

Epiphany 3

January 23 & 26, 2014

Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Dark places remain covered in the shadow of sin and unbelief. Now there are, however, bright places, too, and there you find God's children. Jesus shines his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom, and he invites us to follow him to a life illumined by him.

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.

Service of Word and Sacrament

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The "Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. This order may be used as an alternate to "The Common Service: when Holy Communion is celebrated.

Opening Hymn:

Hymn 703

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.

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

STAND

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: 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: 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.

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: (sung) Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (sung) Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: (sung) Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord (sung)

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sins; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

BE SEATED

Grades 1-4 (10:30 a.m. Sunday)

Are You Lost In The Dark?

THE WORD

First Lesson:

Isaiah 8:19-9:2

Man cannot find his way through the darkness of the world except by inquiring of God. No spirit, no man, no other message brings light to those living in darkness. To the law and to the testimony! There you find the Word, the great light for those living in darkness.

¹⁹ When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living?

²⁰ Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹ Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²² Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

⁹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

² The people walking in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of deep darkness

a light has dawned. (New International Version)

Second Lesson

1 John 2:3-11

How can we be certain that we know God? John says, "Obey his commands." The gnostic heretics that John combated had little regard for laws and sin and the commands of God. They felt they knew God well enough without worrying about acts of obedience. How similar to modern unbelievers and even to many Christians today! They think they know God, but they have little time for talk of sin, guilt, and obedience. John tells us that contrary to their opinion, they do not know God. Jesus, our Morning Star, has already come, and the light of his dawn is beginning to break over the world, and the time for deeds of darkness is fading fast. There are still places of deep darkness, but that is not the place to find God's children. They will be found walking in the light and shedding their own light on the darkness around them by living in love for God and brother.

³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.

⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God^[a] is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.

¹⁰Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. (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:

Matthew 4:12-23

The light of the world appeared and began to cast its beams. Fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy, the bulk of Christ's ministry took place in Galilee of the Gentiles which had been so oppressed. Galileans were the first to see the light of God's day breaking over the world. From that time on, Jesus began to preach, and we hear the first public words of Jesus Christ: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near. With those words the Holy Spirit describes Jesus shining his light into the

shadowed nooks and crannies of the world. From fishing boats to synagogues, from workmen to lame men, Christ cast a beacon of light into the darkened world around him with his three-fold ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing. The kingdom of heaven drew near and called God's children to follow the light and live in the light..

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day:

Hymn 85

Sermon

Isaiah 2:1-5

Paranormal Activity: Jesus Appears as Light in Darkness

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!*

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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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: (sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise

Proper Preface

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

**C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.
You are my God and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

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: (sung) Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God (sung)

**C: 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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Distribution Hymns:

Hymn 740

Hymn 741

Hymn 732 (choir sings 1st refrain & verses; congregation joins on 2nd refrain & following refrains)

STAND

Thank The Lord (sung)

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.

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Closing Hymn:

Hymn 745

Today' Light Bible

Readings

Week 22

January 27—February 1

Monday Judges 17-18

Tuesday Judges 19-20

Wednesday Judges 21

Thursday Ruth 1-2

Friday Ruth 3-4

Saturday 1 Samuel 1

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Pastor Randy Ott

Announcements

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 in the commons as we study, "The Glory of the Lord." We meet Sundays at 9:15 in the commons. Bring the family!

8th Grade Confirmation Class Parents will meet in the front of church after the 10:30 service today.

Today's Light Bible Discussion will not meet tonight or next Sunday, Feb. 2. The January reading guides are available in the basement and by the double doors in church.

Tuesday Bible Study will not meet this week. Pastor Ott will be in Sturgeon Bay for a conference. We are studying *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!

Capital Appeal Meeting This Tuesday the men who served on the Staffing Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. at church to begin plans for the Capital Appeal.

Epiphany Worship: This year our Epiphany worship will focus on *Paranormal Activity* and *The Savior's Sermon*. Next week we begin three weeks of looking at

the Sermon on the Mount. By his powerful word Jesus reveals he is true God and our Savior. The themes are:

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*

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.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. This year Ash Wednesday is March 5. We will have special midweek Lenten Worship services on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The theme of our worship this year is *See His Cross*. If someone is willing to organize them, we will have soup suppers after the morning service and before the evening service. If you are willing to organize the soup makers and servers for this Lenten season, please speak with Pastor Ott.

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	The Glory of the Lord Study, commons
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Staffing Capital Appeal Meeting
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
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	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

Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 22—Jan. 27-Feb. 1

Monday	Judges 17-18
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Saturday	1 Samuel 1

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship	291 (26, 118, 147)
Bible Study	68 (15, 26, 15, 12)
Youth Group :	20

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. . Tickets are \$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.

News from MLHS

MLHS Delegate / Call Meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 8 at 9:00 a.m. All Congregation delegates are reminded & encouraged to attend this important meeting to issue another call for the President position, as well as discuss the new budget.

MLHS Sunday Showcase will be Sunday March 2. Make plans for a

day of fun for all ages. Showcase offers a full day of fun, food, and musical entertainment for all. In addition, the silent and live auction events have proven to be a great source of fun and funds to benefit the high school. This year's proceeds will be used for much-needed repairs and improvements in the locker rooms. Bring a friend. Just \$5 at the door (grades 12 & under free); don't miss The Showcase!

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