

**Thank you** to everyone who joined us at our anniversary celebrations last weekend! Thank you to everyone who helped and served at the event. Thank you to the Ladies Aid for serving the meal. The day was a wonderful celebration of God's faithfulness!

**Parade Sign Up Sheets** are in the church basement. If you would like to help at one of the parades this summer there are sign up sheets in the church basement. We need people on the floats and handing out information at the parades.

**Church History Books and Ladies Aid Cookbooks** are available in the church basement if you would like to purchase either of these items.

**Spring Festival** On Friday there will be a dress rehearsal for the Spring Festival at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us in the gym and see the performances by Grades 1, 2, 5, and 6. The Spring Festival performances will be Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

**Doug Dast Anniversary** Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church & School (749 N. Pine Rd. - Bay City, MI 48708) invite you to join them in celebrating the 40 years of teaching ministry of Doug Dast. Mr. Dast served as teacher and principal at Morrison Zion Lutheran School from 1972-1982 and in the same capacity at Bethel since 1982. On April 29, a dinner and program will be held immediately after the 10am worship service to thank God for his faithful years of ministry. If you plan to attend, you are kindly asked to RSVP to [bethelschool@bethellutheranbc.org](mailto:bethelschool@bethellutheranbc.org) or call the school at 989.892.4252. If you are unable to attend but would like to send your regards, you may do so to the Anniversary Committee at the above address.

**Jr. Lancer Youth Football Registration.** All boys from our Federation grade schools or congregations who will be in grades 5-8 this Fall are encouraged to participate in the Jr. Lancer Youth Football Program. If you missed registration night but are still interested, information forms are available at [www.mlhslancers.org](http://www.mlhslancers.org) on the Athletics – Jr. Lancer Sports page or call Scott at 242-9204.

**Lancer Singers to Sing National Anthem at Timber-Rattlers & Brewers Games!** MLHS' Lancer Singers have been selected for this honor on April 25 & May 11, respectively. Blocks of tickets have been reserved and fan buses being scheduled for students, parents, & friends to attend the

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

April 19 & 22, 2012

*The blessings of Easter are all ours through the Word,  
the effective means of grace!*

**Preservice Music:** Lauren Griepentrog, Grades 7-8 chimes

**Personal Preparation for Holy Communion:** Page 156

**Service:** Divine Service II (p. 28 cws)

**Hymns:** 225, 160, 142, 371, 351, 281

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Special Music:** *Easter Proclamation* grades 5-8

**First Lesson:** Acts 12:1-19

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating."

**Morrison Zion  
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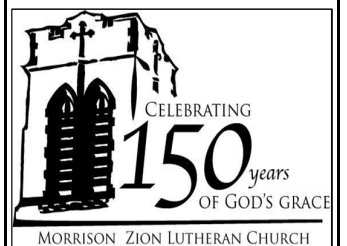
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran  
Synod

*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. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the 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 our worship.



When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

"You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."

But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 118 (p. 57 cws)

**Second Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said good-by to them and went on to Macedonia.

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task? Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

**Gospel:** Luke 24:36-49

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

**Sermon:** **Put Fear To Flight** Luke 24:36-49

With a mind opened to Scripture With the power of the Holy Spirit

**Musical Offering:** Grades 7-8 chimes

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

**Worship:** 352 (15, 337) **Bible Study:** 70 (3, 19, 27, 15, 6, x) **Youth Study:** 17

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Open Forum, church
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, <i>WELS &amp; Other Lutherans 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition</i> , church
Monday	7:00 a.m.	Strategies for Sharing Our Faith from Acts 13-28 study, church
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Christian Freedom Bible Study, church
	7:00 p.m.	Anniversary Committee Meeting
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:15 p.m.	Bible History Class
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	New Life in Christ Class
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 Manitowoc Lutheran High School Sings
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Voters' Meeting, commons
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study <i>WELS &amp; Other Lutherans 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition</i>

**Communion** is a part of worship today. 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 the pastor before communing. Thank you.

**Open Forum** will be after worship in the front of church on Sunday. Items to be discussed include the future staffing issues for the church and school and the Shepherding Program that will be presented to the voters.

**Voters' Meeting** will be next Sunday after worship in the school commons.

**Book Study Class** Sunday we will look at the first chapter of *WELS & Other Lutherans*.

**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 persecution". 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!

**Commons Bible Class** is studying, *Heaven Is For Real*. Join us next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. as we compare what we find in the book to what we find in Scripture.

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

**Manitowoc Lutheran High School** will sing in our worship service next Sunday. Everyone is asked to please bring finger food to serve in the basement after worship. Thank you!