

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

Committed to Christ

October 21 & 24, 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: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.**

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 771

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 devote our entire life to him. He demands that we love him above all else. 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 by committing yourself to him above all else.

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) **Jesus, your blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Lord, I believe your precious blood,
Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead,
For me -- e'en for my soul -- was shed.**

**Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Gracious God, all that we have comes from you; our body and mind, our strength and intelligence, our time and abilities, our family and neighbors, our blessings and possessions. Guard us from the temptation to use these gifts only for our personal benefit. Make us willing to use them joyfully in service to you as we commit them now to your glory; 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 16:14-15

Be joyful at your Feast—you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, and the Levites, the aliens, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns. For seven days celebrate the Feast to the LORD your God at the place the LORD will choose. For the LORD your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.

Psalms 89

(p. 98)

Second Lesson

Colossians 1:13-20

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Monday Choir (Sunday)

Blest Are They (CWS 758)

STAND

Gospel

Matthew 5:3-10

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

BE SEATED

Hymn

Hymn 471

Sermon

Committed To Christ Because Of Love
Christ's love which freely offers forgiveness
The Christian's love which willingly offers him service

Luke 7:36-50

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 Holy Spirit and 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy; Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Grades 7-8 chimes (Sun.)

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.

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 481

STAND

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.

BE SEATED

Closing Hymn

Hymn 497:1,4,5

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 334 (34, 300) **Bible Class:** 122 (27, 42, 17, 9, 8, 8, 11) **Youth Study:** 15

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Band
	10:00 a.m.	Open Forum
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study Conclusion
Monday	7:00 a.m.	Bible Class, church
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, church
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.	Reformation Worship, Communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Commons Bible Class
	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Class
	9:00 a.m.	Reformation Worship, Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Band
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study The Way of the First Evangelicals

Communion is a part of worship today. Because Scripture teaches that communing together is an expression of unity in faith we practice Close Communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Ott before communing.

Love Takes Time This week our focus is Committed to Christ. In connection with this theme all members were encouraged to return a Time Commitment Card and an Offering Commitment Card. Please place these envelopes in the offering plate this morning. If you forgot your cards today please return them next week. We pray that you have found this intensive focus on managing our time to God's glory to be a blessing in your walk with Christ!

Open Forum After worship on Sunday there will be an open forum to discuss the budget that was handed out last week. Please join us. The voters meeting will be after worship on November 7. 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 the conclusion. Join us!

Monday Bible Class meets at church at 7:00 a.m. This week we begin the study, *The Life of Moses*.

Monday Choir Thank you to the Monday choir for singing in Sunday's worship. Thanks to the few who came out this year for Monday choir. However, due to the small numbers, this choir will no longer meet. If there's an interest in restarting later in the year the possibility is always open.

Next Book Study Title On Sunday, Nov. 7 we will begin discussing *What In The World Is Going On? Identifying Hollow and Deceptive Worldviews*, A Guide for Christian Parents, churches, and Schools by David C. Thompson. More information about the book is on p. 8. The cost of the book will not exceed \$12. Depending on how many are ordered, it may be less. A sign up sheet to order the book and a sample of the book are in the church basement.

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!

Romans 9-12 Bible Class meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. This class will begin next Sunday. We will take an in-depth look at the second half of the book of Romans. The first week we will look at Romans 9:1-29. Join us!

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

Reformation Worship Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday, the First Sunday of Endtime. In worship next week we will look into our heritage as we use a version of Luther's German Mass. Communion will be part of worship. We will use continuous distribution as was done in Luther's day. We will also have explanations of each part of the service as we worship. The service will begin with a processional cross as was done in Luther's day. Please join us for this special worship opportunity.

Coloring Contest The Outreach Committee reminds all young artists that entries for the Christmas for Kids poster contest may be dropped off at school by Wednesday, Oct. 27. Entries must be received no later than the start of worship on Sunday, Oct. 31 at church to be considered.

WELS Regional Choral Festival will be at MLHS November 12-14. 250 Lutheran high school choir members will join together to present two concerts during the weekend.

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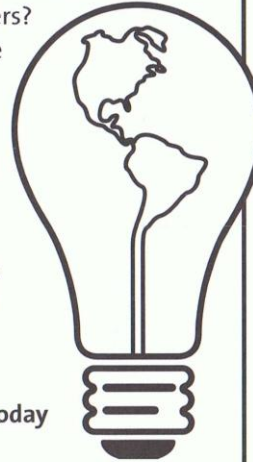
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WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

How does the Christian worldview differ from those of secular humanism, pantheism, postmodernism, Darwinism, and others? Our world is overrun with “alternative perspectives” that have a *negative impact on us and our children.*

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