

**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 for My Neighbors*

October 14 & 17, 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:** Teach us to realize how short our lives are.

**C:** **Then our hearts will become wise.**

**M:** Satisfy us with your faithful love every morning.

**C:** **Then we can sing with joy and be glad all our days.**

**Opening Hymn**

Hymn 491

*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 obeying him. He commands us to do everything without complaining or arguing, so that we may shine like stars in a dark world. Yet so many times we have failed. We are poor miserable sinners. Let us bring this to the Lord, asking for his mercy.

C: (sung)      **Lord, to you I make confession:  
I have sinned and gone astray;  
I have multiplied transgression,  
Chosen for myself my way.  
Led by you to see my errors,  
Lord, I tremble at your terrors.**

**Yet, though conscience' voice appall me,  
Father, I will seek your face.  
Though your child I dare not call me,  
Yet receive me to your grace.  
Do not for my sins forsake me;  
Do not let your wrath o'er take 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 to your neighbors.

*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 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) For your Son has suffered for me,  
Giv'n himself to rescue me,  
Died to save me and restore me,  
Reconciled and set me free.  
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish  
These dark fears and soothe this anguish.**

**Lord, on you I cast my burden  
Sink it in the depths below!  
Let me know your gracious pardon;  
Wash me, make me white as snow.  
Let your Spirit leave me never;  
Make me only yours forever.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

M: Lord of heaven and earth, all the earth is yours and all are created by you. You desire that all people would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Come to us in your powerful Word. Let Christ's love dwell in our hearts. Make us shine as lights in this world that many others may glorify 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**

Deuteronomy 10:12-21

And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. Yet the LORD set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today. Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt. Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is your praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

### **Psalm**

Psalm 146 (p.120)

### **Second Lesson**

Colossians 4:2-6

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders;

make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

**Grades 7-8 (Sunday)**

*Love One Another*

*STAND*

**Gospel**

Matthew 25:31-40

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

*BE SEATED*

**Hymn**

Hymn 525

**Sermon**

**Devote Yourself To Dangerous Prayer**

Colossians 4:2-6

*STAND*

**Confession of Faith**

*"Church of God Elect and Glorious" Hymn 774*

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**Offering**

*STAND*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Epiphany (p.124)**

**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.**

*STAND*

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

**Worship:** 334 (34, 300)      **Communion:** 200 (23, 177)  
**Bible Class:** 103 (22, 45, 17, 8, 11)      **Youth Study:** 9

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Band  
10:00 a.m. Athletic Association  
7:00 p.m. Book Study The Two Kingdoms  
Monday 7:00 a.m. Bible Class, church  
6:00 p.m. Choir  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study  
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Naomi Circle, church  
7:00 p.m. Bread for Life, school  
7:30 p.m. Council  
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  
7:30 p.m. Worship  
Friday 7:00 p.m. Fall Festival Grades 1-2, 7-8, and K, gym  
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. Budget Open Forum, church  
10:00 a.m. Band  
7:00 p.m. Book Study Conclusion

**Love Takes Time** Christ's love truly is our calling. That love changes everything about us. Before we only lived for ourselves. Now our desire is to live for Christ. Jesus forgave a sinful woman's many sins (Luke 7:36-50). What was her response? She went shopping for perfume. She brought a jar of perfume and poured it on Jesus' feet while she wet them with her tears! She was committed to the One who was committed to going to the cross for her. May our days be spent in joyful service for Jesus. Next week we will hear Jesus' comforting Word: "*Your faith has saved you; go in peace*" (Luke 7:50).

**Commitment Sunday** Next week is the final week of this year's *Christ's Love, Our Calling* Stewardship emphasis. One of the features this year is the use of time commitment forms and offering commitment forms. At the open forum last week it was suggested that we use the offering commitment forms so that we can better plan our ministry for the coming year. Please prayerfully consider these forms and return them in worship next week. Your participation is important to the ministry of our congregation.

**Voters Meeting Update** The Council decided at its meeting this week to move the Voter's Meeting to November 7. Next Sunday, October 24, we will have an Open Forum for all members of the congregation to share their input about the three budget options put forward by the council. These options will be handed out this morning for you to consider over the next week before the open forum and then the following two weeks before the voter's meeting. If someone is not here today that you will see this week, please take along a sheet for them. We are facing difficult decisions. Please pray the God bless us with wisdom and love for one another as we consider all these options!

**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 5. 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 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!

**Naomi Circle** will meet at church this Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. We will begin a study on prayer. This women's study for widows and their friends is taught by Paula Ott.

**Bread for Life** will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the school. We will begin a study on prayer and then make a wonderful pumpkin something or other. Bring a 9x13 pan. If you plan to cook please let Paula Ott know so she can pick up the ingredients.

**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!

**Fall Festival** On Friday, October 22 the students will be having dress rehearsals in the gym for their fall festival plays. The rehearsals are open to all. It's a great opportunity to take pictures too. Grades 1 and 2 will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by grades 7 & 8 at about 10:20. The Kindergarten will perform at approximately 10:45. We hope you can join us for our final rehearsals especially if you're unable to make it to the evening's shows starting at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**Coloring Contest** The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a coloring contest for posters to use to promote this year's Christmas for Kids. Information on the table by the mailboxes in the basement.

**Sermons Online** If you are unable to make it to worship some week or you want to review what you heard in a sermon, check out our website! The weekly sermons are available in an audio file and also a typed file on our website. Go to [www.mzluth.org](http://www.mzluth.org) and then click on the tab that says "sermons." You can listen online or burn the file to a CD and share it with a friend!

**WELS Regional Choral Festival** will be at MLHS on November 12-14. 250 Lutheran high school choir members will join together to present two concerts during the weekend. Fri 11/12; 7:00 pm at MLHS: "Pops" Concert will feature all of the individual choirs presenting vocal jazz, broadway, and pop tunes set to choreography. Sun 11/14; 2pm at MLHS: Sacred Concert will be a concert in which all 250 choir members will join the voices together to praise our gracious God. Guest conductors for this concert will be former MLHS directors Jon Pasbrig and Paul Kassulke. Please join us for this outstanding weekend!

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