



*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and **TODAY** and forever.”*

(Hebrews 13:8)

150th Anniversary Worship

August 9 and 12, 2012

During the year of our anniversary we are focusing on God’s grace to us as we celebrate. In our first anniversary services we focused on the grace of God as the only source of all blessings we have received. In our second anniversary service we focused on God’s grace to us in the past.

Today we focus our attention on the truth that God has blessed us in the past with his grace so that we may be a blessing to others where we are and when we are. The grace of God is living and active. His design is that it strengthens us so that we share his grace in order to be a blessing to others. He wants this done not just in the past, or in some distant future. He has put us where we are and blessed us so that we may be a blessing to those around us TODAY.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 392 CW *Not Unto Us*

stand

DIALOG OF REMEMBRANCE, CONFESSION, AND PRAISE

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: When the time had fully come the Father sent our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. He accepted his sacrifice on the cross. He raised him from death in glorious splendor. For his sake, he richly and daily forgives the sins of all who put their trust in him.

C: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M: When the time had fully come, God sent his Holy Spirit on his people as a testimony that he had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation into all the world.

C: **The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M: When the time had fully come, God raised up Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures. God renewed his people with the light of his love. He granted power and success to the proclamation of the gospel, and his holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

**Morrison Zion
Evangelical Lutheran
Church**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran
Synod

*Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we help people*

Grow
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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 very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word. 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: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

M: When the time had fully come, God brought together the founders of this congregation. Guided by the Spirit, they took hold of the truth and abandoned an apathetic allegiance to God's Word. They joined hands with other believers and worked together in ministry as members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. God has blessed their sons and daughters during the 150 years past and enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel of Jesus.

C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

M: Let this be the time when the Lord renews us again by Word and Sacrament, when he reforms our hearts and minds, and when he restores to us the joy of fellowship and service. May he grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the leaders of our congregation's past.

C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us or forsake us.

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. For Jesus' sake forgive us whenever we love ourselves more than you and whenever we serve ourselves instead of your people. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our work. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference for public worship and continued growth in your Word, destroy all distrust that may plague us, and shatter every thought and word which harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

M: Let this be the time, when we, who are forgiven by the grace of God alone, recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is God's will, success in our labor. May God grant us the strength of faith, to truly be, in our thoughts, words, and actions, what he has called us to be--witnesses of God's grace!

C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

SONG OF PRAISE

**All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may his good will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.**

**We praise you, God, and you we bless;
We worship you in humbleness;
From day to day we glorify
The everlasting God on high.
Of your great glory do we sing,
And to your throne our thanks we bring.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing Giver of every good gift, we ask you to dwell continually among us with your holy Word and Sacraments, so that we, who know the power of your gospel, may be moved to serve you by sharing that gospel; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

be seated

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:6-8

God gives us the blessing of forgiveness and life so that we may share that blessing with others.

Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 100 (CW page 104)

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 3:7-13

Christ's words to the church at Philadelphia remind us that God blesses his church for a reason. He blesses us and strengthens us so that we seize the opportunities he places before us to carry the Gospel through the "open doors" he provides.

To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars - I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

CHOIR (Sunday)

One Church, One Faith Keith Getty

Refrain: One church, one faith, one Lord of life,
One Father, one Spirit, one Christ.
One church, one faith, one Lord of life,
One Heavenly King, Lord of all.

Your hand, O God, has guided your church from age to age;
The tale of love is written for us on ev'ry page.
Our fathers knew Your goodness and we Your works record,
And each of these bear witness: One church, one faith, one Lord.

Refrain

Your mercy never fails us or leaves Your work undone;
With Your right hand to help us, the vict'ry shall be won.
And then by all creation Your name shall be adored,
With earth and heaven singing: One church, one faith, one Lord.

Refrain

stand

GOSPEL

Luke 17:1, 13-26

Jesus prays on our behalf that we grow in him and share him with the world.

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 735 CWS *Speak, O Lord*

SERMON (Sunday)

ALWAYS...It's Such A Strong Word!

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

But you should ALWAYS:
Thanks God for His Grace
Thank God for His Evidence
Thank God for His Promise
Thank God for His Faithfulness

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge — because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you

eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

be seated

OFFERING

during the offering please sign the friendship register in the pew

stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, heavenly Father,
For calling us to faith through your Word and bringing us together in the body of Christ;
For awakening us to the urgency of your mission;
For the privilege of taking your Word into all the world;

C: **We give you humble thanks and praise.**

M: This day, O Lord, we remember the past:
We remember the missionary vision of those who first came to Morrison;
We remember their determination to show others how beautiful it is to live with Jesus;
We remember their willingness to say, "Here am I! Send me!"

C: **Give us, we pray, that same vision and determination.**

M: This day, O Lord, we reflect on the task:
We reflect on being equipped with the power of your Word;
We reflect on being chosen as your ambassadors;
We reflect on being entrusted with the message of reconciliation;

C: **Cause our reflection to lead us to action.**

M: This day, O Lord, we look forward to rejoicing that will last;
To the rejoicing that will be ours in heaven;
To the rejoicing others will experience through our missionary efforts;
To the rejoicing that takes place in heaven when one sinner repents;

C: **May that future joy be ours now and always. Amen.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as 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.

be seated

HYMN

Hymn 623 CW *God the Father, Son, and Spirit*

stand

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 the 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.

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 536 CW *Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head*

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 295 (28, 267) **Communion:** 185 (23, 162) **Bible Study** 54

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Historical Displays
	11:00 a.m.	Catered Chicken Dinner, gym
	1:15 p.m.	Church Band Concert
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Council
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	19-Minute Bible Study, church
	9:00 a.m.	Worship

Welcome to the fourth of five special 150th Anniversary events at Morrison Zion Lutheran Church! May today's worship, food, and time spent with old and new friends be a blessing to you in your life in Christ!

Thank You On Sunday morning Pastor Douglas Engelbrecht will be our guest preacher. Pastor Engelbrecht is one of the pastors at Trinity Lutheran Church of Neenah and also serves as the President of the Northern Wisconsin District of the WELS. Thank you for your message!

Sunday the ushers will dismiss the congregation beginning at the back of the church. We ask that everyone leave through the middle doors at the top of the steps and exit the building through the double middle doors at the bottom of the steps. We will record worshippers greeting the pastors as you leave. You can see a similar video from the 125th anniversary in one of the classrooms at school.

Meal We will begin serving the meal at 11:00 a.m. in the gym. There will be two serving lines at each end of the gym. There will be three tables near each serving line reserved for the elderly or those in a wheelchair. There will also be videos in the classrooms for you to enjoy. You will also have the opportunity to purchase items in the commons to commemorate our anniversary. We also ask you to take the time to add your thumbprint "leaf" to our anniversary "tree". It is also in the commons at school.

Historical Displays On Sunday you will find a number of historical displays in the church basement. Please take the time after worship to look over these items from the history of our congregation.

Band Concert At 1:15 p.m. on Sunday there will be a concert by the Morrison band in the church. Please join us!

Thank You Thank you to everyone who helped with all the events on Saturday. Your service to the Lord and his people is greatly appreciated!

Shepherding Program The greatest help we can offer to anyone is to meet their greatest need. The greatest need each of us has is to hear our Shepherd's voice in the gospel. A way you can help your fellow members meet this need is to be a shepherd in our shepherding program. Each month we ask you to deliver a copy of *The Shepherd's Voice* to five families. Your visit can be as short or as long as you like. We hope that this program reminds us all that the only thing truly needed is a living and active connection to Jesus. Everything else is of lesser importance. Please sign up on the sheet in the basement or email Pastor Ott at ottr@mzluth.org.

New Life in Christ Class This year we will have our Bible Information Class, New Life in Christ on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and at the Commons Bible Study on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. Come whichever day works in your schedule. Switch from week to week if it works for you. This class is an opportunity for those who are interested in joining the church to see what we teach and believe. It is also a great opportunity for adults to review the catechism. As an adult you have had a little more life experience than a 7th or 8th grader. Use this class to apply God's Word to you life in a new and fresh way! The first lesson will be September 8 and September 9. Join us and bring the family!

Baptism On Saturday, August 11 Carter Daniel Theisen was baptized into Christ. Carter was born on May 30, 2012. He is the son of Jeff and Jackie (Rutter)Theisen. Please remember this child of God and his family in prayer!

Book Study Sign up in basement to purchase a copy of *Life in the New Testament World*. This is the first book we will look at in our Sunday evening Book Study. The class will begin meeting on Sunday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the book is \$15. Please make your check out to the church and give it to Pastor Ott.

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

Athletic Association will meet after worship on Aug. 19

China Trip On June 24, 2013 - July 9, 2013, retired WELS pastor James Humann, will host a tour to the Republic of China and Hong Kong. One of the highlights of the 16-day tour is a 4-day cruise on the Yangtse River. Space is limited because of the cruise ship capacity. The tour price includes the international flight from the West Coast, three domestic flights in China, the 4-day Yangtse River cruise, a train from Canton to Hong Kong, all meals in the Republic of China, and much more. For a colorful brochure describing the daily itinerary, general conditions and costs, e-mail Pastor Humann at Jhumann383@aol.com. Please include your name and mailing address.

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