

The Name of Jesus

January 1, 2014

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church - WELS

OPENING HYMN: *“Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter”*

Hymn 70

STAND

M: We begin this new year in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

M: Behold the miraculous signs and wonders the Most High has performed!

C: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given!

M: For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.
Praise the Lord!

C: I will praise the Lord all my life.

M: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

C: Be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: (sung: 303:1,4) **With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord I cry.
Your pard'ning grace is rich and free
O God, be merciful to me!**

**No gifts, no deeds that I have done
Can for a single sin atone.
To Calvary alone I flee
O God, be merciful to me.**

M: According to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

Hymn 382:1

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Eternal Son of God, on this day you were called Jesus, a name that proclaims you to be the Savior of all people. Give us strength in the new year to live each day to the honor of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.'

So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 8 (page 67 of CW)

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:9-13

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 2:21

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ

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HYMN: *“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”*

Hymn 76

SERMON

Numbers 6:22-27

**Promises Kept:
Blessed by the Name of the Lord**

STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Luther's Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostle's Creed*

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Ghost has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the last day he will raise me and all the dead; and he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

As we contemplate the new year Lord, we ask that your Spirit intercede for us. Our minds are cluttered with countless thoughts and requests that escape our understanding. Enable us, above all else, to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Bless us with an earnest desire for your Word and a life ordered by your commands. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Look upon your Church, O Lord. Bless us with pure doctrine, faithful pastors and leaders. Give us hearts for the lost and erring. Move us to trust in your promises and dare to serve beyond our ability or expectations in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Look upon all those who bear your authority as political leaders, lawmakers, judges, soldiers, police, teachers, and parents. Grant them grace to lead according to your good pleasure, to maintain justice, and to fight against every evil. Lord, in

your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We pray for our friends and church members with special joys or needs. We commend them all to your gracious keeping. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Help us to make the most of every opportunity to bear witness to the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Prepare us each day to meet our final hour. And if it be your will to come soon,

C: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his church to the end of time when we will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he,

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (sung)

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

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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 or an elder before communing. Common and individual cup are both offered.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"
"Father, Let Me Dedicate"

Hymn 309
Hymn 75

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF THANKS (sung)

Hymn 72:2

**Lord Jesus Christ, our thanks and praise
In this new year we render;
Your reign has kept your people free,
Has shown your mercies tender.
You have redeemed us with your blood;
You are our joy, our only good,
In life and death our Savior.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

NEW YEAR'S DAY LITANY AND BENEDICTION

M: As we look back on the changes that took place over the last year, and as we look ahead to the changes the new year promises to bring, we remember these words:

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

M: As we daily drown the Old Adam in us to experience our new life in Christ, we remember the words:

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

M: As we abandon those things that would lead us away from Christ and begin new ventures that draw us close to him, we remember the words:

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

M: As we recommit ourselves to serving our Lord in the new year, we remember the words:

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

M: As we wrestle with fears about the unknown and wonder what the future holds, we remember these words:

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

M: With Jesus as our Savior,

C: Surely goodness and love will follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

M: As we cross into the new year, let us follow the example of the Apostle Paul, who writes in Philippians, chapter three, “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

C: Help us, Lord, to press on in Jesus’ name.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: *“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”*

Hymn 28:1,2