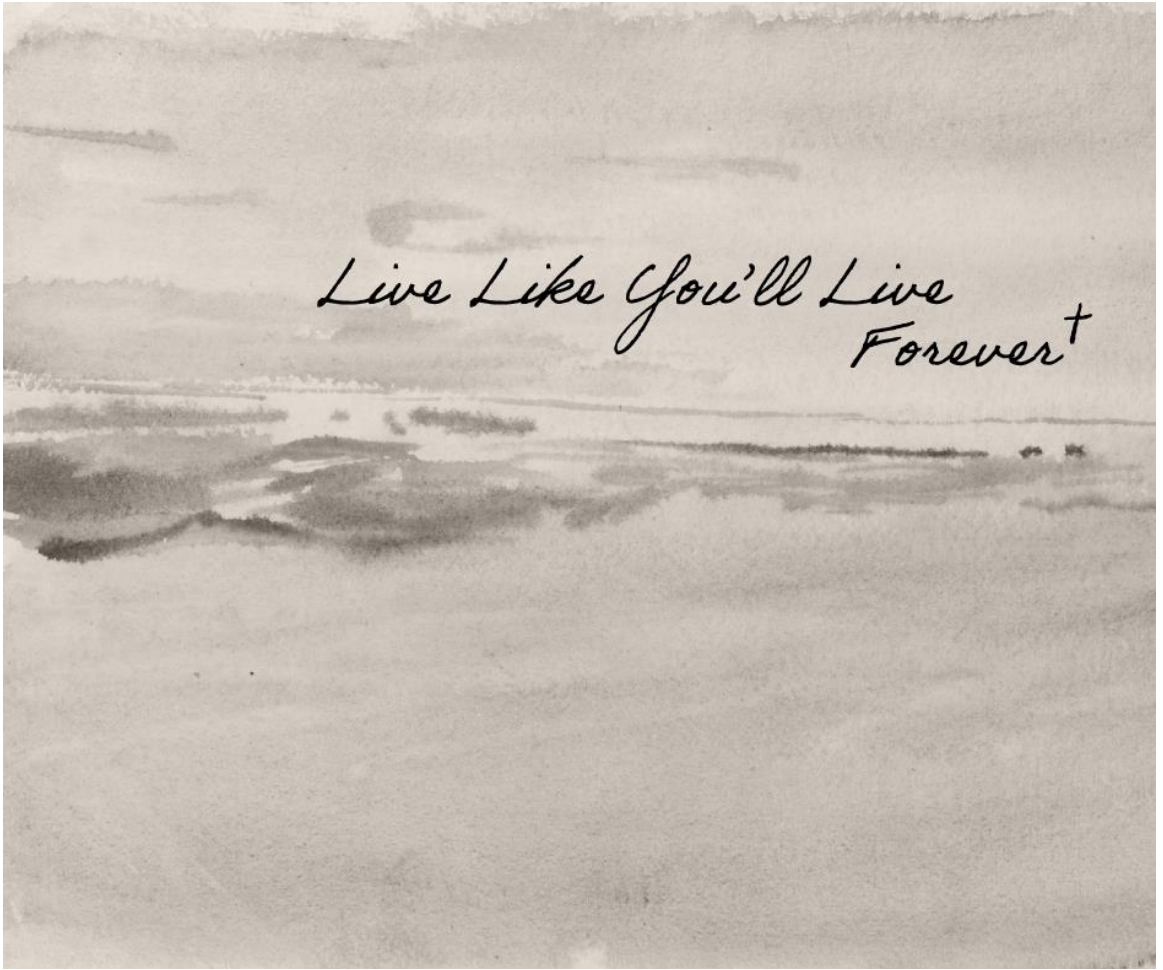


Saints Triumphant
Live Like You'll Live Forever
Live Free from the Fear of Judgment



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Morrison Zion Lutheran Church



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Wisconsin Evangelical
Lutheran Synod

Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we
Gather
around the Gospel
to 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.

If your children
need to leave worship,
please take them to
the basement. A TV
broadcasts the service
in the basement.

Today we gather
together in the
presence of God. He is
present among us in a
special way through
his Word and
Sacrament. We
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.

The Sunday We thank God for bringing our Christian loved ones out of the troubles and turmoil of this world and into eternal bliss and glory. And we ask God to preserve us in our faith so that we might one day join the saints in that place, without the fear of judgement.

Today the Church hears strains of the distant triumph song and affirms, "Blessed are they who are called to the marriage feast of the Lamb. So while we wait, the Church prays, "Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven." We celebrate those who have died in faith and now realize the perfect joys of heaven. We, with our loved ones live free from the fear of judgment.

Opening Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden CW 889



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
2 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!
3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day-light is se - rene;



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect,
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
where they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white:
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.



to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,
in mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest
To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,



a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.
where sings the host of heav - en your glo - rious name to bless.
the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

Gathering Rite on Holy Baptism

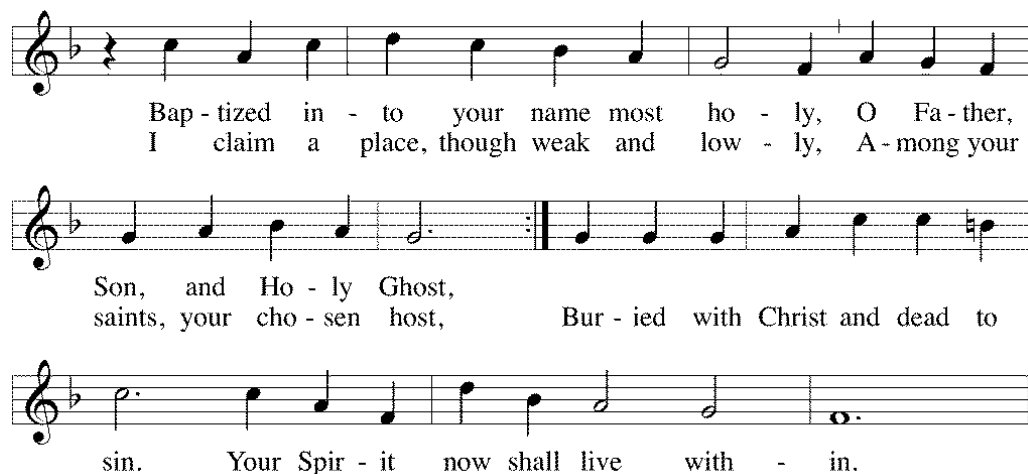
God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning for worship is intended for use not only when there is a baptism but may be used on any occasion to remind God's people of Baptism's continuing blessings. Today we remember our baptisms and our loved ones who were called home to heaven with no fear of judgement because of their baptismal grace in Jesus.

Stand

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

C: Amen.

During the introduction to the hymn, water is poured into the font.



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your
Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to
sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** *John 3:5,6*

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *Ps 51:5*

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** *1 Corinthians 6:11*



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of

forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort

me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

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.**

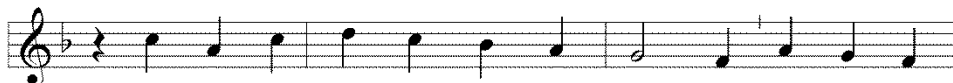
My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and

sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -

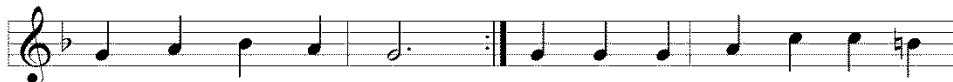
filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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.



All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me



all, O Lord, from me.
your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

THE WORD

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

Reception of New Members (*Sunday 8:00 am*)

THE WORD

First Lesson

Daniel 12:1-3

The prophet Daniel foretells that the world will get worse and then judgment day will come. All whose names are written by Christ in his book of life need not fear that judgment.

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 84 (Red Hymnal)

Refrain



Let us go re-joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,*
O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,*
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,*
they are ever praising you.

Refrain

Better is one day in your courts*
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,*
blessed are they who trust in you.

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

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Hebrews 9:24-28

We can live free of the fear of God's judgment because of the sacrifice our high priest made.

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.
(NIV)

Verse of the Day *(Sung by the choir)*

Be thou faithful unto death, yea, unto death,
And I will give to thee a crown of life.

Be Thou Faithful

By J.H. Leutzel
1935 Concordia Publishing House

Stand

Gospel

John 5:25-29

God the Father has given Jesus Christ the authority to judge.

²⁵Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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Hymn of the Day

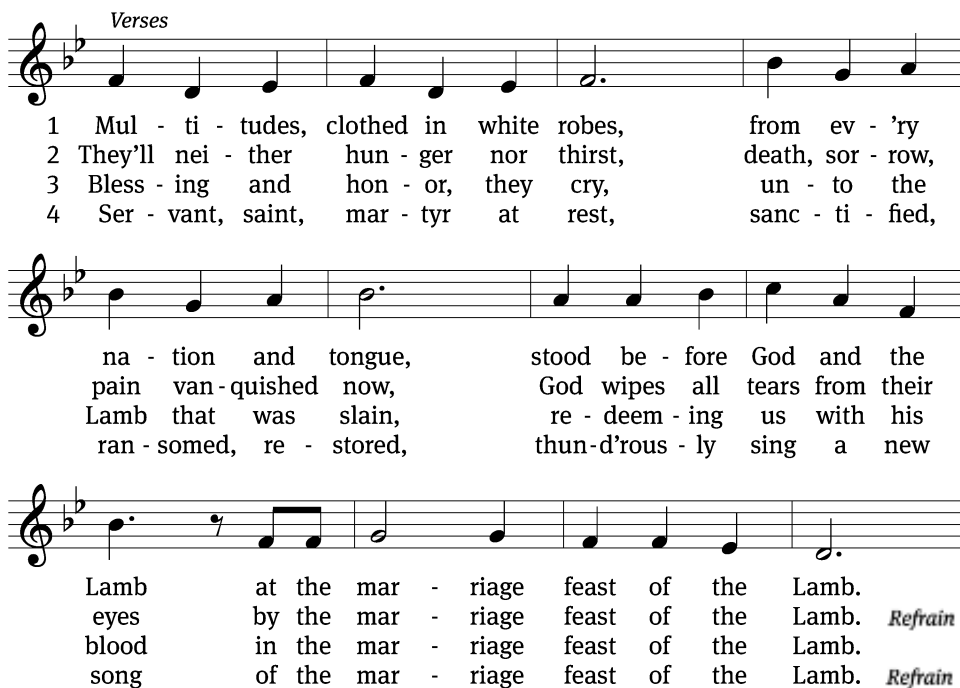
Blessed Are They CW 886:1-4

Refrain



Bless - ed are they which are called, bless - ed are
they which are called, bless - ed are they which are
called to the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.

Verses



1 Mul - ti - tudes, clothed in white robes, from ev - 'ry
2 They'll nei - ther hun - ger nor thirst, death, sor - row,
3 Bless - ing and hon - or, they cry, un - to the
4 Ser - vant, saint, mar - tyr at rest, sanc - ti - fied,
na - tion and tongue, stood be - fore God and the
pain van - quished now, God wipes all tears from their
Lamb that was slain, re - deem - ing us with his
ran - somed, re - stored, thun - d'rous - ly sing a new
Lamb at the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.
eyes by the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain*
blood in the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.
song of the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain*

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Sermon

Hebrews 9:24-28

Stand

Apostles' Creed – The Third Article and Meaning

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Be Seated

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Offering

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Stand

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: **We too join them to praise your majesty.**

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: **We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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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.

Be Seated

In Memoriam (choir sings – congregation spoken responses) **There is a Higher Throne**

Choir: There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace - salvation comes.

By Keith & Kristyn Getty
Arranged by Bruce Greer
2003 Thankyou Music
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Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies
Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks and honor are to God our King.
Who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tearstained eye as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King: we'll reign with Him.

Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies
Their praises rise.

M: After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe and language,

C: Standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

M: They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

C: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.

M: I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

C: "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, and their deeds will follow them."

The reading of the names of those members of Morrison Zion Lutheran called from the church militant to the church triumphant since Saints Triumphant Sunday last year.

Choir: All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks and honor are to God our King.
Who reigns on high forevermore.
Hallelujah!

All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks and honor are to God our King.
Who reigns on high forevermore.
Hallelujah!

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.

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: Amen

Be Seated

Hymn

How Great Thou Art CW 612:1,3-4



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
 that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"



Refrain
 Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior - God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

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