

	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	New Life in Christ Class, commons Lesson 14
	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ Light Class, church
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Band/Choir Concert
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School

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 Pastor Ott before communing.

Sunday Bible Study will look at the book of Habakkuk this evening. Read through the book, find the historical background and context of the book and come with any questions or comments you found in your reading. Join us at 7:00 p.m.!

Tuesday Bible Class is studying, *Burden Bearing*. This week we look at "Burdens are bridges to repentance and faith." Join us and learn ways to serve God by serving your fellow believer. We meet at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Midweek Advent Worship We worship at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please note the time change for the evening service. There will be no soup suppers this Advent. Our theme is, *Hark The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes! He Comes to Those Who Believe.*

New Life in Christ Class will look at "The Christian and Bible Study" Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Both classes meet in the commons. Please join us!

Adult Christ Light Bible Class will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Bible Study room in the church basement. In this class we will look at Bible Stories from the New Testament. Join us and bring the family!

Choir & Band Concert will be next Sunday, December 23 at 9:00 a.m. If you are able, please bring finger food to share with others in the basement after worship. Thank you!

Thank You to everyone who helped with Christmas for Kids last Saturday! There were 39 children who attended and over 20 helpers. Your service to the Lord and his people is greatly appreciated!

Church Cookbooks are available every Sunday in the library in the church basement from now until Christmas. They make great gifts!

4th annual **Men of His Word Conference** will be at the Oshkosh Convention Center on Saturday, February 16, 2013. registration will be online at www.menofhisword.org starting on November 1.

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Advent 3

December 16, 2012

Rejoice at the Lord's coming deliverance

Service: Advent Gathering Song, Word & Sacrament (p. 29)

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GATHERING RITE

The Advent Gathering Song is written in the spirit of Taize, with a refrain sung continuously by the congregation as the choir sings superimposed verses.

ADVENT GATHERING SONG
James J. Chepponis

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Choir: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Shout for joy, for the Lord has

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Oh fear not, for God has

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: In your midst is the Lord, so

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: For the Lord who is near will

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: He will baptize in Spirit and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

The music continues softly as we speak the invocation, confession, absolution and prayer of the day.

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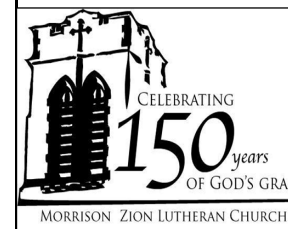
*Our mission is to
Glorify God
as we help people
Grow in the Gospel
and
Go with the Gospel*



Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

Today we gather together in the 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 our worship.



M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance.

Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

As the music grows louder the congregation again sings the refrain continuously as the choir sings the superimposed verses.

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us and

Cong: Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

M: We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the light of the world. He came to cast out the prince of darkness.

C: We remember Jesus who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

M: We hear his call to see the light.

C: We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Three Advent candles are lit.

Be Seated

The service continues with The Word section of the Service of Word and Sacrament on p. 29.

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:9-18

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 14 (p. 40 CWS)

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Special Music: *O Come, Emmanuel* (grades 7-8) in place of the Verse of the Day

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.”

¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.

Sermon:

Live The Good News

[Luke 21:25-36](#)

In your daily vocation

Knowing that the LORD is near

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 250 Midweek Advent 1: 184 (121, 63) Midweek Advent 2: 181 (117, 63) Youth Study: 14

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Book Study, Habakkuk church
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible class
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Midweek Advent Worship <i>Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Advent Worship <i>Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!</i>
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Band