

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.

CHRIST'S LOVE, OUR CALLING

Amazed at Christ's Love – He Calls Me His Child

September 30 & October 3, 2010

Everyone is someone's child. Even our Lord Jesus had an earthly mother. Whose child are we? At one time in life, each one of us was a child of wrath, a slave to sin. Our inheritance was hell. Our Father in heaven changed all that when he adopted us as his children through faith in his Son. Be Amazed at Christ's Love —He Calls Me His Child! "How great is the love that Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1)

Opening Sentences

M: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

C: **And that is what we are!**

M: To all who receive Jesus, to those who believe in his name

C: **He gives the right to become children of God.**

M: The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

C: **We have received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."**

Opening Hymn

Hymn 339

STAND

Invocation

M: We worship in the name of the Father who calls us his dear children
And in the name of the Son whose life, death, and resurrection made it all possible
And in the name of the Holy Spirit who brought us into God's family through faith.

C: **Amen**

Confession/Absolution

M: We have come into the presence of our God, who created us to be like him without sin and blemish. He supplied us with a world full of wonder and desired that we experience the fullness of his love and the joy of his presence. But we have turned our backs on him and sought our pleasure elsewhere. We have not loved him with our whole heart, soul, and mind as he commanded. In so many ways we have preferred to follow the thinking of the world and the

cravings of our hearts rather than obeying him. We too often build our decisions and responses around our own pleasure rather than using them to glorify God and serve others. Together, let us confess our sins and humbly seek God's mercy.

C: Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

C: (sung) **Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.**

**How well you know my griefs and fears,
Your grace abused, my misspent years;
So now to you with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.**

**Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing through your cross and pain,
Christ crucified, I come.**

M: God has not abandoned us as his children but sent his Son to earth to be our brother to live the perfect life we could not live. Because of Christ's love he died once for all to become the atoning sacrifice for all sin. In Christ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Be assured that you are fully forgiven so that he can call you his own dear child to wear his name forever.

C: (sung) **Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

**My loving Father, there you took me
To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.**

**O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

**My faithful God, you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

**All that I am and love most dearly -
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely
And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: Fill our minds with wisdom to grasp the mysteries of your love. Open our eyes to see the joys you have prepared for us that are far greater than anything we have yet experienced. And pour into our hearts a love for you that fills our whole being; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BE SEATED

Choir Anthem (Sunday)

Loving Him

First Lesson

Hosea 1:8-2:1, 23

After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. Then the LORD said, "Call him Lo-Amami, for you are not my people, and I am not your God. "Yet the Israelites will be like the sand on the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God.' The people of Judah and the people of Israel will be reunited, and they will appoint one leader and will come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.

"Say of your brothers, 'My people,' and of your sisters, 'My loved one.' I will plant her for myself in the land; I will show my love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.' I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'

Psalm

Psalm 14 (Christian Worship: Supplement p.40)

Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-2

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Hymn 738

Thursday: Congregation; Sunday: Choir: v. 1; Congregation: v.2-4

STAND

Gospel

Luke 15:11-24

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

BE SEATED

Hymn

Hymn 774

Sermon

Blessed By The Father's Love

1 John 3:1-2

Now

In eternity

STAND

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

Offering

STAND

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

Closing Hymn

Hymn 752

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 335 (34, 301) **Communion:** 192 (22, 170)
Bible Class: 115 (22, 43, 17, 7, 11, 8, 7) **Youth Study:** 9

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
7:00 p.m. Book Study Bible Class: Chapter 3
Monday 7:00 a.m. Bible Class, church
6:00 p.m. Choir
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church
6:30 p.m. School Board
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee
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 1:00 p.m. Fun Day
1:00 p.m. Ladies Aid, school
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
10:00 a.m. Open Forum, church
10:00 a.m. Band
7:00 p.m. Book Study Bible Class: Chapter 4

Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. We are discussing the book, *The Spirituality of the Cross*. This week we will discuss chapter 3. Join us!

Monday Bible Class meets at church at 7:00 a.m. We are studying *The Glory of Living Under the Cross*. This week we will look at “We Glory in Tribulation.” Join us!

Monday Choir will meet week at 6:00 p.m. We are especially looking for tenors to join us. If you are able, please consider joining this choir!

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!

Christ’s Love, Our Calling Bible Class meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Next week we look at using our time for the Body of Christ.

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

Love Takes Time Are you a list person? What is on the top of the list when it comes to priorities? Where do the sacraments rate in relation to sports? Where does work rate in relation to God’s Word? Next week’s Christ’s Love, Our Calling theme calls us to carve out precious time with the Body of Christ, his Church. The ancient Church had it right: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’

teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42). May the Lord bless the members of our congregation as, together, we make first things first!

Open Forum Next Sunday there will be an open forum after worship. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend and share their thoughts about ways to increase income and cut expenses in this year’s budget. Join us!

Coloring Contest The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a coloring contest for posters to use to promote this year’s Christmas for Kids. Information was in this month’s newsletter. It is also on the table by the mailboxes in the basement.

MLHS Surveys Please take a moment to complete surveys from MLHS regarding a potential capital appeal and/or building project. Surveys are located on the table by the mailboxes. Please return your completed survey in the box on the same table by this Sunday.

NEW MLHS Website MLHS’ website has been entirely redesigned to be easier to use, with an interactive calendar, pictures & videos, and forms aplenty to answer all-things-Lancer. Visit www.mlhslancers.com regularly to see what’s up with your students

MLHS Tuition Support In the current economy several MLHS families are finding that the cost of a Christian high school education for their children has become a financial burden. Unemployment and underemployment have forced several families to question if they can provide this blessing for their children. In order to provide a Christian education for all who seek this blessing, MLHS is requesting donations to assist struggling families. If you are able to support this effort please send your gifts to Supplemental Tuition Support in care of Dennis Steinbrenner at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. Thank You

Learn about mission work at home! All members are 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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