

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

**Worship:** 243 **Communion:** 153 **Lent:** 231 (137, 94) **Bible Study:** 62 (24, 26, 12, x) **Youth:** 26

Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School		7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship
	7:00 p.m. Book Study, chapter 5		8:00 p.m. Choir
Monday	7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study	Thursday	7:00 p.m. Band
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. Bible Class	Sunday	8:00 a.m. Heaven & Hell study, commons
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship		9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship, confirmation
	12:00 p.m. Soup Supper		10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class		10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
	5:30 p.m. Bible History Class, grades 1-5		7:00 p.m. Book Study, chapter 6
	6:00 p.m. Soup Supper		

**Examination** This morning in place of the sermon we will have the examination of this year’s confirmation class. Members of this year’s confirmation class are: Sawyer Alexander, Gloria Blauert, Bryanna Cappelle, Jesse Doyen, Rachel Ihlenfeldt, Emmett Kiley, Cody Kittell, Erin Krueger, Brianna Laabs, Megan Laabs, Marissa Leick, Ashley Leiterman, Emily Malcore, Jonathan Otto, Matthew Sabel, Colin Salm, Victoria Wegner, Noah Witt, Matthew Wendt, and Brandon Zittlow.

**Sunday Book Study** will discuss chapter 5 of the book *Connecting Sinai to Calvary: A Guide to the Old Testament* this Sunday evening. We meet at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

**Easter Lilies** The sign up sheet for Easter Lilies is in the church basement. The cost is \$8. If you would like to purchase a lily the deadline to sign up is today. We will only order as many as are signed up for by today.

**Tuesday Bible Class** will finish the course on Burden Bearing by looking at “Remember those who bear a special burden.” Join us in the church basement at 2:00 p.m.

**Names of Wondrous Love** is the theme of our midweek Lenten Worship This week we look at the name “The Way.” We worship at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Soup Suppers follow the morning service and begin at 6:00 p.m. in the evening. If you would like to make soup, bars, or serve please sign up in the basement.

**Sunday Morning Commons Bible Study** will continue our study, “Heaven and Hell” next Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. We will look at “What the Bible Teaches About Heaven: Part 1.” Join us and bring the family!

**Adult Christ Light Bible Class** meets Sunday morning at 8:00 in the church basement. We study the Bible History lessons that our children learn in Christ-Light.

**Easter for Kids** Thank you to everyone who helped yesterday with Easter for Kids!

**Palm Sunday** is next Sunday. We will celebrate Palm Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Confirmation will be a part of the 9:00 a.m. service. There will be no communion on Palm Sunday.

**Ladies Aid** will serve refreshments at 8:00 a.m. on Easter and after the festival service.

**Easter Sunrise Worship** is at 6:30 a.m., not 7:00 a.m. Please note the correct time.

**Ladies of All Ages** Our Ladies Aid invites you to join us in the commons on Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 pm for a Spring Tea Party. Don your best party hat (optional), invite your friends and neighbors, and join us for fun and refreshments. If you have any questions, contact Diane Suchomel (864-2482 or 680-8040) or Mary Laabs (619-5558).

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**5th Sunday in Lent**

March 17, 2013

Even as we rejoice in the great things God has done for his people throughout history, let us put the ways of the past behind us and continue to strive for that for which Christ has laid hold of us.

**Service:** Gathering Rite, Common Service (p. 17)

**Hymns:** GR, 110, 714, 125

**GATHERING RITE: REMEMBER YOUR LOVE**

The opening hymns and songs of Christian worship mean to "gather" individual Christians into a worshiping assembly. What the traditional service does with hymns, canticles, and opening liturgy, this Lenten gathering rite does with contemporary song and responses.

The choir introduces the refrain. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated.



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

As watchmen who wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord. I trust in your kindness and redemption and your faithful word. **Refrain**

Before all the mountains were begotten and earth took shape, Even then, O Lord, you were our refuge throughout every age. **Refrain**

**STAND**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen. *(spoken)*

**M:** As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ’s love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength:

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

The choir sings the verse. The congregation repeats the last phrase as printed.

**Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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.

1. Lord Jesus, our hope of resurrection: Lord, have mercy.
2. Christ Jesus, the life of your people: Christ, have mercy.
3. Lord Jesus, the firstborn from the dead: Lord, have mercy.



1. Lord, have mer - cy.      **Lord, have mer - cy.**
2. Christ, have mer - cy.      **Christ, have mer - cy.**
3. Lord, have mer - cy.      **Lord, have mer - cy.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

*All sing the refrain once more.*



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*The service continues with the Prayer of the Day on p. 17 of the Common Service*

**Prayer of the Day:** Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Choir:** *God's Promise Is Forever Sure*

"I will never leave you nor forsake you;  
I'll be there in trouble, fear, or pain.  
In my arms I'll hold you and protect you,  
Heal your wounds and make you whole again."

*refrain* God's promise is forever sure,  
With comfort and hope he now surrounds us.  
His Word eternally endures,

His goodness and mercy are boundless.

"Cast your cares on me, I will deliver you;  
I will bear you up on eagles' wings.  
Trust in me for power to sustain you;  
Live within the peace my promise brings."

*refrain*  
*refrain*

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 43:16-24

This is what the LORD says—  
he who made a way through the sea,  
a path through the mighty waters,

who drew out the chariots and horses,  
the army and reinforcements together,  
and they lay there, never to rise again,

extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:  
"Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.  
The wild animals honor me,  
the jackals and the owls,  
because I provide water in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland,  
to give drink to my people, my chosen,  
the people I formed for myself

that they may proclaim my praise.  
"Yet you have not called on me, Jacob,  
you have not wearied yourselves for me, Israel.  
You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings,  
nor honored me with your sacrifices.  
I have not burdened you with grain offerings  
nor wearied you with demands for incense.  
You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me,  
or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices.  
But you have burdened me with your sins  
and wearied me with your offenses.

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 73 (p. 94)

**Second Lesson:** Romans 11:11-21

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root

is holy, so are the branches.

If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

**Verse of the Day:** The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**Gospel:** Luke 20:9-19

He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

"Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'

"But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they threw him out of the

vineyard and killed him.

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

When the people heard this, they said, "God forbid!" Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

"'The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone'?"

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.