

# 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. Restrooms are in the basement near the 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.

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*Different Gifts, Same Grace* Week 2

October 16, 2011

*The Gift of Generosity*

HYMN

“The Son of God, Our Christ” (CW 525:1-3)

STAND

INVOCATION AND SENTENCES

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

M: We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying,

**C: let him use it in proportion to his faith.**

M: If it is serving,

**C: let him serve;**

M: If it is teaching,

**C: let him teach;**

M: if it is encouraging,

**C: let him encourage;**

M: if it is contributing to the needs of others,

**C: let him give generously;**

M: if it is leadership,

**C: let him govern diligently;**

M: if it is showing mercy,

**C: let him do it cheerfully.** (Romans 12:6-8)

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

(sung) **My faithful God, you fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.**

**Oh, cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.**

**Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore your child.** (CW 294 s. 3)

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27). 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: Amen.**

#### SONG OF PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sung) **All glory be to God on high!  
Your name , O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.  
  
Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.  
  
O Lamb of God to you we pray.  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God's right hand, your mercy share.  
  
You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
"All glory be to God!" Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of your grace, may be generous in our dealings with others; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

CHOIR

“Only By Grace”

FIRST LESSON – Esther 4:12-16

*Queen Esther stands up for the needs of her people*

When Esther’s words were reported to Mordecai,<sup>13</sup> he sent back this answer: “Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: “Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”

PSALM – Psalm 71

(CW p. 92)

SECOND LESSON – Philippians 4:10-19

*Paul’s thanks the Philippians for their gift*

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

*STAND*

GOSPEL – Mark 2:1-5

*The paralytic’s friends help him in his need*

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of

them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

*BE SEATED*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver” (CW 489)

SERMON – “For Such a Time As This” – Esther 4:12-16

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

OFFERING

INSTALLATION

*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.**

SERMON HYMN

“God of Mercy, God of Might” (CW 499)

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: (spoken) **Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

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: (spoken) **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

#### CLOSING HYMN

“The Son of God, Our Christ” (CW 525:4-5)

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

**Worship:** 296 (47, 249)

**Communion:** 196 (29, 167)

**Bible Study:** 66 (6, 26, 19, 10, 5, no Tuesday class)

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	10:00 a.m.	Hearing Loop Informational Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Pot luck meal to welcome the student teachers, gym
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, church basement chapter 5
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Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group, commons
	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	7:00 p.m.	Band
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Choir
	6:15 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class, church basement
	6:30 p.m.	Commons
Saturday	7:30 p.m.	Stewardship Worship, communion
	9:00 a.m.	Preparing the church basement for painting (until 3:00 p.m.)
	9:00 a.m.	Pumpkin Fest (until 11:00 a.m.)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Different Gifts, Same Grace study, commons
	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Study, church basement
	9:00 a.m.	Stewardship Worship, communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	10:00 a.m.	Voters Meeting, commons
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, church basement chapter 6

**Hearing Loop** The hearing loop is active. If you have an activated t-coil in your hearing aid it will broadcast the sound system directly to your hearing aid. We also have 4 receivers in the back for anyone to use to try out the loop.

**Installation** This morning after the offering the following be installed as public ministers in our congregation: Rachel Niemi (student teacher, Mr. Humann's room), Michelle Hintz (student teacher, Mr. Muchka's room), Charlotte Van Rossum (Sunday School teacher), Lyn Wiedow (Wednesday Bible History class teacher), Dennis Griepentrog (adult Bible study teacher), Paula Ott (women's Bible study teacher). Please remember these people who serve God's kingdom on your behalf in your prayers.

**Hearing Loop Informational Meeting** After worship today there will be a brief meeting to introduce the hearing loop system and answer any questions you might have. You will be able to try the receivers that are available if you would like and hear the system in action! Please join us.

**Potluck meal** There will be a potluck dinner after worship to welcome our student teachers today. We will begin serving at about 10:30 a.m. after Sunday School and the Hearing Loop Meeting. Please join us!

**Sunday Book Study** is studying, *Bible Basics*, Sundays at 7:00 p.m. We have a number of books available for \$12. If you would like one, please speak with Pastor Ott. This Sunday we will look at chapter 4. Our next book will be *Wizards That Peep: A Journey into the Occult* by Siegbert Becker. Sign up sheets and a copy of the book are found in the school on the table by the office and in the church basement on the table by the kitchen. The cost of the book is \$15. We should begin this study this first Sunday in November.

**Monday Bible Study** is looking at Paul's letter to the Galatians. This study is from the His Word—My Life series which provides us with many opportunities to apply this portion of God's Word to our daily lives. Join us Monday in the church basement at 7:00 a.m.

**Tuesday Bible Study** will look at *Our Christian Response to Blessings and Challenges as We Face Moral Desensitization* this Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Join us before you pick up a student at school!

**Commons Bible Study** will look at *Different Gifts, Same Grace*, this year's stewardship emphasis. Next week we will look at "The Gift of Generosity." We meet Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

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

**Peace and unity** cannot hold for long if a group is infected with the "all chiefs and no Indians" syndrome. So too, a group will rarely progress far if no one is willing to take the lead. Christ, the body's head, is our leader. In grace, he has also blessed his people with the gift of *leadership*. Next week, we will hear God's qualifications for leadership. Those who lead and those who follow will find their faith strengthened at next weekend's Different Gifts, Same Grace service.

**Last call** to submit a picture for the church directory. Please give your picture to Nancy Pantzlaff or Connie Blauert by this Sunday, Oct. 16. We are already past the deadline the company gave us. We need to get them in as soon as possible so that we receive the directories in time.

**Memories Wanted** Please share your memories about our congregation with Sandy Pantzlaff or

Andy Gifford or email them to [pantzna@mzluth.org](mailto:pantzna@mzluth.org) by this Sunday, Oct. 16. You heard stories from your parents over and over. Write them down and give them to Sandy. Please help us with this project!

**Basement Painting** On Saturday, October 22 we will prepare the basement for painting from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We will paint the church basement on Friday, October 28 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m.) and Saturday, October 29 (9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.) Please join us and help if you are able. If you have brushes, rollers, etc. please bring them along.

**Pumpkin Fest** Oct. 22 (9:00-11:00 a.m. will be our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pumpkin Fest in the school commons! This fest will be open to children that are 3, 4, or 5 years of age. Students will enjoy decorating a pumpkin, making a craft, decorating cookies, and a bounce house. The program is free. To register please call Mr. Humann at 864-2349 or email [school@mzluth.org](mailto:school@mzluth.org). We are looking for donations of 3-40 pumpkins for the Pumpkin Fest. If you have any you would be willing to donate, please speak to Mr. Humann soon.

**Wanted!** We need people willing to help develop and arrange historical displays for the anniversary. If you are interested, contact Don Pantzlaff.

**150th Anniversary Cookbook** request for recipes is extended to confirmands who no longer attend Morrison Zion. Please let family members and friends know . We are in need of more casserole/crock pot and main dish recipes.

**UW Oshkosh Campus Ministry Open House** Our campus ministry at UW-Oshkosh will host an open house on Sunday, Oct. 16. This summer the chapel received new paint, carpeting, and seating. Come and see where our UW-Oshkosh campus ministry takes place! Rising Son Lutheran Chapel is located at 634 Wisconsin Street in Oshkosh. Pastor Nathan Ericson from Martin Luther, Oshkosh, serves as campus pastor. The open house runs from 4:00 p.m. until the Sunday evening chapel service at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Ample parking is available in our lot off Amherst Avenue or along Amherst Avenue.

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