



*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and **Forever.**”*

(Hebrews 13:8)

150th Anniversary Worship

October 25 and 28, 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. In our third service we focused on the truth that God has blessed us in the past with his grace and put us where we are so that we might be a blessing to those around us in the present.

*Today we focus our attention on a simple truth that we often forget. The children are not the future of the church. The gifts we give or leave behind after us are not the future of the church. Those who come long after we are in heaven are not the future of the church. The future of the church is exactly the same as our past and our present. The future of our congregation and the entire Christian Church on earth is the **Grace of God!***

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 392:1-2

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LITANY AND CONFESSION

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 gospel 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.**

**Morrison Zion
 Evangelical Lutheran
 Church**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran
 Synod

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

Grow

in the

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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.

M: This day, O Lord, we pause for confession and repentance.
For Jesus' sake forgive us whenever we love ourselves more than you.
Forgive us 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 present problems.
Rid us of indifference for public worship.
Rid us of indifference toward continued growth in your Word.
Destroy all distrust of our brothers and sisters in Christ that may plague us.
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: This day be assured that Jesus lived and died in your place. He has removed your sin forever.
Let us, who are forgiven by the grace of God alone, respond to this love.
Let us recommit 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.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

O faithful love—that shepherded through faithless years
Amazing love—that led us to your truth;
Unyielding love—that would not let us turn from you
But sent us forth to speak pardon and peace.

Not unto us but to your name be glory, Lord,
For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.
Abide with us till trav'ling days are over and done,
And pilgrim free lead us home, Lord, to you.

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.

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refrain Christ is our cornerstone; Christ our sure foundation. We build on him who does all things well. May we be living stones joined to build the temple In which the Holy Spirit will dwell.

Lord we praise your holy name! What great things you have done!
May the blessings of our church lead many to your Son.

If you had not blessed us, Lord, our work would be in vain.
But when Jesus builds the house, we cannot help but gain.

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Bless all those who gather here, and bless what we have heard.
May our wisdom, Lord, be found in all things through your Word.
Honor, glory, thanks, and praise we bring, O Lord, to you.
May our lives reflect your grace in all we say and so.

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LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-9, 19-21

The grace of God is what has saved us. The grace of God is what sustains his Church.

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 774 CWS

SERMON (Sunday)

Kill The Cow!

It’s Not About The Building

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature... which is idolatry. Colossians 3:5

- 1. Check your _____.

They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.” Genesis 11:3-4

2. Let's be very clear _____ doesn't equal _____.

*Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. **Matthew 16:17-18***

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3. We know God brings _____ through building.

*One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. **Psalms 27:4***

*I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells. **Psalms 26:8***

OFFERING

during the offering please sign the friendship register in the pew stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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 538:3

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship: 346 (41, 305) **Communion:** 206 (33, 173) **Bible Study** 75 (x, 13, 31, 8, 13, 11) **Youth Study:** 16

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	No Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Presentation on <i>The Core</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Hog Roast Anniversary Dinner, gym, year in review video following
	7:00 p.m.	Preaching Study Class, church
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday		No Bible class
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class, grades 1-5
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship
Friday		Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	New Life in Christ Class, commons
		Wedding
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Class, church
	8:00 a.m.	New Life in Christ Class, commons
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Preaching Study Class, church

Welcome to our final 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 Skorzewski from *The Core* in Appleton is our guest

speaker. After worship he will also present information about the gospel ministry at *The Core*. Thank you for your message!

Hog Roast Dinner On Sunday everyone is invited to join us in the gym after the presentation for a Hog Roast Dinner. The meal is served by the Anniversary Committee, the Youth Group, and the 8th grade students. Please join us!

Year in Review In the gym we will also have a video presentation that looks back at our anniversary celebrations this past year. Please plan to view it!

Preaching Study On Sunday evenings we will take a five lesson break from discussing books together to focus on the topic of preaching. The goal of this study is to help hearers define faithful preaching so they can listen with more informed ears and provide more informed feedback. We will begin the study this Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Tuesday Bible Class will not meet this week. Pastor Ott will attend a Missionary's Conference in Wisconsin Dells on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Adult Christ Light Bible Class 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. Join us and bring the family!

The Ladies Aid officers extend our sincere apologies to the Ladies Aid members, or any new recruits we may have missed, for the mix-up as to where the October meeting was to be held. Going forward, all monthly meetings, with the exception of December, will be in the back of church after services on the first Sunday of each month. Also, a reminder that November is our election meeting. Anyone interested in adding their name to the ballot for Vice President or Secretary, please contact Amanda Humann as soon as possible.

A Service of Prayer for Our Nation On Monday, November 5 we will have a special worship service, *A Service of Prayer for Our Nation*. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. in church to ask the Lord to bless us in the following day's election and to remind ourselves to put our trust in God and not in elected officials. Please join us and bring a friend!

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