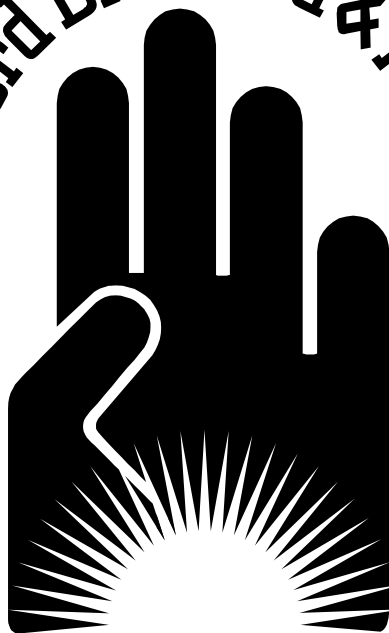


The Lord Bless You & Keep You;



**The Lord
Make His
Face Shine
Upon You &
be Gracious
to You.**

Numbers 6:24-25

The Name of Jesus

January 1, 2012

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church - WELS

OPENING HYMN: “A Great and Mighty Wonder”

Hymn 36

STAND

M: We begin this new year in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

M: Behold the miraculous signs and wonders the Most High has performed!

C: **For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given!**

M: For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation. Praise the Lord!

C: **I will praise the Lord all my life.**

M: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

C: **Be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: (sung: 303:1,4) **With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord I cry.
Your pard'ning grace is rich and free
O God, be merciful to me!**

**No gifts, no deeds that I have done
Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee
O God, be merciful to me.**

M: According to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 382:1

(sung) **My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Eternal Son of God, on this day you were called Jesus, a name that proclaims you to be the Savior of all people. Give us strength in the new year to live each day to the honor of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.'

So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 8 (page 67 of CW)

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:9-13

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: (sung) **Jesus! Name of wondrous love,**

Name all other names above

Unto which must ev'ry knee

Bow in deep humility.

Jeus! Only name that's giv'n

Under all the mighty heav'n

Whereby all, to sin enslaved,

Burst their fetters and are saved.

HYMN: *"Let All Together Praise Our God"*

Hymn 41

SERMON

Luke 2:21

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther's Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostle's Creed

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Ghost has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the last day he will raise me and all the dead; and he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

INSTALATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

As we contemplate the new year Lord, we ask that your Spirit intercede for us. Our minds are cluttered with countless thoughts and requests that escape our understanding. Enable us, above all else, to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Bless us with an earnest desire for your Word and a life ordered by your commands. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Look upon your Church, O Lord. Bless us with pure doctrine, faithful pastors and leaders. Give us hearts for the lost and erring. Move us to trust in your promises and dare to serve beyond our ability or expectations in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Look upon all those who bear your authority as political leaders, lawmakers, judges, soldiers, police, teachers, and parents. Grant them grace to lead according to your good pleasure, to maintain justice, and to fight against every evil. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We pray for our friends and church members with special joys or needs. We commend them all to your gracious keeping. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Help us to make the most of every opportunity to bear witness to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Prepare us each day to meet our final hour. And if it be your will to come soon,

C: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sung) It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his church to the end of time when we will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he,

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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: (sung) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

**C: (sung) 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 way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us, visitors please speak with Pastor Ott or an elder before communing. Common and individual cup are both offered.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: “ <i>Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love</i> ”	Hymn 61
“ <i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing</i> ”	Hymn 50
“ <i>Father, Let Me Dedicate</i> ”	Hymn 75

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF THANKS

Hymn 72:2

C: (sung) **Lord Jesus Christ, our thanks and praise
In this new year we render;
Your reign has kept your people free,
Has shown your mercies tender.
You have redeemed us with your blood;
You are our joy, our only good,
In life and death our Savior.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: (sung) **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

NEW YEAR’S DAY LITANY AND BENEDICTION

M: As we look back on the changes that took place over the last year, and as we look ahead to the changes the new year promises to bring, we remember these words:

C: **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

M: As we daily drown the Old Adam in us to experience our new life in Christ, we remember the words:

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

M: As we abandon those things that would lead us away from Christ and begin new ventures that draw us close to him, we remember the words:

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

M: As we recommit ourselves to serving our Lord in the new year, we remember the words:

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

M: As we wrestle with fears about the unknown and wonder what the future holds, we remember these words:

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

M: With Jesus as our Savior,

C: Surely goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

M: As we cross into the new year, let us follow the example of the Apostle Paul, who writes in Philippians, chapter three, “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

C: Help us, Lord, to press on in Jesus’ name.

BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen, Amen, Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: *“Away in a Manger”*

Hymn 68

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 251	Communed: 170
Children's Program:	712 (237, 475)
Candlelight Worship:	54

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship with Communion
Sunday	8:00 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Class, church basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Open Forum
	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, Titus, church basement

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. May God bless you as you hear his Word! If you are a guest, please sign our guest register near the church's main entrance. We invite you to worship with us again! Restrooms are in the basement near the steps in the back of the church.

Installation of the Church Council will be this morning after the offering.

Thank You to everyone who helped install the new ceiling and lights in the basement. Your work is greatly appreciated!

Thank You to everyone who helped with school cleaning this week. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Thank You Pastor Ott and his family thanks you for your cards and gifts this Christmas. Your expressions of love are a wonderful reflection of the love of Christ that lives in your hearts! Thank you!

Poinsettias There is a signup sheet on the table in the basement for poinsettias. Please sign up today!

NIV Daily Bibles There are 22 NIV Daily Bible available for free! The signup sheet is in the basement. If you would like one, please sign up today. These Bibles are divided into 365 daily readings, a reading from the Old Testament, a reading from the New Testament, and a reading from Psalms or Proverbs. Using this Bible will aid you in reading the entire Bible in 365 days! The Bibles are a gift from Paula and Randy Ott.

Commons Bible Class Next week we will begin the study, *Go, Be My Witnesses*. This ten lesson course from the book of Acts will motivate and equip us to share the Gospel with others. God has told you to always be ready to give an answer for the hope that you have. This class is the opportunity to get yourself ready

Adult Christ Light Class will meet next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. We will look at *The Tabernacle*.

The Book Study will meet again next Sunday, January 8. Our first class will put into practice what we learned in the book, *Bible Basics*. Read the book of Titus in the New Testament. Look at who wrote the book, who they were writing to, what they were writing about. Then read the book and bring to class the insights you gleaned for your life and any questions you may have about the things you read. We will discuss it together like we have been discussing the books we have read. The next book we will discuss is *One God—Two Covenants?*. This book is from the Bible Discovery series from NPH, the same series that published *Bible Basics*. The cost of the book is \$15. There is a sign up sheet with more information in the church basement.

Open Forum will be after worship next Sunday. Join us and bring your comments or questions about our ministry.

Voters Meeting will be after worship on January 15.

Monday Bible Class will begin again on Monday, January 9 at 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Class On January 10 we will begin the five lesson series, *Forging Our Church Into A Caring Committee*. Join us. We meet at 2:00 p.m. at church. Stop in before you pick up your child at school!

Groups, committee's, organizations, please submit your year end reports highlighting what you group did during 2011 by January 3. You can email them to pantzna@mzluth.org.

Naomi Circle will meet at church at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17 in the church basement. Please note that the date in the newsletter is incorrect.

Bread For Life women's Bible study will meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m. Please note that the date in the newsletter is incorrect.

NEW Zoo Day January 14 for 2-5 year olds. Please invite 2-5 year olds to join us. If you would like info on ways to help please contact Mr. Humann.

Anniversary Service Our first 150th anniversary celebration will be Sunday, January 22. We will focus on God's grace in worship. The theme of the meal and activities after worship is *Fun in the Sun*. Historical displays and anniversary mementoes will be available. Join us for a summer cookout. Please bring a dessert to share. There will be a contest for the best "Summer Attire." Use your imagination and join us!

International Student Opportunity! , MLHS is in need of two Christian homes to each host a male Chinese sophomore student arriving in mid-January for the second semester. This is an opportunity to learn about another culture without the commitment of a full academic year. MLHS host families receive a stipend for housing, meals, etc.; students arrive with their own insurance. MLHS provides support to host families regarding cultural adjustment, academics, social activities, etc. Please consider accepting Leo or Eric into your family to share the message of the Christ Child. Questions Contact Jen Pingel, International Student Coordinator at jpingel@mlhslancers.org or 664-1489.

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Keynote: Pastor Jeff Gunn "Being my Brother's Keeper" Praise Band: Koine' to lead us in song.



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Some Session Themes for the Day

"...having genuine and authentic Christian brothers around you is even more critical today than perhaps it has ever been. "

Are you living in your God-given roles as a man, husband, father, employer/employee, friend, citizen...?

".....maybe our Lord wants us to raise our eyes a little further and see that our brother could be that person we don't care too much about, that person who lives in a way that offends us, or that person whose culture we don't understand."

"Become the gentleman of your woman's dreams, and the man God created you to be."

"the why's and the how's of creating a team of mighty men, like King David did, who can support us and direct us."

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