

Adult Christ Light Bible Class will begin next Sunday. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Bible Study room in the church basement. In this class we will look at Bible Stories from the New Testament. These are the stories are children will study in school and in the Wednesday afternoon class. Join us and bring the family!

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 16 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.

Monday Bible Study will begin on September 17. We will begin a study of Matthew. We meet in the church basement at 7:00 a.m..

Tuesday Bible Class will begin Tuesday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m. Our first study will be *God's Providence*. This study corresponds to the People's Bible Teaching book of the same name. Join us at 2:00 p.m.! Class is done in time for those who come to pick up a child from school.

Pancake & Porkie Breakfast On Sunday, September 23, the Youth Group will be serving a pancake and porkie breakfast for the congregation and guests. We will begin serving at 7:30 a.m. and will continue to serve after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. We hope to see you there. Feel free to bring a friend!

Bus to Warrens Cranberry Festival on Saturday September 29. The bus is a deluxe motor coach. The cost is \$30 per person. We will leave at 6:15a.m. and return to the school parking lot at 9:00 p.m. Please respond by September 1. Make checks to Susan Stanelle. Call her at 864-2504 if you have any questions.

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We return to Mark this week. We also begin a new emphasis: Jesus wants to so deepen our understanding of his grace that he becomes all in all to us. The particular emphasis in the readings for this Sunday is the truth that all God pleasing obedience must begin in the heart.

Service: Divine Service II (p. 28 CWS)

Communion Preparation: Page 156 CW

Hymns: 471, 459, 743, 740, 320

Prayer of the Day: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1,2,6-9

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other

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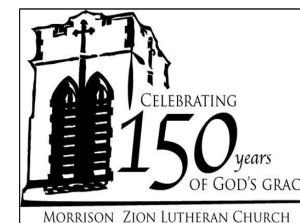
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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

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.



nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119c (p. 111)

Second Lesson: James 1:17-27

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were “unclean,” that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?”

He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

““These people honor me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me.

They worship me in vain;

their teachings are but rules taught by men.”¹

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.”

Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean.’”

“For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’”

Sermon: **Be Quick To Listen** James 1:17-27

So you can focus on God's perfect gift

So you can live according to God's perfect gift

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 246 (34, 212)

Bible Class: 32

Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Council
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship, communion
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	New Life in Christ Class, commons
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Study, church
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	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study Class, church

Shepherding Program We do not yet have enough shepherds to begin the program. Please pray the God will move the hearts of more of our members to serve their fellow believers by delivering a piece of paper to five families each month.

Youth Group Bible Study will resume meeting this Monday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the school commons. There will be open gym afterwards. All teens in high school are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you all there! Feel free to bring a friend!

Wednesday afternoon confirmation class for grades 6-8 will begin on Wednesday, September 12 at 5:00 p.m. Students will need to bring a Bible and something to write with. Class will end at 6:15 p.m.

New Life in Christ Class If you missed class this week it is not too late to join us next Saturday or Sunday!