Celebrating 150 Years of God's Grace

Celebrating God's Grace showered on us in the Past *Jesus Christ is the same* **yesterday**, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

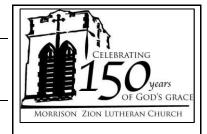
Today's service will make use of many of the worship practices from the past history of Morrison Zion Lutheran Church. We encourage the men to sit on the pulpit side of the church and the women on the other side. The elders will sit on the elder's bench as was the custom in our past. The paraments on the altar are from the history of our church. The offering plates we will use this morning are from our past as well.

The order of service will trace various worship practices from our past as well. We will begin the order of worship in the German language. This is the language that was spoken at our founding and for many years to follow in the life of our congregation. After hearing the absolution in German (with a translation printed alongside) we will move to The Lutheran Hymnal of 1941 which was used for many until the mid 1990's in our congregation. The end of our service will make use of Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal which we began using after The Lutheran Hymnal. The first three hymns are from The Lutheran Hymnal. The closing hymn is from Christian Worship.

Please follow along in this Order of Worship as we worship today. The wording of many familiar items such as The Apostle' Creed are taken from The Lutheran Hymnal and are different than that to which we have now become accustomed.

Pastor Waldemar Loescher (who served Morrison Zion 1970-2002) will be the presiding minister today. Pastor Randy Ott (the current pastor of Morrison Zion) will preach the sermon.

As we use various worship forms from our past, some familiar and some unfamiliar, please note that the emphasis has always been on God and his grace. His undeserved love has saved us. His love empowers us and motivates us to serve him no matter what language, hymnal, or forms we may have used or will use in the future. To God alone be the Glory!



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.



The pastor speaks the invocation (in German)

M: Wir beginnen im Namen Gottes des Vaters und des Sohnes und des Heiligen Geistes.

We begin in the name of God the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

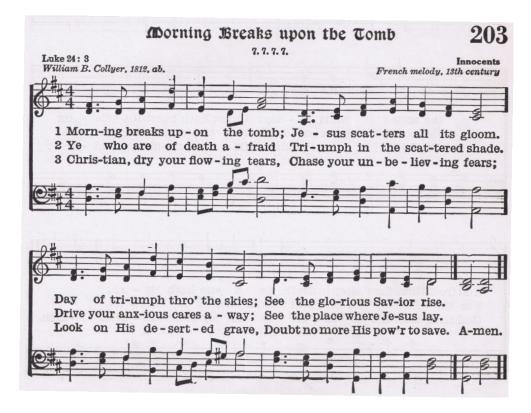
C: Amen.

M. Lasset uns das erste Lied singen.

Let us sing the first hymn

Opening Hymn:

Morning Breaks upon the Tomb (TLH 203)



The pastor invites the congregation to confess their sins (in German)

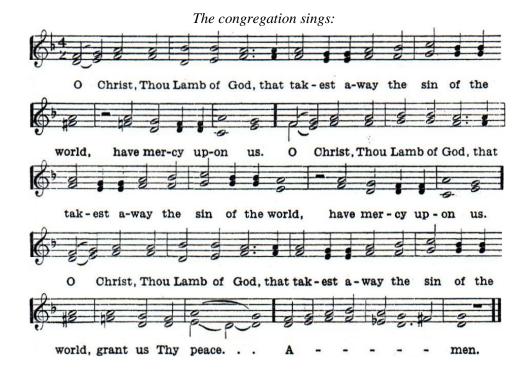
M: Lasset uns Gott unsere Sünden bekennen und im Name unseres Herrn Jesu Christi um Vergebung bitten. Denn so wir sagen, wir haben keine Sünde, so verführen wir uns selbst, und die Wahrheit ist nicht in uns. So wir aber unsere Sünde bekennen, ist Gott treu und gerecht, dass er uns die Sünde vergibt und reinigt uns von aller Untugend. Bekennet demnach mit mir also:

Let us confess our sins to God and ask him to forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Therefore confess together with me:

The congregation joins the pastor and confesses their sins (in English)

Allmaechtiger Gott, barmherziger Vater, ich armer, elender, suendhafter Mensch bekenne dir all meine Suende und Missetat damit ich dich jemals erzuernet und deine Strafe zeitlich und ewiglich wohl verdienet habe. Sie sind mir aber alle herzlich leid und reuen mich sehr, und ich bitte dich durch deine grundlose Barmherzigkeit und durch das heilige, unschuldige, bittere Leiden und Sterben deines lieben Sohnes, Jesu Christi, du wollest mir armen suendhaften Menschen gnaedig und barmherzig sein.

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserve your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray that of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that you be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.



The pastor speaks the words of absolution (in German)

M: Der allmachtige, barmherzige Gott hat sich unser erbarmt und seinen eingebornen Sohn, Jesum Christum, für unser aller Sünde in den Tod dahin gegeben, auf dass alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren warden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.

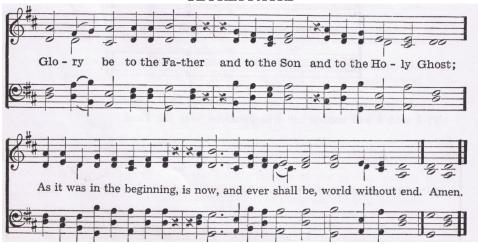
The almighty, merciful God has had mercy on us and has given into death his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, for all our sins, that everyone, who believes in him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

Congregation:



Then shall be chanted by the congregation:

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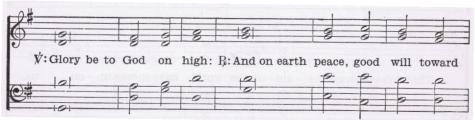
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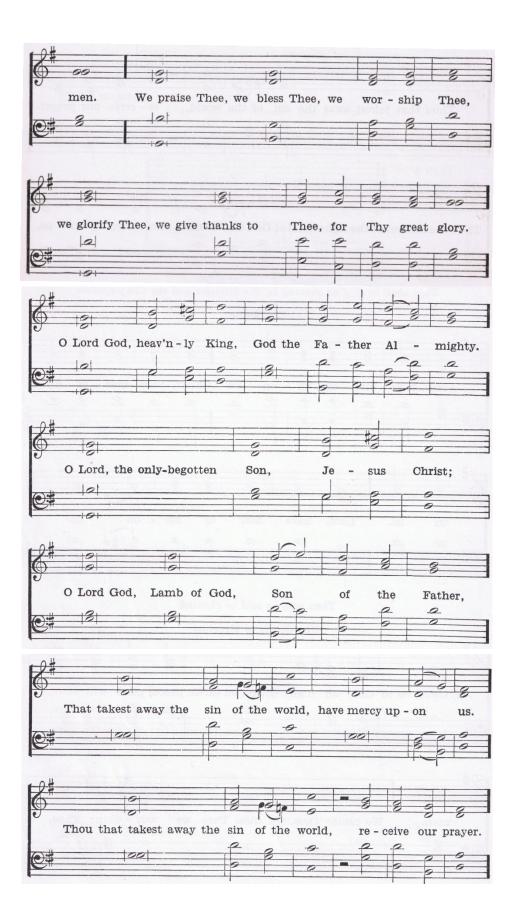
THE KYRIE



Then shall be said or chanted by the pastor and congregation:

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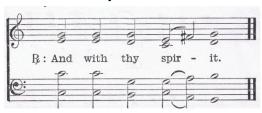






Then shall be said or chanted

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Grant we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection may, by the help of Thy grace, bring forth the fruits therof in our life and conversation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



M: The Epistle for the First Sunday After Easter is written in the 5th chapter of 1 John, beginning at the 4th verse:

⁴For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

⁵Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

⁷For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

⁸And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

⁹If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

¹⁰He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

M: Here endeth the Epistle.

M: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ our Passover: is sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

The angel of the Lord descended from heaven: and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. Halleljah!

Congregation:



M: The Holy Gospel is written in the 20th chapter of St. John, beginning at the 19th verse.



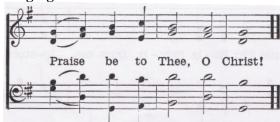


¹⁹Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

²⁰And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.

M: Here endeth the Gospel.

Congregation:



Then shall be said

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Ladies Choir: Oh, Sing with Exaltation (arranged by Alma Ihlenfeldt, 1985)

²¹Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

²³Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

²⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

²⁶And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

²⁷Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

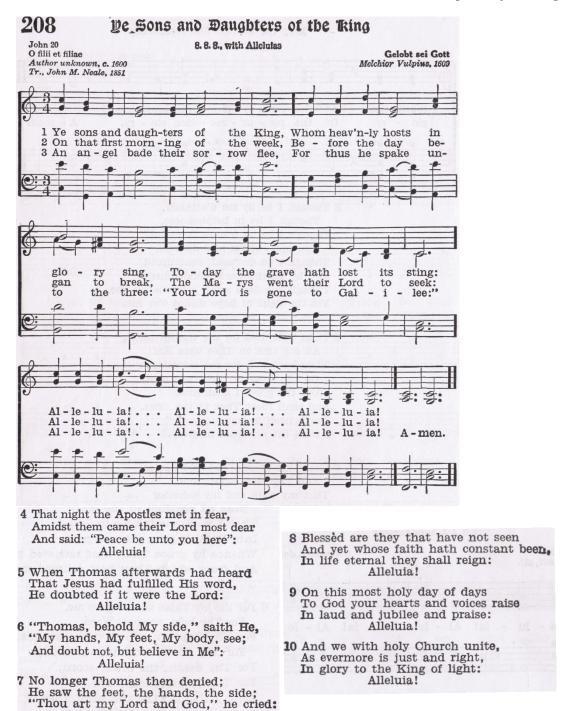
²⁸And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God.

²⁹Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

³⁰And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

³¹But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

HYMN:



SERMON

Alleluia!

The sermon ended, the congregation shall rise, and the Minister shall say:
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Male Choir:

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (arranged by M Albrecht, 1941)

OFFERING During the offering please sign the Friendship Registers

MUSICAL OFFERING

Band Our Song Shall Rise

The Congregation shall stand.

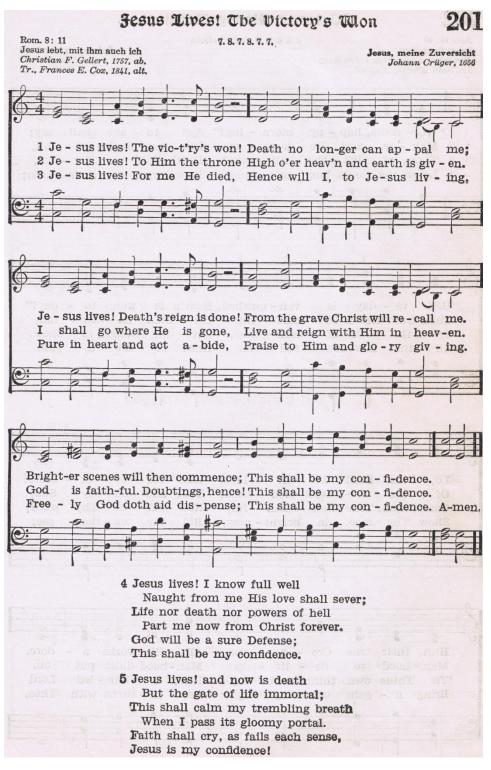
THE ANNIVERSARY LITANY

(from the 125th Anniversary of our congregation)

- 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 do this as our gracious Father in heaven by your goodness and love.
- M: O 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: O Lord, our God how glorious is you name in all the earth! You have united us into one family with our Lord Jesus Christ and kept us in the true faith.
- C: You fill our lives with rich gifts of the Spirit: An unwavering trust, the love that knows no limit, and the courage to meet every trial in life and death.
- M: Holy and righteous God, on this anniversary of this church, we thank you that you have been good to us for so many years and given us opportunity to glorify your name among the people and to 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 and prosperity: And we thank you especially for the people now fallen asleep who served your church in the past, by whose ministry you kept your flock faithful to you and to their calling.
- **M:** Holy and mighty God, on the anniversary of this church, we praise you for the wonderful work you give your Church to do, that your saving name may be known in all the earth.
- C: We praise you for the young people of the church whom you prepare for the work of the ministry. We praise you that you have prospered Christian education among us, by which the truths of our Savior have been planted in the hearts and minds of many.
- M: Eternal and most merciful God, on this anniversary of this church, we pray that you continue to be with us in the future as you have in the past, and that you keep us in your grace.
- C: We beseech you that you keep your little flock firm and steadfast in their calling, so that generations yet unborn may share your gift of eternal life.
- **M:** Hear us, O God, and look upon us in your grace. We bring our petitions to you, not because of any good in us, but on account of your great mercy. Lord, protect us from the wicked one and keep us in your care.
- All: 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.

The Congregation is seated

HYMN:



The last portion of the service is taken from Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal our present hymnal

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN:

Crown Him with Many Crowns (CW 341:3)

3. Crown his the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save. His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

10:00 a.m. Open Forum, church

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Maundy Thursday:239 (132,107)Communion:122 (139, 83)Good Friday:267 (92, 175)Communion:191 (58, 133)Easter:661 (80, 81, 500)Communion:388 (65, 55, 268)

Easter: **Communion**: 388 (65, 55, 268) Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Historical displays and videos, school 11:00 a.m. Anniversary Dinner, gym 12:00 p.m. Singing, historical displays and videos 7:00 p.m. Book Study, WELS & Other Lutherans 2nd Edition, church 7:00 a.m. Strategies for Sharing Our Faith from Acts 13-28 study, church Monday 5:15 p.m. Rummage Sale Meeting 5:45 p.m. 4k-5k parents meeting, school 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Christian Freedom Bible Study, church 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Bible History Class 8:00 p.m. Choir Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship, communion 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Friday Saturday 10:00 a.m. New Life in Christ Class 2:00 p.m. Wedding Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ Light Class, church basement 8:00 a.m. Heaven Is For Real Class, commons 9:00 a.m. Worship, communion 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

7:00 p.m. Book Study WELS & Other Lutherans 2nd Edition

Anniversary Dinner & Displays Please join us after worship on Sunday in the school for dinner at 11:00 a.m. Before the dinner a Ladies Aid video will be shown in Mr. Pingel's room and the video from the 125th Anniversary will be shown in Mr. Humann's room. After the meal we hope you can stay and join us in a sing-along. The historical displays and videos will also be shown after the sing-along. Various items to commemorate our anniversary will be available for you to purchase in the school. We also would like to have you add your thumbprint "leaf" to our tree today. Thank you for joining us and my God bless your time with us!

Book Study Class. Tonight at 7:00 will discuss a new book, *WELS & Other Lutherans: Second Edition*. The cost of the book is \$12. Signup sheets and the books are in the basement.

4K-5K Work is continuing on the possibility of combining 4K and 5K next school year. Due to a growing enrollment expected for next year we would like to meet one more time to discuss our possibilities. We will meet on Monday, April 16 at 5:45 p.m. in the school commons.

Monday Bible Class will continue the study, *Strategies for Sharing Our Faith* at 7:00 a.m. in the church basement. This week we look at "Dealing with the work righteous" in Acts 13 and 15. Join us!

Tuesday Bible Class will begin a study on Christian Freedom at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. This week we look at "Freedom Declared." Join us!

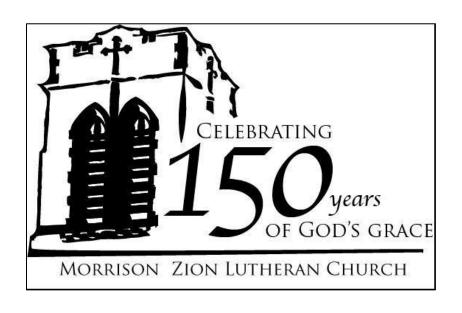
Heaven is For Real You may have heard about this bestselling book. A father tells the story of what his son described after going through emergency surgery. Is what he describes true? We will read the book and look at it in the light of God's Word. There are signup sheets to buy the book in the basement. Join us in our commons Bible study Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Information on future congregational staffing options is located on the tables in the church basement. Please pick up a copy and review it before our open forum on April 22. On the sheets you will see 5 different options that have been reviewed by the school board and council from your input at the last open forums. Please make it a point to be informed.

The accreditation process continues at school. We will look at Standard 10 – Professional Personnel, Standard 11 – Curriculum, and Standard 12 – Instruction, in May. If you would like to be on one of these committees, please speak to Mr. Humann.

Rummage Sale For those interested in this summer's rummage sale at school we will meet on Monday, April 16th at 5:15 in the school commons.

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