

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.

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21 & 24, 2010

Jesus reveals himself as the Anointed one with the Father's authority to proclaim himself as fulfillment of prophecy.

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.

Special Music: *Tell Me The Story of Jesus* Grades 3-4 (Sunday) after the prayer of the day

Service: Common Service (p. 15)

Hymns: 84, 85, 79, 496, 316

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

Sermon: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

Listen Attentively To God's Word

Understand what it says

The joy of the Lord is your strength

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

All the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to

understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Psalms of the Day: Psalms 19 (p. 70)

Second Lesson: Acts 4:23-31

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand
and the rulers gather together

against the Lord
and against his Anointed One.

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23)

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he has anointed me

to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,

to release the oppressed,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Worship: 313 (23, 290) **Youth Study:** 22

Bible Study: 106 (4, 25, 25, 10, 8, 8, 8, 10, 8)

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Monday 6:00 p.m. Choir

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Financial Peace

7:30 p.m. PTA

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

Friday 5:00 p.m. A,C B-ball at First German

Saturday 12:00 p.m. Boy's B 2 at Howard's Grove

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. Athletic Association Meeting

Pastor Ott will be in Sturgeon Bay for a Pastors' Conference Sunday evening through Tuesday evening. Bible Class will not meet Sunday evening, Monday morning, and Tuesday afternoon. Pastor Ott will be in South Dakota Thursday through Sunday evening. There will be no church or Bible Class on Thursday. There will be no Bible Class next Sunday evening.

PTA Bob Fischer from FVL will present "Christian Estate Planning/Wills" at the meeting. All members of the congregation are invited to attend.

MLC Wind Symphony will be in Concert at FVL on Sunday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Blindman's Volleyball will be March 12-13. Youth teams will play the 12th. Adult teams will play the 13th. Registration sheets are in the commons and the church basement.

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