)

Hymns: 339, 431, 590

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 72 (page 93)

Psalm Prayer: Almighty God, we praise you for the gracious rule of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let his kingdom come to us and to all people so that the whole earth may know his saving help and be filled with his glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Judges 7:1-8

Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her, announce now to the people, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.' " So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

But the LORD said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will sift them for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues like a dog from those who kneel down to drink." Three hundred men lapped with their hands to their mouths. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

The LORD said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the other men go, each to his own place." So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites to their tents but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.'

"But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'

"Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.'

"But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

"There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but

you yourselves thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

Sermon: Romans 9:1-9

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

God's Word Does Not Fail

Relying on birthright will fail

Relying on the promise will never fail

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 306 (40, 266)

Communion: 177 (32, 145)

Bible Class: 45 (5, 40)

Sunday	3:00 p.m.	Counseling Center Picnic
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Band
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Music in the Park
Thursday	7:00 pm	19-Minute Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	8:30 am	19-Minute Bible Study

9:00 am Worship

Church Band will play for Music in the Park on Wed., Sept. 1 at 6:30 pm. Musicians, join us at the final rehearsal for this special concert! It will be Monday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 pm.

The Spirituality of the Cross is the title of the first book we will study at our Sunday evening Bible Class. If you would like a copy of the book please sign up on the sheet in the basement. .

Everyone is invited to attend the picnic of the Bay Area Pregnancy Counseling Center in our shelter on Sunday, 3:00-6:00 pm. A pot-luck lunch will be served at 5:00 pm. We also welcome donations of children's clothing to size 5. If you have any questions please contact Lois Zeamer or Margaret Schultz.

Confirmation and Bible History class for public school students will begin on Sept. 8. Confirmation class will meet from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Bible History classes will meet as follows: 4th-5th grade at 5:00 p.m. 1st-3rd grade at 5:30 p.m.

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