

Pentecost 22

October 20, 2013

The believer prays persistently.

Service of the Word
(page 38 and following in CW)

The Service of the Word makes room for the full scope of preaching and teaching God's Word in sermons and hymns. It was designed for use when there is no communion

Preservice (10:30 a.m.) Grades 7-8 Chimes

Opening Hymn: Hymn 478

STAND

After the opening hymn the congregation and minister exchange words of blessing to each other, using the words of the Apostolic greeting.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

The Confession of Sins and Absolution (pronouncement of forgiveness) in this service emphasizes the scriptural themes of original and actual sin, and Jesus' perfect life and innocent death to remove the guilt of sin.

**Morrison Zion Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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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.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

Oh, Taste and See (sung)

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

**Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.**

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson:

Genesis 32:22-30

His old name meant “heel-grabber,” but he was about to get a new name, “Israel, the one who wrestles with God.” Jacob found himself faced by a large force of men with his brother Esau. Uncertain of what the future held, Jacob turned to the Lord in prayer. Thankful for the blessings showered on him by the God of the Covenant, he calls on the name of the Lord for protection. As Jacob wrestled with God on the banks of the Jabbok, so Christ invites us to wrestle with God in prayer. Let us be determined to hold our heavenly Father to his promises. This is our privilege and duty won by him who struggled and has overcome the gates of hell itself.

During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female slaves, and his 11 sons, and crossed the ford of Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, along with all his possessions.

²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that He could not defeat him, He struck Jacob’s hip socket as they wrestled and dislocated his hip. ²⁶ Then He said to Jacob, “Let Me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me.”

²⁷ “What is your name?” the man asked.

“Jacob,” he replied.

²⁸ “Your name will no longer be Jacob,” He said. “It will be Israel because you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed.”

²⁹ Then Jacob asked Him, “Please tell me Your name.”

But He answered, “Why do you ask My name?” And He blessed him there.

³⁰ Jacob then named the place Peniel, “For I have seen God face to face,” he said, “and I have been delivered.”(HCSB)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 40 (p. 45 of CWS)

Second Lesson

1 John 5:13-15

We can pray persistently because we have confidence in our salvation and confidence that our God hears us. There is no uncertainty here. We know that whatever we ask according to the Father's will is as good as in our possession.

¹³ I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴ Now this is the confidence we have before Him: Whenever we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked Him for. (HCSB)

Verse of the Day (sung)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written they we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

Gospel:

Luke 18:1-8a

The persistent widow was determined: she would receive justice, even from a corrupt judge. Her determination kept her begging for justice day after day. In the end she received her due even from a judge with no fear of God and no respect for his fellow man. Learn a lesson in prayerful persistence: How much more will our heavenly Father work justice and bring deliverance to those determined in prayer!

He then told them a parable on the need for them to pray always and not become discouraged: ² “There was a judge in a certain town who didn’t fear God or respect man. ³ And a widow in that town kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’

⁴ “For a while he was unwilling, but later he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps pestering me, I will give her justice, so she doesn’t wear me out by her persistent coming.’”

⁶ Then the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ Will not God grant justice to His elect who cry out to Him day and night? Will He delay to help them? ⁸ I tell you that He will swiftly grant them justice. (HCSB)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 448

“In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust”

Sermon

1 John 5:13-15

**The Believer Grows In Christian Character
Christians Are Persistent In Prayer**

STAND

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

Offering

During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!

Musical Offering (10:30)

Grades 7-8 Chimes

STAND

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

8:00 a.m. Sung by Bonnie Evenson

10:30 a.m. Sung by the Junior Choir

BE SEATED

Hymn: Hymn 472

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.**

Closing Hymn: Hymn 353

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 8

October 21—26

Monday	Exodus 23-24
Tuesday	Exodus 25-27
Wednesday	Exodus 28-29
Thursday	Exodus 30-31
Friday	Exodus 32
Saturday	Exodus 33

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Announcements

Flowers on the altar this week are from Myron & Gloria Octrenga on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary. Their anniversary is this Sunday. Thank you and congratulations!

New Gown The gown Pastor is wearing this week was given by the family of Myron Ostrenga in memory of his father. Thank you!

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

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

The House of the Lord Bible Study will continue next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the commons. We will look at The Lord's Mobile Home (The Tabernacle of Eden). Join us and bring the family!

Today's Light Bible Discussion will not meet this Sunday. 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. We will discuss two weeks of readings on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Tuesday Bible Class will not meet the next two weeks.

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

Christians serve God above all else

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

Ladies Aid At our last meeting we voted to restructure the organization. Committees will be set up to handle serving for funerals and overseeing the selling of greeting cards.

Contact for funerals – 1 person. Responsibilities: Contact for the funeral director and family, contact for the serving com-

mittee, order and deliver the food.

Three or more Serving Committees – 1 lead on each. Responsibilities: Calling additional workers, setting up the gym (with help from school children if possible or men from congregation when school is not in session), serving and cleaning up after the meal.

Card Committee – 1 person. Responsibilities: Maintain and display inventory of cards (seasonal cards, boxed card, etc.), ordering cards.

We would like these 5 individuals to serve a minimum of two years, but could stay on longer if they choose. Please give serious thought to volunteering your time and service to our church family. Committees will be organized at the Nov. 3 meeting.

The Nov. 3 meeting will be after the 10:30 a.m. service. In addition, at this meeting we will discuss the organization of an Altar Committee. Hope you can make this important meeting.

Clifford the Big Red Dog will also visit our school on November 16 at 10:00 a.m. Join us for story time with pictures to follow! There is no need to register for this event. This event is also designed for those in 2nd grade or younger.

Fall Festival On Nov. 1 grades 1-2 & 3-4 will perform in the gym. We will have two performances: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.. Please join us either time! Parents of children in grades 1-4, please bring finger foods to enjoy in the evening.

England Trip Retired WELS pastor, James Humann, invites you to join him and fellow WELS members on an eleven day tour to England and Scotland. The tour dates are July 14-24, 2014. Space is limited. For a colorful brochure with the daily itinerary, costs and General Conditions, e-mail Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com or call 253-839-9055.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Voters' Meeting, commons
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Class
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Band
	7:30 p.m.	Choir, school
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship, communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship, communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School, church basement
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Study, church
	9:15 a.m.	House of the Lord Study, commons
	10:30 a.m.	Worship, communion
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion

Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 7

October 14—October 19

Monday	Exodus 23-24
Tuesday	Exodus 25-27
Wednesday	Exodus 28-29
Thursday	Exodus 30-31
Friday	Exodus 32
Saturday	Exodus 33

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship:	332	(43, 153, 136)
Communion	218	(27, 106, 85)
Bible Study:	95	(67, X, 14, 14)
Youth Study:	10	



News From the WELS

The Conference of Presidents (COP) met for its fall meeting last week. As always, the COP received reports from various individuals and groups, discussed a wide range of topics dealing with doctrine and practice, and made decisions on a number of issues.

Rev. Kurt Lueneburg, director of the Ministry of Christian Giving, reported that \$3.4 million in gifts have been received for the construction of the Early Childhood Learning Center at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., with only \$199,000 remaining to reach the goal. The new center will be dedicated Oct. 27.

Other reports included:

A progress report on the hymnal project by Rev. Michael Schultz, the project's director

A report on the initial work done by the special committee looking at fellowship practices in our schools by committee

chairman Rev. Earle Treptow

A report on the work being done by Conquerors through Christ, a program of the Commission on Special Ministries to help congregations address the problems caused by internet pornography. *[cards are in church basement]*

The COP discussed areas of the synod's work and structure that could be considered by the newly appointed Ad Hoc Commission II. This commission was established by the convention to continue the work of the previous commission by suggesting ways to improve the synod's structure and programs.

Also adopted was a procedure to be followed by congregations considering the elimination of called positions due to changes in ministry needs or financial circumstances. This procedure, intended to uphold both the biblical principles involving the divine call as well as to show

appropriate Christian love and concern for called workers, will be shared by the districts presidents when congregations are facing such decisions.

The COP also adopted preliminary plans for the gathering of the special offering in 2015 to retire the synod's capital debt.

The following individuals were appointed by the synod presidium to the Ad Hoc Commission II: Rev. Joel Voss (Chairman), Rev. Thomas Unke, Rev. Duane Rodewald, Rev. Jon Buchholz, Teacher Michael Hein, Teacher Daniel Brands, Mr. Warren Ehlke, and Mr. Harvey Dunn. This commission is to carry out its work and bring a final report to the 2015 convention.

The next meeting of the COP will take place in January. Please continue to keep these men in your prayers as they carry out their important work.

News from Our Area Lutheran High School

MLHS All are invited to attend the Fall Concert on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7:00 pm.

MLHS Lead delegate meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 26 at 8:30 a.m.

MLHS Area Reformation Service will be at MLHS on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 4:00 pm.

MLHS Friends of Lancers meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

FVL 8th grade students are invited to attend the 8th grade Welcome Night on Oct. 21 starting at 5:30 pm. For more information and to register, contact the FVL Guidance office at 920.739.4441.

FVL Parents of future FVL students are invited to join Mr. Hartwig for breakfast and a tour of the school on Oct. 29 from 7:30 to 8:45 am. Register by calling the school office (920.739.4441) or online at "The HUB" on the FVL website.

Glorify

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