Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Our mission is to **Glorify 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.

1st Sunday of Advent

Nov. 28, 2010

Prepare for Jesus' Second Coming: Keep Watch

Service: Service of Word and Sacrament (p.26)

Personal Preparation for Communion: p. 156

Hymns: 703, 2, 9, 477, 220:1

Gathering Rite: Hymn 703 will serve as our Gathering Rite in Advent. The congregation will sing the refrain. We will sing the verses as fol-

lows: v. 1: solo

v. 2 women

v. 3 men

v. 4 all

After the confession and absolution on p. 26 we will sing the refrain of 703 in place of *Lord*, *Have Mercy* and *O Lord*, *Our Lord*. The service then continues on p. 29

Prayer of the Day: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God. now and forever.

First Lesson: <u>Genesis 6:9-22,7:11-23</u>

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 18 (page 69)

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunk-

enness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Sermon: Learn How To Prepare from Noah

Listen to God's promises Act on God's promises

Musical Offering: *Beautiful Savior* Akaiye Schmidt and Lucas Soderlund

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 288 (40, 248)

Bible Class: 92 (28, 30, 18, 8, 8) **Youth Study**: 12

10:00 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. Book Study (Ch. 3) 7:00 a.m. Bible Class, church Monday 6:45 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church 7:00 p.m. Christmas Kids worker Mtg Wednesday11:00 a.m. Advent Worship 12:00 p.m. Soup Supper 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:00 p.m. 4-5 grade Bible History 5:30 p.m. 1-3 grade Bible History 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship 9:00 a.m. Christmas for Kids Saturday 6:00 p.m. Free Babysitting Night 8:00 a.m. Commons Bible Class Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ Light Class 9:00 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Book Study (Ch. 4)

Communion is a part of our worship this week. Because communing together is an expression of unity of faith we practice closed communion. All WELS/ELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak the pastor before communing.

Monday Bible Class is studying *The Life of Moses* at church at 7:00 a.m.

Book Study Class will meet Sunday at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss chapter 2.

Tuesday Bible Class is studying *The Gospel in the Psalms*. This week we look at "The Author of the Gospel Jesus Christ in the Psalms." We meet at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. Join us.

Romans 9-12 Bible Class meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Next Sunday we will look at Romans 14:1-15:13. Join us!

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

Breaking Down Barriers offering envelopes are available in the church basement. Any offerings

this appeal receives will go toward paying down our line of credit loan which now stands at \$231,000. Please consider giving an offering over and above your regular offerings.

Scrip Order forms and information for SCRIP are available on the table by the mailboxes in the basement. Orders submitted by Nov. 28 will be available by Dec. 8; Orders submitted by Dec. 12 will be available by Dec. 22. Please contact Vicky Edinger, Carrie Cappelle or Chelsea Scheider if you have any questions.

Christmas for Kids If you are planning on working for Christmas for Kids, please attend the workers meeting this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call Joe Beyer for instructions for the event.

Free Babysitting Night Need a night out for dinner or Christmas shopping? The Youth Group is hosting a FREE babysitting night at school Saturday, Dec. 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Children ages 3 and up are invited for some fun and games. We will also provide snacks and drinks. Please sign up in the school commons or the church basement by Sunday, Nov. 28.

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