

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 4 January 27/30, 2011

The Savior's Sermon: Trust in God's strength! The Beatitudes are hard for us to swallow. Jesus seems to be espousing a Christianity imbued with fatalism at best or defeatism at worst. Look closer, however, and see what he says. The weaker you are, the stronger God is in your life. The weaker you are now, the more ready you are to trust in a future reward. Look at the past acts of God's grace and you will find many reasons to trust his strength in the face of adversity, persecution or sorrow.

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52) Thursday
Service of the Word (p. 38)

Hymns: 732, 395, 421, 446:5,6

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.

First Lesson: [Daniel 3:13-27](#)

Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blaz-

ing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, O king."

He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

Psalm of the Day: [Psalm 37](#) (page 44 cws)

Second Lesson: [1 Corinthians 1:26-31](#)

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

Gospel: [Matthew 5: 1-12](#)

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon: Daniel 3:13-27

Worship God Alone

Trust in his power

Trust in his wisdom

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 345 (26, 319) **Communion:** 196 (19, 177)

Bible Class: 57 (37, 20) **Youth Study:** 21

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
7:00 p.m. Book Study, basement

Monday 7:00 a.m. Bible Study, basement
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study, school

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, basement

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 1:00 p.m. Ladies Aid, commons

7:30 p.m. Worship, communion

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

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

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Book Study will discuss chapter 2 this week. Next week we will not meet. We have seven extra books. If anyone would like to purchase one (\$10) please speak to Pastor Ott.

Monday Bible Study will begin a study of *The Life of David* at 7:00 a.m. this week.

Tuesday Bible Study will conclude its study of the Gospel in the Psalms this week. Join us!

Ladies Aid will meet Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the commons.

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!

Jonah Bible Study will begin next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. This study is not as in depth as our last, but it will spend more time in applying it to our daily lives. Join us and bring the family!

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