

**Today's Light Bible** This fall in Bible Class we will begin a two year program to read through the Bible and discuss what we read. The discussions are based on the Today's Light Bible from Concordia Publishing House. The Today's Light Bible has the readings for each day along with an introduction to the day's reading and a devotional thought to close the reading. We will also publish a discussion guide that you may choose to use. Even if you can't make it to the Bible class to discuss the week's readings we encourage you to join us in reading and meditating on the Word of God with us. Class discussions will be very beneficial if you can make them. But if you can't, please consider committing yourself to joining us in this program and using the resource materials we will make available. You can still discuss the week's reading with other people after worship instead of talking about the Lions' latest win. We do have a limited number of used copies of the Bible available on a first come first served basis. Sign up sheets and a copy of the Bible are available under the pavilion this morning. The cost of a used Bible is \$10. You can purchase them on Amazon or at NPH for anywhere from \$24-\$32 new.

**The Believer Hears Jesus' Warnings** is the four week theme of worship that begins next week. The topics we will look at are:

*The Word doesn't bring peace, but division*  
*The door to heaven is narrow*  
*The first will be last...Humble yourselves*  
*Count the cost of discipleship*

If you know of someone who could benefit from any of these topics in their walk with Jesus please invite them to join us!

**The Voters** set the times of worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. This will begin the Sunday after Labor Day. Bible Class and Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m.

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**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 11, 2013**

*True treasure is faith in the promises of God—  
no matter how difficult they seem to believe.*

**Hymn: "All Depends On Our Possessing"**

All depends on our possessing  
 God's abundant grace and blessing,  
 Though all earthly wealth depart.  
 They who trust with faith unshaken  
 In their God are not forsaken  
 And e'er keep a dauntless heart.

He who to this day has fed me  
 And to many joys has led me  
 Is and ever shall be mine.  
 He who ever gently schools me,  
 He who daily guides and rules me,  
 Will remain my help divine.

Many spend their lives in fretting  
 Over trifles and in getting  
 Things that have no solid ground.  
 I shall strive to win a treasure  
 That will bring me lasting pleasure  
 And that now is seldom found.

Well he knows what best to grant me;  
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
 I shall doubt his wisdom never  
 As God wills, so be it ever --  
 I to him commit my way.

If on earth my days he lengthen,  
 He my weary soul will strengthen;  
 All my trust in him I place.  
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
 Like a stream away is gliding;  
 Safe I anchor in his grace.

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**STAND**

**Morrison Zion Evangelical  
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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 of the church. Large print copies of this service 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 Jesus. This is the focus of our worship.

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

C: (sung) **Amen.**

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### CONFESSION OF SINS

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M: Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.

C: **Direct my footsteps according to your Word; let no sin rule over me.** (Psalm 119:132-133)

M: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.** (Psalm 130:3-4)

M: We come before our Lord in repentance

(silence for reflection)

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thought, 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.**

### Lord, Have Mercy (sung)

C: **Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

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: (sung) **Amen.**

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### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### Glory Be To God (sung)

C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men,  
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for you great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

### Benediction

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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### Closing Hymn:

**“Almighty Father, Bless The Word”**

Almighty Father, bless the word  
Which through your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit.

We praise you for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

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### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

**Worship:** 270 (38, 232) **Bible Class:** 29

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	School Registration
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Council
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Communion Study, church basement
	9:00 a.m.	Worship

**Communion** is a part of worship today. Because God's Word speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice closed communion. All WELS/ELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Ott before communing. Thanks!

**Bible Class** Next Sunday we will focus on “Why Communion Often?” Please join us! We meet at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement.

To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,  
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring -  
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.  
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.  
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace you give me As your guest in heav'n receive me.

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### **“Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”**

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| 1. Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;<br>Here would I touch and handle things unseen,<br>Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,<br>And all my weariness upon you lean.          | 4. Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;<br>Here would I touch and handle things unseen,<br>Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,<br>And all my weariness upon you lean.          |
| 2. This is the hour of banquet and of song;<br>Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.<br>Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong<br>The brief bright hour of fellowship with you. | 5. This is the hour of banquet and of song;<br>Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.<br>Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong<br>The brief bright hour of fellowship with you. |
| 3. I have no help but yours nor do I need<br>Another arm but yours to lean upon.<br>It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;<br>My strength is in your might, your might alone.               | 6. I have no help but yours nor do I need<br>Another arm but yours to lean upon.<br>It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;<br>My strength is in your might, your might alone.               |

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## THANKSGIVING

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### **Song of Simeon (sung)**

**C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all  
people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: (sung) And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this

**You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer,  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### **Prayer of the Day**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: (sung) And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (sung) Amen.**

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## THE WORD

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### **First Lesson:**

### **Haggai 1:12-14**

*Judah had returned from exile at the gracious working of the hand of the Lord. Yet their first priority was to rebuild personal wealth rather than rebuild the house of the Lord for the coming of the Messiah. They labored, but the treasure they sought dropped through a “purse with a hole in it.” With the Lord’s salvation at hand, the people were to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. By the power of the Spirit, the Lord redirects our eyes to look for him as we prepare our hearts for his coming again.*

Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD.

Then Haggai, the LORD’s messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: “I am with you,” declares the LORD. So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God,

### **Psalm of the Day:**

### **Psalm 45**

**Refrain:** Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Great are the works of the Lord.

My heart is stirred by a 'noble theme\*  
as I recite my verses 'for the King.

You are the most excel'lent of men,\*  
and your lips have been anoint'ed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O 'Mighty One;\*  
clothe yourself with splendor and 'majesty.

In your majesty ride forth vic'toriously;\*  
let your right hand display 'awesome deeds.

### **Refrain**

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and 'ever;\*  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your 'kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate 'wickedness;\*  
therefore God has anointed you with the 'oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all gener'ations;\*  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and 'ever.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son\*  
and to the Holy 'Spirit,  
as it was in the be'ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

### **Refrain**

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## **Second Lesson**

### **Revelation 3:1-6**

*All the outward signs of living faith could be seen in Sardis, but the truth revealed the dead and dying.*

*Wake up from the sleep of spiritual apathy before judgment comes like a thief in the night. Join the remnant of the faithful that has been preserved and will be forever acknowledged before the Father.*

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

### **O Christ, Lamb of God** (sung)

C: **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

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### **Distribution Hymns:**

### **“Soul Adorn Yourself With Gladness”**

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.  
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render  
Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.  
Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev'rence greet him,  
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.

He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,  
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.

Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,  
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,  
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.  
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.

Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,  
That Christ's body must be boundless Since the souls it feeds are countless,  
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.  
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.

Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,

M: Protect us, Father, in every time of trial and temptation. Help us by your Spirit to subdue our sinful nature, to despise the sinful world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Deliver us, Holy Father, from every evil of body and soul, both now and forevermore, that we may at last leave this valley of sorrow with joy and enter into the company of Your saints in light, joining in their song of praise that never ends. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Lord's Prayer

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

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## THE SACRAMENT

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### Preface

M: The Lord be with you

**C: (sung) And also with you**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: (sung) It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heavenly hosts: heaven and earth are full of you glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

### Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.

**C: (sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*STAND*

### Gospel:

**Luke 12:32-40**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

*After heaping up a number of warnings in Chapter 12, Jesus called on his disciples to "Seek his kingdom and all these things will be given to you as well." Setting aside the decaying decadence of the world, the flock has nothing to fear, for God has promised that he has already given us the kingdom. Some days that is a very hard promise to believe as we walk the way of the cross. But trusting that promise of God brings real treasure and a deep longing for Christ to come.*

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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**Hymn of the Day:** *“Rise, My Soul, To Watch And Pray”*

Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken!  
 Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken.  
 For the foe, Well we know,  
 Is a harvest reaping While the saints are sleeping.

Watch! Let not the wicked world With its lies defeat you  
 Lest with bold deceptions hurled It betray and cheat you.  
 Watch and see Lest there be  
 Faithless friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.

Watch against yourself, my soul, Lest with grace you trifle;  
 Let not self your thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle.  
 Pride and sin Lurk within,  
 All your hopes to shatter; Heed not when they flatter.

But while watching also pray To the Lord unceasing.  
 God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,  
 So that still Mind and will  
 Shall unite to serve him And forever love him.

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**Sermon:** **Haggai 1:12-14**  
**Followers of Christ Find Treasure in Trusting God's Promises**

STAND

*After the sermon the congregation sings:*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
 and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

**Offering**

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**Prayer of the Church**

*(Based on Martin Luther's Paraphrase of the Our Father in the German Mass.)*

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, your needy children on earth, and grant us grace, that your holy name may be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of your Word and through the fervent love of our lives. Turn away from us all false teaching and all evil living. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Grant that your kingdom may come to us and grow. Especially we ask you to send your Holy Spirit to those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom so that they may come to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, in true faith through the fellowship of your Church. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Grant that we may be strengthened by Your Spirit to do and suffer Your will, both in life and in death, in good and in evil things. We ask this grace especially for those who are going through difficult times. Give to all your people the faith and strength to pray “not my will, but thine be done.” Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Grant us, Father, our daily bread. Preserve us from greed and selfish cares. Grant us good government, and protect us from violence. Help us to trust that you will provide for our every need, so that our lives may overflow with thanksgiving. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Forgive us, Father, our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Root out all bitterness and hatred from the hearts of your people that they may be filled with your loving forgiveness. Grant us a good conscience before you so that no sin would ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**