# 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.

### 4th Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2011

Jesus calls us from sinful selfishness to selfless service.

**Service:** Common Service (p. 15, omit *Glory Be To God*)

Hymns:739, 486, 754, 376:4

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Anthem**: Forgiveness is a Miracle of Love grades 5 -6 (after prayer of the day)

### First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-11

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

This is the account of Jacob.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had: We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it."

His brothers said to him, "Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 42-43 (page 82)

#### Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-10

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

**Verse of the Day:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

### Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28

Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

"What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them.

"Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

# Sermon: Controlled by the Spirit Your mind is life and peace Ro 8:1-10

You are able to please God

# Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 402 Communion: 223 Lent: 236 (167,69) Bible Class: 102 (40, 35, 14, 5, 8) Youth:18

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
,	10:00 a.m.	Open Forum, church
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, basement
Monday	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study, basement
-	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study, school
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study, basement
J	6:30 p.m.	School board
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Lenten Worship
,	12:00 p.m.	Soup Supper
	5:00 p.m.	Catechism (8th grade only)
	5:00 p.m.	Grades 4-5 Bible History
	5:30 p.m.	Grades 1-3 Bible History
	6:30 p.m.	Soup Supper
	7:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	8:15 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid Meeting
	7:15 p.m.	CLR presentation
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Easter for Kids
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship Study, commons
	8:00 a.m.	Christ-Light, basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship, communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Voters' Meeting, commons
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, basement
		Scrip order deadline

**Book Study** will discuss chapter 9 of *Handling the Word of Truth* this week.

Monday Bible Study will begin a study of *Church-Mission-Ministry*. The first lesson looks at what the church is and how we can identify it. We meet at 7:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us!

**Tuesday Bible Study** will continue our study of *I Kings* this week by looking at chapters 9-10.

How is it that an obscure Roman governor lives in infamy? Here is the one man who could have stopped Jesus' execution. Why didn't he? He knew Jesus was innocent. Did he just "think" too much? Join us Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. as we consider Pilate, the Thinker.

Ladies Aid invites everyone (including youth group members) to join us on Thursday, April 7 at 7:15 p.m. in the commons for a presentation on Christian Life Resources. Don Potthast will speak on the mission of CLR and the scriptural foundation for our positions on life issues. Dessert and refreshments will be served. We will have a business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Christ-Light meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us and learn the same stories as the children of the congregation!

**Worship Bible Study** We are studying *Worship* on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Our next lesson is *Poems and Poetry for Worship*.

Lilies Sign up sheets for lilies are in the basement.

**LWMS National Convention** in Milwaukee, June 23 –26. Deadline for reservations is May 1 If you have questions or would like to make reservations please contact Lois Zeamer or Sarah Ihlenfeldt.

**LWMS** Shoreline Circuit Spring Rally is April 12 at Trinity Lutheran in Kiel. Registration is 8:15-9:15 a.m. If you have questions contact Lois Zeamer.

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