

## Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*Our mission is to honor 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. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very 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 all of our worship.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 7 & 10, 2010

*The long-expected Christ has arrived; the waiting is over as the Son of David is anointed.*

**Communion** is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

**Preservice Music:** Heidi Schultz (Sunday)

**Service:** Word and Sacrament (p. 26)

**Hymns:** 91, 89, 310, 529:3

**Prayer of the Day:** *Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Sermon:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**God Anoints On His Terms**

1. He knows more than we do
2. He gives more than we deserve

**First Lesson:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

But Samuel said, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Sham-mah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

**Psalms of the Day:** Psalm 2 (p. 65)

**Second Lesson:** Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-17,21,22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

**Worship:** 295

Sunday	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. Open Forum, in church
	7:00 p.m. New Life in Christ
Monday	7:00 a.m. Bible Class, church
	7:00 p.m. Youth Group
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Financial Peace
	7:00 p.m. Elders
	7:30 p.m. Church Council
Wednesday	4:45 p.m. Confirmation class
	4:45 p.m. Bible History grades 3-4
	5:30 p.m. Bible History, grades 1-2
	8:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday	7:30 p.m. Worship
	8:30 p.m. Bible Class, church
Friday	4:30 p.m. C Basketball, home
Saturday	12:00 p.m. Basketball, home
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Bible Class, commons
	8:00 a.m. Bible Class, church
	9:00 a.m. Worship, communion
	10:00 a.m. Sunday School
	10:00 a.m. Voters Meeting, commons
	7:00 p.m. New Life in Christ

**It has pleased our Heavenly Father** to call the soul of Ellner Detke to her eternal home. Ellner died on Monday, Jan. 4. The funeral will be at Zion on Monday, Jan. 11 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation begins at 11:00 a.m. Please remember all who mourn in prayer.

**No Tuesday Bible Class** this week.

**The Humann's phone number** is now 360-8221.

A diabetes pouch with test strips and equipment was found in the school parking lot. If it is yours please speak to Mr. Humann.

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