

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.

Epiphany 3 January 19/23, 2011

Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Dark places remain covered in the shadow of sin and unbelief. Now there are, however, bright places, too, and there you find God's children. Jesus shines his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom, and he invites us to follow him to a life illumined by him. Following him means living in the joy of freedom and walking in the light of love for God and brother

Service: Divine Service II (cws 28)

Hymns: 703, 732, 740, 742, 745

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.

First Lesson: [Isaiah 8:19-9:2](#)

When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land

of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Psalm of the Day: [Psalm 27](#) (page 75) Thursday, Sunday Grades 5-6 will sing *Shine, Jesus, Shine* in place of the Psalm of the Day

Second Lesson: [Isaiah 8:19-9:2](#)

We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

Gospel: [Matthew 4: 12-23](#)

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said

through the prophet Isaiah:

"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Sermon: **Battle S.A.D.** Is 8:19-9:2
Inquire of your Lord
Live in the Light

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 270 (37, 233)

Bible Class: 70 (26, 17, 13, 5, 9)

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Call Information Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Music Concert, commons
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study, school
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Grades 4-5 Bible History
	5:30 p.m.	Grades 1-3 Bible History
	7:00 p.m.	Church Band
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship, communion
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
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, basement

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

Call Information Meeting will be after worship on Sunday in church. We will discuss the calling process, the call Mr. Muchka has received to Redwood Falls, MN, and answer any question you might bring forward. Everyone is welcome.

Music Concert by the school children will be Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the commons. Join us!

Book Study will not meet this Sunday. Next Sunday we will discuss chapter 2. Copies of Chapter 2 are in the basement. If the books arrived they will be on the table in the basement.

Monday Bible Study will not meet this week. We will begin a study of *The Life of David* next week.

Tuesday Bible Study will not meet this week. Pastor Ott will be in Sturgeon Bay for Pastors' Conference from Sunday through Tuesday.

Adult Christ-Light meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us and learn the same stories as the children of the congregation!

Romans Bible Study meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Join us as we dig deep into Romans!

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