Pentecost 20

It is the believer's duty to abstain from sin, give forgiveness, and serve our neighbor. It is a privilege to do our duty as Christians, but we are weak. The Church, therefore, prays that God would make us ready to do with a cheerful heart that which pleases him.

Morning Praise

Morning Praise is a revision of the historic Order of Matins. Matins was the service marking the beginning of the new day. Joined to Christ our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of the new day. In Christ we face the day unafraid, knowing that the Lord's "compassions never fail. The are new every morning" (Lamentations3:22,23). Morning is a necessary and natural time for praying, praising, and giving thanks.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 496

October 6, 2013





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Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



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.

COME, OH, COME LET US SING TO THE LORD

The congregation will sing the refrain and the verses **Refrain**



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PSALM OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON

<u>Psalm 27</u> (page 75)

1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-18

Faithful servants do their duty with joy and gratitude. David rejoices before the assembly of the people that such gifts have been given and dedicated for the building of the Lord's temple. At the same time, David rejoices that the Lord has given his people the opportunity to give these gifts. Everything comes from the Lord's hand, and it is our duty to serve him and his kingdom.

Then King David said to all the assembly, "My son Solomon—God has chosen him alone—is young and inexperienced. The task is great because the temple will not be for man but for the LORD God.² So to the best of my ability I've made provision for the house of my God: gold for the gold articles, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron, and wood for the wood, as well as onyx, stones for mounting, antimony, stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and a great quantity of marble.¹⁰ Then David praised the LORD in the sight of all the assembly. David said,

May You be praised, LORD God of our father Israel, from eternity to eternity. ¹¹ Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to You. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom, and You are exalted as head over all. ¹² Riches and honor come from You, and You are the ruler of everything. Power and might are in Your hand, and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ Now therefore, our God, we give You thanks and praise Your glorious name.

¹⁴ But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? For everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your own hand. ¹⁵ For we live before You as foreigners and temporary residents in Your presence as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶ Yahweh our God, all this wealth that we've provided for building You a house for Your holy name comes from Your hand; everything belongs to You. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that You test the heart and that You are pleased with what is right. I have willingly given all these things with an upright heart, and now I have seen Your people who are present here giving joyfully and willingly to You. ¹⁸ LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep this desire forever in the thoughts of the hearts of Your people, and confirm their hearts toward You. (HCSB)

CHOIR (10:30 a.m.)

GOSPEL

Repentance and forgiveness mark the believer's life of faith. Knowledge of one's own forgiveness in Jesus leads to a forgiving heart and thanksgiving to the King of Grace. Jesus again uses the imagery of master and servants to illustrate the relationship between the Lord and believers. Service to the Lord must never lead to self-righteousness. Rather, we do our duty by abstaining from sin, giving forgiveness, and serving our neighbor.

He said to His disciples, "Offenses will certainly come, but woe to the one they come through!² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to stumble.³ Be on your guard.

Luke 17:1-10

Take My Life

If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.⁴ And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and comes back to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

⁶ "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed," the Lord said, "you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷ "Which one of you having a slave tending sheep or plowing will say to him when he comes in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?⁸ Instead, will he not tell him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, get ready, and serve me while I eat and drink; later you can eat and drink'? ⁹ Does he thank that slave because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ In the same way, when you have done all that you were commanded, you should say, 'We are good-for-nothing slaves; we've only done our duty.'"(HCSB)

SEASONAL RESPONSE Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON

Oh, how we have been slaves to the sinful nature, giving into temptation and harboring hostility for our righteous and holy God! This slavery to sin would have led to our eternal death. Indeed, our connection with sin will result in our temporal death. But this condition will not end in final death. The gift of God's eternal life has come through Jesus. Our suffering servant has freed us. No longer are we slaves to sin. We have been freed for righteousness in faithful service to our heavenly Master. Now let us do our duty and serve him by abstaining from sin, giving forgiveness, and serving our neighbor.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Absolutely not! ¹⁶ Don't you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of that one you obey—either of sin leading to death or of obedience leading to righteousness?¹⁷ But thank God that, although you used to be slaves of sin, you obeyed from the heart that pattern of teaching you were transferred to, ¹⁸ and having been liberated from sin, you became enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am using a human analogy because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you offered the parts of yourselves as slaves to moral impurity, and to greater and greater lawlessness, so now offer them as slaves to righteousness, which results in sanctification. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from allegiance to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit was produced then from the things you are now ashamed of? For the end of those things is death.²² But now, since you have been liberated from sin and have become enslaved to God, you have your fruit, which results in sanctification—and the end is eternal life! ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (HCSB)

The Believer Grows In Christian Character Christians Do Their Duty

Romans 6:15-23

Hymn 181

The congregation will sing the refrain and the verses





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LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie



LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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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CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 456

Today' Light Bible Readings					
Week 6					
October 7—12					
Monday	Exodus 5-6				
Tuesday	Exodus 7				
Wednesday	v Exodus 8-9				
Thursday	Exodus 10				
Friday	Exodus 11-12				
Saturday	Exodus 13				
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Announcements

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Adela Laabs to her eternal home. Adela entered the Church Triumphant on Sunday, September 29. She received a Christian Funeral on Wednesday, October 2. Please remember all who mourn in your prayers!

Christian Wedding on Saturday, October 5 Shaina McNeil and Marc Hecker were united in Christian marriage at Morrison Zion. Please remember this new family in prayer!

Adult Christ Light meets Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the church. We will study the Old Testament this year.

Translation Bible Study will finish its study this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the commons.

Today's Light Bible Discussion will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss the last two weeks of daily readings. The Discussion Guide for the next four weeks is available in the church basement and on the radiator to the right of the double doors in the back of church.

Tuesday Bible Class meets at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. We are studying: Christian Decision Making. This week we look at "Be willing to follow where God leads."

Staffing Committee Presentation will replace Bible Study next Sunday, Oct. 13. We will meet in the church at 9:15 a.m. Please join us!

An Open Forum will be held after both services on Sunday, Oct. 13. Please join us!

The Believer Grows in Christian Character is our current seven week series. The remaining topics are:

Christians live a life of thanksgiving

Christians are persistent in prayer

Christians serve God above all else

Please join us and bring a friend who might benefit from the day's topic!

WELS Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Ministry is offering a series of webinars that would be useful for families of people with special needs and many other Christians! The webinars are free! You can sign up for as many as interest you. Check out poster at church and school for more info – all of them are offered at 9:00 pm Central time during October and November.

Pumpkin Fest is Oct. 19, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Join us for a morning of fun activities with pumpkins, crafts, tattoos, cookie decorating, and a bounce house in the gym. The event is free. Please invite your friends and neighbors. This event is for children 6 and under. Signup sheets are in the church basement or school commons; please sign up by Oct. 13. We need about 60 pumpkins of any size for this event. If you would like to donate any of your pumpkins or would like to make a cash donation toward the day, please speak to Mr. Humann.

Voters' Meeting will be after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 20. We will meet in the commons. Voters, please join us!

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Our Mission is to **Glorify God** as we

Gather

around the

Gospel

so that we

Grow

in the Gospel

and

Go

with the Gospel



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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible discussion, basement
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church basement
	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	6:30 p.m.	Band
	6;30 p.m.	Staffing Committee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Choir, school
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship, communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship, communion
	9:00 a.m.	Open Forum
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	9:15 a.m.	Staffing Committee Presentation, church
	10:30 a.m.	Worship, communion
	11:30 a.m.	Open Forum
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible discussion, basement

Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 6			
October 7—October 12			
Monday	Exodus 5-6		
Tuesday	Exodus 7		
Wednesday	Exodus 8-9		
Thursday	Exodus 10		
Friday	Exodus 11-12		
Saturday	Exodus 13		

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship:	301	(26, 140, 135)
Bible Study:	102	(38, 39, 13, 12)

News From the WELS

Come Follow Me-This new outreach movie depicts what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus. Developed by the same team that produced Road to Emmaus, the movie dramatizes the apostle Peter's progression from denier before the crucifixion to preacher of repentance and salvation at Pentecost. This movie will also

serve as the 2013–14 Walking Together program. WELS Ministry of Christian ing directions are available Giving and the Congregation and Ministry Support Group are producing the focus, an encouragement toward discipleship and evangelism. Find out more about the movie at www.wels.net/ comefollowme, for Mission and Ministry is N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive,



Waukesha, WI 53188. A map and drivatwww.wels.net/cmmaddress.

Forward in Christ digital edition is available for free through December at www.nph.net/efic. Subscribe to the digital or print edition online or call 1-800-662-6093.

News from Our Area Lutheran High School

- MLHS Wrestling Coach Needed MLHS is in need of a wrestling coach this season following the passing of Mr. Hahnke. If interested, please contact Athletic Director, Dave Uhlhorn, at 901-6577 or duhlhorn@mlhslancers.org by 9/30.
- MLHS All are invited to attend the Fall Concert on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7:00 pm.
- MLHS Repeat Performance is celebrating its 9th successful year with a half price sale on Sat. Oct. 12, 9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m. It will be store wide with a few exceptions.
- FVL will present the play, "Life in the Fat Lane" on Oct. 18 & 19 at 6:30 pm. Lara, a popular girl at school, starts a new

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medication that causes her to gain 70 pounds. Suddenly her world is transformed. She is the same girl on the inside, but different on the outside. Who will stay by her side...her shallow friends?...her image-conscious family? Her journey will resound with teens of all ages. Tickets are available in the school office.

FVL will hold an Electronics Recycling drive on Oct. 18 & 19. Items accepted include TVs, computers, radios, etc. Any large appliances, items with coolant, or gas operated tools are not accepted. Items can be brought to the FVL loading dock on Oct. 18, 2:30-5:30 pm, and on Oct. 19, 8:00 - 11:00 am.

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Gather

- **FVL** All are invited to attend the Fall Band and Choir concert on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 6:00 pm.
- FVL Tickets are available in the front office for the 10th annual Foxfest Strolling Auction. Join us Oct. 12, 2013 for Southern Hospitality where you'll enjoy delicious southern cuisine along with great items up for bids. Tickets are \$50 each or \$90 per couple.
- FVL Parents of future FVL students are invited to join Mr. Hartwig for breakfast and a tour of the school on Oct. 10, 7:30 -8:45 am. Register by calling the school office (920.739.4441) or online at "The HUB" on the FVL website.

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