



“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

(Hebrews 13:8)

150th Anniversary Worship

January 19 and 22, 2012

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 392 CW *Not Unto Us*

DIALOG OF REMEMBRANCE, CONFESSION, AND PRAISE

- M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- M: Throughout history God has blessed his Church. In 1862 God, through the work of Pastor Carl Gausewitz, Sr., gathered Christians at this place.
- C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. We shall not die but live and declare the praises of God.**
- M: In the following years Zion was served by pastors from Reedsville until in 1872 Pastor Junker became our first resident pastor. In the 140 years since then 10 men have served our congregation as shepherds of the flock. We join in thanks to our God for these called workers God has provided us with in the past, since:
- C: **It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**
- M: Even as King David desired to build God a house of worship, so also our forefathers built two houses of worship before the one we are gathered in today was built 85 years ago in 1927. For these blessings and their sanctified use we admit
- C: **Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.**
- M: Growth came not only from within, but also from without as God moved the hearts of non-members to join the flock. For the growth God has granted we confess:

**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 located in the basement.

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.

C: Neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow-workers.

M: The devil would have us glory in none other than outward achievements, rather than praise God for his marvelous grace. Workers, buildings, and growth in numbers are all blessings from God. Still, what remains our crowning jewel is the Gospel, preached through the Word and administered through the sacraments. Throughout its history, Morrison Zion. has acknowledged God's sovereignty and his grace by conducting regular worship, distributing the sacraments, offering opportunities for Bible study, using the keys of the kingdom of heaven, carrying on personal ministry, and training believers of all ages. All these have been used with God's command, holding firmly to these three promises of God:

C: Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

"This is my body," and "this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

This water symbolizes that baptism that now saves you.

CHOIR (Sunday)

Hymn 621 CW *For Years on Years of Matchless Grace*

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M: Eden was a paradise. We live in a sinful world. Our Lord instructed us to bear our crosses and follow him. Morrison Zion has weathered rocky paths in the past, dealing with sin and sinners, personality clashes, financial challenges, and spurts of growth and decline. And there have been joys: God claimed little babies for himself through water and the Word, he warmed cold adult hearts by the Gospel, he recalled impenitent sinners back to his fold, and faithful saints were laid to rest in his sure hands. The apostle Paul echoes our sentiments, saying:

C: 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.

M: Already in Eden God promised the solution for sin by his grace. Lord, that grace is what has taken Morrison Zion Lutheran Church through these past 150 years. Your grace provided wisdom, love, patience, and courage. Your grace gave contentment, kindness, and a spirit of service. Lord, we confess that we live alone by grace through faith. Make us ever mindful of our total dependence upon your grace for life, health, and eternity:

C: I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip- – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you--the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm- – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.

M: Through these 150 years people have come and gone but one constant has remained: We are sinners who live without fear of judgment only through the grace of God. His grace has been our help. His grace has watched over our comings and goings. His grace has taken our sins away. His grace enables us to confess with confidence:

C: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in

the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

M: As we acknowledge the immensity of God's grace we join our hearts and voices to praise God for the love he has showered upon us.

SONG OF PRAISE

**God the Father, Son, and Spirit, Ever-blessed Trinity,
Humbly now our thanks we offer, All unworthy though we be.
Freely you have showered blessings Countless as the ocean's sands,
Blessings rich and overflowing On the labors of our hands.**

**God of grace and love and blessing, Yours alone shall be the praise.
Give us hearts to trust you truly, Hands to serve you all our days.
Lord, bestow your future blessing Till we join the heav'nly host,
There to praise and serve you ever, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you have promised to be with your Church forever. We thank you for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your favor over these past years. Increase our faith, knit us together in the bonds of love, and make our fellowship an example to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

be seated

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Servant kept his promise and gave us the exact opposite of what we deserve.

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 115 (CWS page 55)

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10,19-21

Salvation is a gift of grace.

Being built into the spiritual house of the church, the body of Christ, is a gift of grace.

It is all about God. The people God has worked through are a gift of grace.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Alleluia.

C: (sung) **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Luke 10:17-21

Rejoice not in what you do for God but in what he does for you.

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (spoken) **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 384 CW *By Grace I'm Saved*

SERMON

Not Unto Us

Psalm 115:1

Not to us, O LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Hymn 270 CW *We All Believe in One True God*

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth. You have made us, and you still preserve us with everything we need to nourish our body and bring joy to our life.

C: You are our gracious Father in heaven.

M: Lord, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth! You have freed us lost and condemned creatures from the curse of sin, from the sting of death, and from slavery to the devil.

C: You made us your own that we may serve you with a joyful heart.

M: You have united us into one family through our Lord Jesus Christ and kept us in the true faith.

C: Give us the gifts of the Spirit: unwavering trust, love that knows no limit, and courage to meet every trial now and at the end of our life.

M: You have been good to us for so many years and given us many opportunities to glorify your name and proclaim your wonderful deeds from one generation to another.

C : We thank you for upholding your little flock through fortune and misfortune, through times of war and peace, of depression, recession, and prosperity.

M: We praise you that you have prospered Christian Education among us, by which the truths of our Savior are imprinted on young souls.

C: We thank you for the ministry and service of the called workers and lay volunteers now fallen asleep.

M: Keep your little flock firm in faith and steadfast in their service, so that generations yet unborn may share your gift of eternal life.

C: Continue to be with us in the future as you have been in the past. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

PROPER PREFACE

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung)

**C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.
You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

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 (sung)

**C: 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 away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Hymn 753 CWS *Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us*

Hymn 752 CWS *In Christ Alone*

Hymn 379 CW *Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound*

stand

THANK THE LORD (sung)

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

LITANY AND BENEDICTION

M: As we look back on 150 years blessed by the grace of our God, we remember the 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 remainder of our anniversary 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 walk daily in the grace of God, 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

Hymn 388:3-4 CW *Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven*

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 327 (9, 319) **Bible Study** 81 (33, 28, 14, 6, X) **Youth Study:** 19

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	10:00 a.m.	Historical Displays in the school
	11:00 a.m.	"Fun in the Son" Anniversary Dinner, school
Monday		NO Book Study
		NO Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group, commons
Wednesday		NO Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Bible History Class
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	8:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Worship

- Sunday 8:00 a.m. Be My Witnesses Study, commons
- 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ Light Study, church basement
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement
- 7:00 p.m. Book Study, church

Historical Displays In the school on Sunday you will find a number of historical displays in the school. Please take the time after worship to look over all the items from the history of our congregation.

Fun in the Son Dinner We will serve our anniversary dinner in the school gym at 11:00 a.m. After the dinner there will be a number of things going on in the gym. We hope you can stay and join us for all the food and fun. There will be displays of anniversary items you may purchase or order. The prize for the best “Summer Attire” is on display at school. The prize will be handed out after the meal along with a number of other gifts of grace.

Pastor Ott will leave for a pastors conference in Sturgeon Bay later this evening. He will be at the conference until Tuesday afternoon. If you need to contact Pastor Ott please use his cell number printed below.

Commons Bible Class We are studying, *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 *Crossing The Jordan*.

The Book Study Class will not meet this Sunday. Our next class will be Sunday, January 29. At our next class we will discuss chapters 3 and 4 of *One God—Two Covenants?* We will also not meet on Sunday, February 5. There is still one book available. If you would like to purchase it for \$15 please speak to Pastor Ott.

Monday Bible Class will not meet this week.

Tuesday Bible Class will not meet this week.

Naomi Circle & Bread For Life are cancelled for this month.

Third Annual Men of His Word Conference Join hundreds of your brothers in Christ as we share in Word and song and fellowship. More information is available online at www.menofhisword.org.

FVL Winterfest will be Sunday, Jan. 29, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Advance tickets are available in the school office for \$3. Tickets at the door are \$4; children 11 and under are free, 12 and over are free with a student ID or sports pass. You can contact Linda Sieker at 864-7307 if interested in helping. All proceeds from this event benefit the music programs of FVL.

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