

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 5, 2010

me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people.’

“Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the desert,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce

good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Sermon: Daniel 4:19-37

Learn How To Prepare from Nebuchadnezzar

Humble yourself, or...

Be humbled

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 279 **Communion:** 161

Thanksgiving: 278 (56, 222) **Advent:** 218 (139, 79)

Bible Class: 68 (25, 22, 14, 7) **Youth Study:** 16

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| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. Book Study (Ch. 4) |
| Monday | 7:00 a.m. Bible Class, church 6:45 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church 6:30 p.m. School Board |
| Wed. | 11:00 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 |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. Commons Bible Class 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ Light Class 9:00 a.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Book Study (Ch. 5) |

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.

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.

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.

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

Christmas for Kids Thank you to everyone who helped with Christmas for Kids yesterday! Your service to the Lord and his people is a blessing.

Soup Supper If you would like to help serve, make soup, or make bars, please sign up on the sheet in the table by the library in the basement. All donations above our expenses at the last two soup suppers will go to the Breaking Down Barriers Appeal and will reduce our line of credit.

Questions/Comments about Zion? Contact:

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Prepare for Jesus’ Second Coming: Repent

Service: Service of the Word (p.38)

Hymns: 703, 16, 305, 769

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

- v. 1: solo
- v. 2 women
- v. 3 men
- v. 4 all

After the confession and absolution on p. 38 we will sing the refrain of 703 in place of *Oh, Taste and See*. The service then continues on p. 39

Prayer of the Day: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Daniel 4:19-37

Psalms of the Day: Psalms 130 (page 114)

Second Lesson: Acts 3:19-26

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like