

Epiphany 1 The Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2014

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. Since the days of Othniel (Judges 3:10), the Spirit of the Lord empowered God’s heroes to do his saving work. At his baptism, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power and declared this son of Mary to be the Son of God—the one anointed to be the Savior of mankind.

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 the pastor or an elder before communing.

Gathering Rite on Holy Baptism & Divine Service II

(pages 8-10, 31 and following in *Christian Worship Supplement*)

God’s people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning for worship is intended for use not only when there is a baptism but may be used on any occasion to remind God’s people of Baptism’s continuing blessings. The minister conducts the gathering rite at the font.

STAND

The Trinitarian invocation expressly reminds the worshippers that the God they will meet here is the true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The invocation also calls to mind the words through which believers have been baptized into Christ and made members of his Church.

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

C: Amen.

During the introduction to the hymn, water is poured into the font.

Hymn (sung)

**C: Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among your saints your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran
Synod

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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: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit *John 3:5,6*

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *Psalm 51:5*

C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. *1 Corinthians 6:11*

Hymn (sung)

**C: My loving Father, there you took me To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed 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.

Hymn (sung)

**C: My faithful God, you fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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.

Hymn (sung)

**C: All that I am and love most dearly—Receive it all, O Lord from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely, And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but yours alone.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

First Lesson:

Isaiah 42:1-7

This Servant Song foretells the Messiah's work: he will be God's own servant sent to accomplish God's mission. God will choose him, uphold him and delight in him. God will also put his Spirit on him that he might bring justice to the nations. His ministry is characterized by gentleness toward the weak, but also by an inexorable driving toward his goal. He will not falter in the work for which he was anointed until he brings forth the right verdict: the justice that comes from God and declares his people righteous in his sight because of Messiah's work. He will be the Mediator of the new covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34) based on his person that will bring the people and the Gentiles out of the darkness of sin's prison. Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism shows how these prophecies were perfectly fulfilled in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

42 "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.

² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

⁵ This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶ "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,

⁷ to open eyes that are blind,

to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. (New International Version)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 45 (p. 83 of CW)

Second Lesson

Acts 10:34-38

The Gentile household of Cornelius had heard the message about the Savior, but then Peter came as an eyewitness of prophesy's fulfillment. Jesus was the Christ because at his baptism God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power. Immediately, the empowerment of the Spirit made itself evident in the works of Jesus as he did the Messiah's work of healing those under the power of the devil. This anointing as Savior resulted in Peter's amazing statement in verse 36, "the message proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." The message God sent Israel consisted in that one word: peace. That message was on the lips of the angels at Christmas and on the lips of Christ at his resurrection. Jesus restored peace between man and God because that's exactly what he had been anointed to do.

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.

³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ 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. (NIV)

Verse of the Day (sung, page 31 CWS)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 3

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Gospel:

Matthew 3:13-17

What kind of God gets baptized? The Baptist's question confronts every Christian reading this account, and we join in John's incredulity at Jesus' intended condescension. Though John objected, Jesus encouraged him to allow this concession in order to fulfill their purpose there together. Their joint purpose was to fulfill all righteousness. Jesus would do that by being the Messiah and standing in the place of sinful man—first at the font and ultimately at the cross. John would play his part by fulfilling his role as forerunner: baptizing with water that the Messiah might be revealed (John 1:31). When John consented and baptized Jesus, the Spirit fulfilled the promises of Isaiah (First Lesson), and Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power (Second Lesson). In this inauguration into his office as the Christ, God prepared the Messiah for his mission with an unlimited outpouring of the Spirit (John 3:34). In the very next verse,

empowered and led by the Spirit, the hero of God immediately goes out to war against Satan on behalf of mankind (Matthew 4:1ff), fulfilling all righteousness and bringing us peace.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ 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 alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 89

“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

Sermon Paranormal Activity: Jesus Appears as the Christ Isaiah 42:1-7

STAND

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

Offering *During the offering, please sign the friendship register in your pew. Thank you!*

STAND

Prayer of the Church

THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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 came as the Light of the world so that the world might have light and life through him. 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)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

1. **O holy, holy, holy**

**Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

2. **Hosanna in the highest!**

**How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* (sung, page 36 of CWS)

John 1:29

Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei) who was offered as a sacrifice once for all sin.

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

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Distribution Hymns

Hymn 390

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

Hymn 709

"Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert"

STAND

Song of Simeon (sung)

Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

1. **O Lord, now let your servant
 Depart in peace, assured:
 For I have seen your promised
 Incarnate saving Word—
 A Light that will enlighten
 All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
 The brilliant, crowning glory
 Of those in Israel!**

2. **All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever three in one;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Nu 6:27).

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Hymn 91:3

"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 20

January 13—19

Monday Joshua 20-21
 Tuesday Joshua 22
 Wednesday Joshua 23
 Thursday Joshua 24
 Friday Judges 1
 Saturday Judges 2

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Announcements

Adult Christ Light will meet today at 9:15 a.m. in the church. Join us!

Original Math Forget “new” math; “original” math is life changing! God, the first Mathematician and Creator of all things, uses numbers to demonstrate his design for creation and redemption through the work of Jesus on the cross. Join us as we explore the symbolism and patterns of the numbers God uses to convey the truth of his love in these topics:

- 7 & 12: Numbers in Revelation (today)
- 40 & 8: A Generation of Mercy and the New Creation. (next Sunday)

We meet Sundays at 9:15 in the commons. Join us and bring the family!

Today’s Light Bible Discussion will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m.. We will discuss the last two weeks. The January reading guides are available in the basement and by the double doors at the back of church.

Sermon CD Ministry Meeting will be Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Epiphany Worship: This year our Epiphany worship will focus on *Paranormal Activity* and *The Savior’s Sermon*. The first 3 weeks and last week of Epiphany we will look at Paranormal Activity. Paranormal is defined as “impossible to explain scientifically: unable to be explained or understood in terms of scientific knowledge.” During Epiphany Jesus reveals what science could never explain: He is true God and our Savior. The themes are:

- Jan. 19 *Paranormal Activity: Jesus appears as the lamb of God*
- Jan. 26 *Paranormal Activity: Jesus appears as Light in darkness*
- Feb. 2 *The Savior’s Sermon: Trust in God’s strength!*
- Feb. 9 *The Savior’s Sermon: Let your light shine!*
- Feb. 16 *The Savior’s Sermon: Live a holy life!*
- Feb. 23 *The Savior’s Sermon: Love your enemies*
- March 2 *Paranormal Activity: Jesus appears in his full glory*

Tuesday Bible Study meets at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement. This week we begin a study of *Cleansed and Fed: The Sacramental Life*.

This study is based on the essay by Pastor Jon Zabell at the 2011 Synod convention. Copies of the paper and the study are in the church basement. Pick one up and read it and work through the study even if you can’t join us!

NEW Zoo Do you have a child that is 2 years of age through 2nd grade? If so, join us on Saturday, January 18th as the NEW Zoo brings some animals for an up-close look. There will be crafts after the presentation along with a door prize. The event is free and open to all! See you at 10:00 a.m.

Books On the table across from the mailboxes you will find a table filled with excellent Christian reading material. Pastor Ott cleaned out a portion of his library. You are welcome to help yourself to any of the books. If you would like to give a free will donation there is a box on the table. Your entire gift will be applied to our congregation’s line of credit. Pick up a last minute gift that shares Jesus! Some books are brand new. Some are not.

WELS Marriage Enrichment Routine maintenance pays off. You change oil in your car and the filter in your furnace to keep them running longer. Give your marriage the attention it needs to flourish and run all the way to the end. WELS Marriage Enrichment helps couples give their marriage the attention it needs. Two events are coming to our area: a one-day stay-cation on Saturday, January 25 in Madison (www.st-andrew-online.org/marriage.aspx) or a weekend get-away at the Heidelberg House in Green Lake (www.facebook.com/welsmarriage). See the poster or brochure on display in the basement for more information.

Reminder Please update your phone numbers and address if you have moved by emailing church@mzluth.org or put the information into Nancy Pantzloff’s mailbox. Thanks!

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Numbers in Scripture, commons
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Sermon CD Ministry Meeting, church
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, grades 6-8
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History, grades 1-5
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
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Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 19—January 13-18

Monday	Joshua 20-21
Tuesday	Joshua 22
Wednesday	Joshua 23
Thursday	Joshua 24
Friday	Joshua 1
Saturday	Judges 2

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship	316 (167, 149)
Bible Study	53 (20, 33, x, x)
Youth Group :	x

Time to Consider God's Blessings

This is the time of year when congregations are prayerfully determining the level of financial support they can provide for our common work as a synod. Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) serve as the primary means of support for our synodical mission and ministry.

Over the past four years, congregations have done a commendable job in meeting the commitments they have made. On the other hand the CMO commitments have been relatively flat and have not been meeting the goals established by the synod in convention. CMO are still below what they were in 2007. While we have been able to avoid cuts in ministry and, in fact, have been blessed in our efforts to carefully expand our

efforts, God continues to place many opportunities before us to share the gospel with more people.

Plans adopted by the synod in convention assumed a four percent increase in CMO. While this is a greater increase than we have seen in recent years, the synod in convention believed it was achievable.

It's our prayer that congregations throughout the synod will recognize the privilege they have in supporting the work we do together as a synod. God's blessings on our synod, our congregations, and on our families have once again been more than we could ask or imagine, and our offerings for the mission and ministry of the synod are one way for us to demonstrate our humble thanks.

Pray about this. Encourage one another. And trust that God will bless our efforts.

Serving you in Christ,
President Mark Schroeder
President of the WELS

In 2013 Morrison Zion Lutheran's goal for our CMO was \$24,100.

We gave \$26,221 in offerings through our CMO in 2013!

The Voters set our CMO goal at \$24,800 for 2014.

Thank you to everyone who supported the worldwide ministry of the WELS through our CMO!

News from FVL

Jump and Jive is scheduled for Sunday, January 26. This family friendly event will feature several genres of musical entertainment performed by members of the FVL family. Hours are 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Besides great music, food will be served from the kitchen and desserts offered in the canteen. A DJ is set to play music in the children's room along with a Mari-onette performance. The auction room will have many great items to

bid on, and valet parking will be offered. Tickets are available at the school office and are \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door. Students 11 and under are free, 12 and older free with their sports pass or school ID. All proceeds benefit the FVL band and choir programs.

New this year at FVL are the *Education in Action* breakfasts with the principal and other FVL personnel. Starting at 7:30 am, parents will be given infor-

mation about FVL's teen ministry, and any questions you have will be answered. After this presentation and breakfast, a tour will be given to those interested in seeing FVL education in action. RSVP now to attend on January 21. Invite others who may be interested in sending their children to FVL.

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