

## 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.

18th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 23 & 26, 2010

*The Believer Grows In Christian Character: Christians have a right relationship with worldly wealth*

**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:** 469, 421, 310, 125:3,4

**Prayer of the Day:** Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Antem:** *Consider How the Birds Above* (CWS 762) grades 5-6 (Sunday after Prayer of the Day)

**First Lesson:** [Genesis 14:8-24](#)

**Psalms of the Day:** [Psalm 38](#) (page 81)

**Second Lesson:** [1 Timothy 6:6-16](#)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

**Gospel:** [Luke 16:1-13](#)

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

" 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.'

"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

" 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you

will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

**Sermon:** [Luke 16:1-13](#)

**Be Shrewd Manager's of God's Possessions**

Use them wisely

Use them faithfully

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

**Worship:** 309 (46, 263)

**Bible Class:** 92 (19, 38, 16, 7, 12) **Youth Study:** 8

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Pancake/Porky breakfast
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study Bible Class
Monday	7:00 a.m.	Bible Class, church
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Bread of Life Study, school
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:00 p.m.	4-5 grade Bible History
	5:30 p.m.	1-3 grade Bible History
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Commons Bible Class
	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Class
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study Bible Class

**Pancake & Porky Breakfast** On Sunday the Youth Group will serve a pancake/porky breakfast. Join us before Bible study at 7:30 a.m. or after church.

**Sunday Evening Bible Study** meets at 7:00 p.m. We are discussing the book, *The Spirituality of the Cross*. Join us!

**Monday Bible Class** meets at church at 7:00 a.m. We are studying *The Glory of Living Under the Cross*. Join us!

**Monday Choir** will begin this week at 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday Bible Class** is studying "Weather or Not" from the Fifth Pew From the Front series. We meet at 2:00 p.m. Join us!

**Bread of Life** will meet Tuesday, 7:00 pm. at school  
**Christ's Love, Our Calling Bible Class** meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons.

**Adult Christ Light Bible Class** meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement.

**Christ's Love, Our Calling** is the theme of this year's stewardship emphasis. This four week worship emphasis begins next week. Please take the time to work through the material that was sent to every home.

**Repeat Performance** On October 1 and 2 this thrift store which supports MLHS will have a 50% off sale on most items in the store. Repeat Performance is in Manitowoc by Holiday Inn and Verlo Mattress.

**Learn** about mission work at home and abroad! The Lutheran Ladies League rally will be held at Trinity, Brillion on Wednesday, Sept. 29 with the theme "In the Footsteps of Jesus: Far and Near." All are invited to attend. Members are also invited to attend the Fall Rally of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Shoreline Circuit. Pastor Jeremy Cares will discuss his recent mission trip to Idaho. The event will be Tuesday, Oct. 12 at Grace, Manitowoc. Registration is at 6:15 p.m. The rally is at 7:00 p.m.

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