

## Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*Our mission is to Glorify 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 9, 2011

*Jesus appears as the Christ, the Anointed One. The titles "Christ" and "Messiah" both mean "The Anointed One," and they describe how God prepared Jesus for his mission. At his baptism, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power and declared him to be the Son of God—the one anointed to be the Savior of mankind.*

**Service:** Gathering Rite, Baptism (p. 8 cws) Divine Service II (p. 31)

**Hymns:** GR, 89, 390, 709, 91:3,5

**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.

First Lesson: [Isaiah 42:1-7](#)

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him  
and he will bring justice to the nations.

He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.

A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;  
he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his law the islands will put their hope."

This is what God the LORD says—  
he who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and all that comes out of  
it,

who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:  
"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,  
to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in  
darkness.

**Psalm of the Day:** [Psalm 45](#) (page 83)

**Second Lesson:** [Acts 10:34-38](#)

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

**Gospel:** [Mathew 3: 13-17](#)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us

to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

**Sermon:** Isaiah 42:1-7

**Introductions Are In Order**  
God introduces the Anointed One  
We introduce the Anointed One

**Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:**

**Worship:**

**New Year's Eve:** 107 **Communion:** 79

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Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Open Forum

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. School Board

7:00 p.m. Elders

7:30 p.m. Council

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Catechism

5:00 p.m. Grades 4-5 Bible History

5:30 p.m. Grades 1-3 Bible History

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Worship

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Romans Study, commons

8:00 a.m. Christ-Light, basement

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Voters Meeting

7:00 p.m. Book Study, basement

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

**Open Forum** Today after worship there will be an open forum in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer any comments or concerns about our congregation's ministry.

**Sunday School** will meet after worship today.

**Daily Bible** On New Year's Eve we were reminded that we fail like the flowers of the field, but "the Word of the Lord stands forever." As a way for "failing flowers" to immerse ourselves in the timeless truths of God's Word we have 32 copies of *The NIV Daily Bible* available. Each day has readings from the Old and New Testaments, Psalms, and Proverbs. Begin any day you wish and 365 days later you will have read the entire Bible! Sign up for a copy in the basement.

**Book Study** Next Sunday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. we will begin our next book, *Handling the Word of Truth*. This book takes a summarizes and applies to modern life the writing of C.F.W. Walther, *The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel*. The book is written for the person in the pew to understand these important truths. The cost of the book will be \$10. A sign up sheet for the book is in the basement.

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