

## **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**

*Seeking Time With The Body of Christ*

October 7 & 10, 2010

#### **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."**

**M:** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

**C:** **Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.**

**M:** There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—

**C:** **one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

#### **Opening Hymn**

Hymn 532

*STAND*

#### **Invocation**

**M:** In the name of the one true God who writes his name on us:

Our Father in heaven who adopts us as his own children

And of the Son who clothes us with his righteousness and calls himself our brother

And of the Holy Spirit who makes us 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. 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 to trust and obey him. He commands us to get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice, and to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us. Yet so many times we have failed. Let us bring this to the Lord, asking for his mercy.

**C: (sung) Before you, God, the Judge of all,  
With grief and shame I humbly fall.  
I see my sins against you, Lord,  
My sins of thought and deed and word.  
They press me sore; to you I flee:  
O God, be merciful to me!**

**O Lord, my God, to you I pray:  
Oh, cast me not in wrath away!  
Let your good Spirit ne'er depart,  
But let him draw to you my heart  
That truly penitent I be:  
O God, be merciful to me!**

**O Jesus, let your precious blood  
Be to my soul a cleansing flood.  
Turn not, O Lord, your guest away,  
But grant that justified I may  
Go to my house at peace to be:  
O God, be merciful to me!**

M: Take this quiet moment to reflect on the ways you have fallen short of honoring God in your thoughts and actions, and confess how you have failed to reflect Christ's love in your calling within your spiritual family, the Church.

*Time for personal reflection and prayer*

M; Together, let us confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness:

**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.**

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 we can draw near to God in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience. Therefore, as a called servant of

Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:(sung) Oh, the height of Jesus' love,  
Higher than the heav'ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity,  
Love that found me -- wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought him not.**

**Only Jesus can impart  
Comfort to a wounded heart:  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.**

**Strengthen me, O gracious Lord,  
By your Spirit and your word.  
When my wayward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply  
While I live and when I die.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, receive our prayers which we bring to you for all the members of your Holy Church, that in their calling and service they may truly and devoutly serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*BE SEATED*

### **First Lesson**

Acts 2:37-47

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

## Hymn 773

Soloist: refrain; Choir: verses

## Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:11-22

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

## Preschool and Kindergarten

*Go Tell*

*STAND*

## Gospel

John 17:6-23

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated

them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

*BE SEATED*

**Hymn**

Hymn 492

**Sermon**

**Make Time For God' People**

Acts 2:37-47

To grow in faith together

To grow closer together

*STAND*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**Offering**

*STAND*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Mission of the Church (p. 129)**

## **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.**

## **Proper Preface**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## **Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)**

**C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

## **Words of Institution**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## **O Christ, Lamb of God (sung)**

**C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## **Distribution Hymns**

Hymn 770, Hymn 742, Hymn 536

## **Thank The Lord (sung)**

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.**

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### Closing Hymn

Hymn 745

### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

	<b>Worship:</b> 335 (34, 301)	<b>Bible Class:</b> 115 (22, 43, 17, 7, 11, 8, 7)	<b>Youth Study:</b> 9
Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School	Wednesday 5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	10:00 a.m. Open Forum, church	5:00 p.m.	4-5 grade Bible History
	10:00 a.m. Band	5:30 p.m.	1-3 grade Bible History
	7:00 p.m. Book Study Chapter 4	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Monday	7:00 a.m. Bible Class, church	Thursday 1:00 p.m.	Fun Day
	6:00 p.m. Choir	7:30 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Commons Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. Bible Class, church	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Class
	7:00 p.m. Elders	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	7:30 p.m. Council	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		7:00 p.m.	Book Study Chapter 5

**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 4. Join us!

**Open Forum** 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.

**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 Witness." 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 our neighbors.

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

