

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany    January 16 & 19, 2014

*Jesus appears as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This Lamb would take away the sins of the world and bring both Israel and the Gentile nations into the kingdom of God. The hearts that see this Savior in faith cannot help but take news of this salvation to the ends of the earth.*

### **Service of the Word** (page 38 and following in CW)

*The Service of the Word makes room for the full scope of preaching and teaching God's Word in sermons and hymns. It was designed for use when there is no communion*

### **Opening Hymn:**

Hymn 27

*STAND*

*After the opening hymn the congregation and minister exchange words of blessing to each other, using the words of the Apostolic greeting.*

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

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*The Confession of Sins and Absolution (pronouncement of forgiveness) in this service emphasizes the scriptural themes of original and actual sin, and Jesus' perfect life and innocent death to remove the guilt of sin.*

## **Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we help people*

**Grow**  
*in the*

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*and*

**Go**  
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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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### **Oh, Taste and See** (sung)

*This Song of Praise is based on two Psalms. The refrain comes from Psalm 37:8. The verse comes from Psalm 119:89. The focus and message of this song of praise is especially fitting in a service that focuses on teaching and preaching the full scope of God's Word.*

**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

**Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness continues forever.**

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

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## THE WORD

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### First Lesson:

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

*Listen to the message meant for all nations: The Messiah is a weapon in the hand of God. God concealed him like an arrow in a quiver: the Messiah would come with his glory hidden in flesh. That meant the Servant would suffer, but in that suffering God would display his splendor. Jesus struggled with the cup he was to drink, but trusted in God's promised reward (v 4). God would use the Servant to restore Israel and shine the light of his love on all the Gentiles, too. The salvation won by the Lamb would be brought to the ends of the earth. When Simeon laid eyes on the Christ-child, he remembered these words and could depart in peace, because he knew that God had now kept his promise. In the last verse the LORD himself speaks and ratifies the Servant's words. He promises that though his Servant will suffer and be despised, the LORD will not forget him, but will ensure his glory and honor. To that promise he adds a pledge on his name as the Redeemer and the Holy One of Israel. Though Christ would be the Lamb of God who would suffer and die to bear our sins, though he would be rejected and despised, God promised to glorify him again.*

**49** Listen to me, you islands;  
hear this, you distant nations:  
Before I was born the LORD called me;  
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me into a polished arrow  
and concealed me in his quiver.  
<sup>3</sup> He said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.  
Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,  
and my reward is with my God."  
<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says—  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant  
to bring Jacob back to him  
and gather Israel to himself,  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD  
and my God has been my strength—

<sup>6</sup> he says:

“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.  
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD says—  
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—  
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,  
to the servant of rulers:  
“Kings will see you and stand up,  
princes will see and bow down,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.” (New International Version)

## **Psalm of the Day:**

**Psalm 89** (p. 98 of CW)

## **Second Lesson**

**Acts 13:38-49**

*In Pisidian Antioch, Paul preached the message of the Lamb of God: the sacrifices in the Law of Moses could not justify; only the Lamb sacrificed for sin could. The Gospel resulted in faith in some Jewish hearts and rejection in others. In the face of opposition, Paul and Barnabas fulfilled the promises of God in Isaiah and made Christ a light to Gentiles and brought salvation to the ends of the earth.*

<sup>38</sup> “Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. <sup>39</sup> Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses. <sup>40</sup> Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:

<sup>41</sup> ““Look, you scoffers,  
wonder and perish,  
for I am going to do something in your days  
that you would never believe,  
even if someone told you.””

<sup>42</sup> As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. <sup>43</sup> When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

<sup>44</sup> On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. <sup>45</sup> When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.

<sup>46</sup> Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup> For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,  
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>48</sup>When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

<sup>49</sup>The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.(NIV)

## **Verse of the Day** (sung)

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These words are written they we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*STAND*

## **Gospel:**

**John 1:29-41**

*As the last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist rightly summarizes the totality of God’s plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him the Lamb of God. Though not an Old Testament title, John’s name for Christ is the perfect sum of the sacrificial system. Christ is the fulfillment of all the sacrificial victims of the Old Testament, from Yom Kippur’s goat to the Passover Lamb and every sin and guilt offering in between. They are all fulfilled in the Son of God made flesh that he might stand in our place, that he might take the burden of sins off the world and onto his shoulders, and that he might die in our stead. Seeing the Lamb of God leads believers like John and Andrew to bring his salvation to the ends of the earth.*

<sup>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup>And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup>When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup>When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup>“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).(NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*BE SEATED*

**Hymn of the Day:**

Hymn 86

**Sermon**

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

**Paranormal Activity:  
Jesus is Revealed as the Lamb of God**

*STAND*

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

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

*STAND*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **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.**

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**Hymn:**

Hymn 746

*STAND*

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** (sung) **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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:** (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:**

Hymn 714

## Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 21

January 20—25

Monday	Judges 3
Tuesday	Judges 4-5
Wednesday	Judges 6-8
Thursday	Judges 9-10
Friday	Judges 11-12
Saturday	Judges 13-16

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# News From Zion



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## Announcements

**Voters' Meeting** The voters will meet in the commons after the 10:30 service today.

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

**The Glory of the Lord** Since Adam and Eve's Fall, all people "fall short of the glory of God" (Ro 3:23). But God does not withdraw his glory from us. He wants us to enjoy his presence in this life and throughout eternity. But how can a glorious God live with sinful people? That's the question our new Bible study answers. In eight lessons we will see where God's glory has shone in this dark world. Join us next Sunday in the commons as we begin the new study, "The Glory of the Lord." We meet Sundays at 9:15 in the commons. Bring the family!

**Today's Light Bible Discussion** will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss this week's reading and next week's reading. We will not meet Jan. 26 or Feb. 2. The January reading guides are available in the basement and by the double doors in church.

**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. 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!

**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. 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](http://www.st-andrew-online.org/marriage/aspx)) or a weekend getaway at the Heidel House in Green Lake ([www.facebook.com/welsmarriage](http://www.facebook.com/welsmarriage)). See the poster or brochure on display in the basement for more information.

**Youth Group Outing:** On Sunday, January 26 Youth Group will go to the UWGB Men's basketball game vs. Detroit. Tickets are \$7. There will also be \$1 hot dogs and soda. Teens must sign up with Mr. Muchka by Monday, January 19. We hope you can join us!

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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
	11:30 a.m.	Voters' Meeting, commons
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, grades 6-8
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History, grades 1-5
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship, communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship, communion
	9:15 a.m.	The Glory of the Lord Study, commons
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light, church
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship, communion

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### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship	316 (30, 157, 123)
Communed	203 (24, 95, 84)
Bible Study	40 (x, 27, 13, x)
Youth Group :	26

## Men of His Word Conference in Oshkosh, Feb. 15

Q. "Hi, how's it going?" A. "Fine... how are you?"

On Sunday mornings all over the world pleasant exchanges like this are taking place in church parking lots, old church basements, and even in beautiful new narthexes complete with carpeting, coffee bars and crackling fireplaces where everything is just "fine".

It's nice to reach out to our fellow believers, nice to reach out with a quick casual "hello". Taken at face value the answer "fine" implies that all is right with the world. Or is it?

"Fine" can also be a word that masks a deeper reality. Look around you. People are not always fine, even if they say so. People are suffering in this world and some of them are right here with us. Some may be

people you know. One of them might even be you.

"Men of His Word" is a place where it is safe to peel back the curtain of "fine". Where it is safe to be yourself for a few hours, a place where you can slow down enough to hear yourself think, maybe even let God get in a word or two.

The WELS "Men of His Word" conference is put together by men, for men. We love you ladies, but sometimes we need to do some work on our own. And it's not just for the clergy or college professors either. It's made for regular guys like you and me.

The day starts around eight with a continental breakfast and fellowship. You listen to some music and a short inspiration. Then it's off to four ses-

sions of your choice from twenty-one to choose from, all fascinating, relevant, and speaking to you right where you live.

After lunch you're on your way home around four; refreshed, renewed, and confident in the knowledge that not only God is with you, there are hundreds of men with you as well, brothers in Christ who took the risk and chose to go beyond "fine".

Please join us for the fifth annual Men Of His Word Conference in Oshkosh on February 15, 2014. This is a special place reserved for you.

For more information or to register go to: <http://www.menofhisword.org>.

## 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 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 information 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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