

## 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.

4th Sunday after Epiphany  
January 31, 2010

*Jesus reveals himself as the anointed Savior, not only of the Jews, but of the entire world.*

**Special Music:** *Hear Us O Father* choir, after the prayer of the day

**Service:** Service of the Word (p. 38)

**Hymns:** 363, 556, 544, 564

**Prayer of the Day:** *Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

In the place of a sermon this morning we will have brief devotions on the three readings and psalm .

**First Lesson:** 1 Kings 17:7-16

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

"As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of

bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.' "

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

**Psalms of the Day:** Psalms 78 (p. 95)

**Second Lesson:** Romans 10:18-11:6

But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says,

"I will make you envious by those who are not a nation;

I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding."

And Isaiah boldly says,

"I was found by those who did not seek me;

I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."

But concerning Israel he says,

"All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people."

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? <sup>4</sup>And what

was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace..

**Gospel:** Luke 4:20-32

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."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.' "

"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

**Worship:** 307 (51, 256) **Communion:** 177 (33, 144)

**Bible Study:** 71 (7, 30, 26, 8) **Youth Study:** 18

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Athletic Association Meeting
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church
	6:30 p.m.	School Board
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace

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	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid, commons
	7:30 p.m.	Church Council

Friday	5:00 p.m.	B-ball at home
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	9:00 a.m.	Worship, communion
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Family Bible Retreat meeting
	7:00 p.m.	New Life in Christ Class

**Pastor Ott** will return late Sunday no Bible Class Sunday evening or Monday morning. Thank you to Mr. Muchka for leading us in worship today!

**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.

**Alleluia Banner** Instead of having children make small banners this year we have made one big banner . We ask everyone to write "Alleluia" or "Praise the Lord" on the banner so that everyone is involved in saying "Farewell to Alleluia" on Transfiguration . Please sign the banner. Thanks!

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