

Last week we saw that faith does not eliminate suffering from our lives. This week we see that the suffering includes even death. The unbeliever who has only tears and despair in the face of death vainly hopes in his fear that death ends all. The Christian clings to the one who has overcome death for us even when faced with death.

Service: Word and Sacrament (p. 26)

Hymns: 414, 606, 588, 452, 619

Prayer of the Day: O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 12:11-25

“This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”

Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. But because by doing this you have made the enemies of the LORD show utter contempt, the son born to you will die.”

After Nathan had gone home, the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s wife had borne to David, and he became ill. David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and went into his house and spent the nights lying on the ground. The elders of his household stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused, and he would not eat any food with them.

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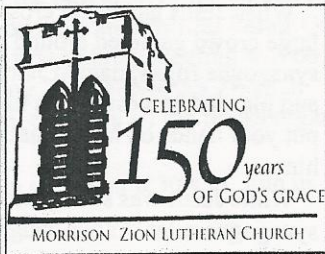
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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

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.



On the seventh day the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they thought, "While the child was still living, we spoke to David but he would not listen to us. How can we tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate."

David noticed that his servants were whispering among themselves and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked.

"Yes," they replied, "he is dead."

Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate.

His servants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!"

He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.' But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and lay with her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The LORD loved him; and because the LORD loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 30 (p. 76)

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:8-14

So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-24a,35-43

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. When one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him.

While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?"

Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon:

2 Samuel 12:11-25

Learn Trust in the Face of Death From David

1. David acts and God reacts 2. David reacts and God acts

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 283 (17, 266)

Bible Study: 59

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Open Forum
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Softball at Brillion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	VBS Worker Meeting, school
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:25 a.m.	19-Minute Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Voters' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Softball at Two Rivers

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 or ELS members are welcome to commune with us. We do ask visitors to speak with an elder or the pastor before communing.

Open Forum will be Sunday after worship

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

Shepherding Program If you plan to serve as a shepherd in our Shepherding Program, we ask you to sign up on the sheet in the basement of the church or email Pastor Ott (ottr@mzluth.org). Even if you have already told Pastor Ott you plan to serve, please sign up or email. Our first training meeting will be on Tuesday, August 21. We will begin delivering *The Shepherd's Voice* in September. Please sign up by July 15 so that we can have all the flocks organized by August 21. Thanks for your help!

19-Minute Bible Class will meet next Sunday in church at 8:30 a.m. Join us and bring the family!

Pastor Ott will be out of town from Monday, July 9 through Friday July 20. If you need pastoral care please call Nancy Pantzloff (864-2349).

There will be no worship on Thursday, July 19. Please note this change from the church calendar and remind those who worship on Thursdays.

Vacation Bible School We invite you to join us as we go Back to Jerusalem and learn God's Word! We invite children ages 3 through grade 6 to participate in Bible study, crafts, games, and snacks the mornings of Monday, July 16 through Thursday, July 19. The program will run from 9:00-11:30 each day. Signup sheets to help and registration sheets for VBS are in the basement. There will be a VBS workers meeting on Monday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us!

Help Needed The Anniversary Committee needs people to help on the float at the Denmark Parade on July 22. If you are interested please sign up on the sheets in the basement or talk to Charles or Michelle Edinger.

There are also sign up sheets in the church basement for various volunteer positions for which we need your help on August 11-12 for our 150th Anniversary celebration. Please sign up where you would like to help.

On Saturday, August 11 there will be a walk, a horseshoe tournament, a ladder golf tournament, music, food and activities for the kids. July 30 is the deadline to sign up for the walk, the horseshoe tournament, the ladder golf tournament on August 11, and the meal on August 12. Sign up sheets are in the basement.

On Sunday, August 12 we will have a 150th Anniversary Event. Please mail or deliver an orange flyer with information to family and friends. Also, please sign up for the catered meal ahead of time so we order enough food. Sign up sheets and information are in the basement.

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