

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Feb. 6 & 9, 2014

The Savior's Sermon: Let your light shine! Jesus tells us: You are...so be. You are the light of the world, so be light for the earth. You are the salt of the earth, so be salt for it. Our calling as sons of God means our lives will reflect our new status, and the world around us will be blessed by us. The Church prays that God would help us believe and then do the things that are pleasing in his sight

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.

The Common Service with Holy Communion

(page 15 and following in CW)

The Common Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian Church. It became the service commonly used by English-speaking Lutherans in America and appeared as "The Order of Holy Communion" in The Lutheran Hymnal.

Opening Hymn:

Hymn 774

STAND

The Trinitarian invocation expressly reminds the worshippers that the God they will meet here is the true God: Father, Son, and holy Spirit, who is to be worshipped here and now. The invocation also warmly calls to mind the words through which believers have been baptized into Christ and made members of his Church. The faithful respond, "Amen!" "Yes, God is here to bless. Yes, we have arrived to worship him. Yes, it is good to be here."

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

C: (sung) **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

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.

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.

C: (sung) Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

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: (sung) Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

Glory Be To God (sung)

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you

C: (sung) And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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

THE WORD

First Lesson:**Joshua 24:14-24**

Faith responds to God's grace by promising to live as salt and light. Joshua pointed the people of Israel back to the gracious acts of God who had delivered them from every enemy. Now in possession of the Promised Land, God's people could reflect on God's great acts of grace and power in their lives. Seeing all God had done, the people vowed to Joshua to live as salt and light: "We will serve the LORD our God and obey him." As the children of God today, we see that God has defeated enemies far fiercer than the Amorites, Perizzites, and Canaanites. Sin, death, and the devil are vanquished. The gates to the heavenly promised land stand open. Looking at God's great acts of grace and power, we cannot help but join in vowing our obedience to God. We will put away the gods of self and sin, and through the Spirit we will yield our hearts and join with Joshua in his life of salt and light: As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

¹⁹ Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you."

²¹ But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the LORD."

²² Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD."

"Yes, we are witnesses," they replied.

²³ "Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."

²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God and obey him." (New International Version)

Psalm of the Day:**Psalm 111** (p. 106 of CW)

Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:9-12

The call of God made us part of a new people in order that we might declare his praises. Peter tells us to live lives that are different from the world around us—as different as light is to darkness. Called out of the darkness, we live in this world like foreigners who know that this is not our home. Strangers to the world, we abstain from sin and live such good lives that even the pagans will have to give God glory for his work in our lives. Called into the wonderful light, we let that shine on everyone around us.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

(NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Alleluia. (John 8:12)

C: (sung) **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

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

Gospel:

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus’ sermon moves from the promises of the Beatitudes to his commands for the Christian life. The Christians blessed by Christ are called to be blessings to the world around us. You are salt, Christ says, so be it: act as the preservative that keeps this word from rotting. You are light, so be it: shine into the darkness of the world that people might see and know how different you are. The message of grace is not a message of lawlessness. Jesus did not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it—first for us, and then in us. Our righteousness could never be enough—even if we could keep the 613 laws of the Pharisees—but Jesus’ righteousness is. Now he commands our light to shine that our deeds might give evidence of our faith to the praise of God the Father who created us to do them.

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Hymn of the Day: Hymn 280

“Thy Strong Word”

Sermon

The Savior’s Sermon: *Let Your Light Shine*

Joshua 24:14-24

STAND

Create in Me (sung)

Following the sermon, the congregation stands to sing this short canticle, which, in the words of the Psalmist (Psalm 51:10-12), prays for a clean heart and a renewed spirit in response to God's gift of grace. Create in Me looks back to the Lessons and the Sermon. But it also looks ahead to the reception of the Lord's Supper and the strength to be received there for renewed Christian life.

**C: Create in Me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. 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.

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 good and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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 he 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)

**C: 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, 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: (sing) 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.**

BE SEATED

Distribution Hymns: Hymn 742

"What Is This Bread?"

Hymn 732

"We Are Singing"

THANKSGIVING

STAND

Song of Simeon (sung)

**C: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your Word,
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all
people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

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

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

Benediction

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

Closing Hymn: Hymn 735:1

“Speak, O Lord”

Today’ Light Bible Readings

Week 24

February 10—15

Monday	1 Samuel 9-10
Tuesday	1 Samuel 11
Wednesday	1 Samuel 12
Thursday	1 Samuel 13
Friday	1 Samuel 14
Saturday	1 Samuel 15

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Announcements

Thank You to Jordyn Ossmann for playing preservice music before the 8:00 a.m. 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 in the commons as we 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. We will discuss the last two weeks of readings. The February reading guides are now available in the basement and by the double doors in church.

Tuesday Bible Study Our study is *Cleansed and Fed: The Sacramental Life*, based on an essay by Pastor Jon Zabel. 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! We meet Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement.

Epiphany Worship: This year our Epiphany worship will focus on *Paranormal Activity* and *The Savior's Sermon*. By his powerful word Jesus reveals he is true God and our Savior. The themes are:

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*

Please join us on Saturday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. for story time with Froggy. Children age 2 through second grade will have the opportunity to listen to Froggy stories, participate

in a few activities, and even have their picture taken with Froggy! There is no need to register. This event is free and open to all. Please invite a friend!

Men 35 & Over Basketball Please contact David Blauert (864-2400) if you are interested in playing in Trinity, Kiel's *Men 35 and Older Basketball Tournament*. The tournament will be March 3-8.

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 gift will be applied to our congregation's line of credit.

Lake to Lake Soccer is a league that plays at MLHS and other surrounding communities. Games are most Saturdays from the middle of April through the middle of June. Online Registration is now available and the preferred method of registration. You can go to www.manitowoclutheranlaketolake.net to sign up online. Registration is open from now until Feb. 22. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable season for all.

England Tour Rev. James Humann, retired WELS pastor and experienced tour host, invites you to join him on a tour this summer to England and Scotland. This eleven day tour, July 14 - July 24, will visit London, York, Edinburgh, and highlights cathedrals, castles, pageantry, drama and fellowship. Travel with a pastor and tour members of your own fellowship. Space is limited. For tour costs and conditions, and a complete itinerary, please e-mail Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com or call 253-839-9055 (Pacific time). If interested in being informed about future tours, also please write or call.

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Epiphany 5

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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
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Reading Discussion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Elders
	7:00 p.m.	School Board
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
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Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship	303 (22, 141, 140)
Bible Study	70 (18, 43, X, 9)
Youth Group :	22

Notes From WELS Conference of Presidents Meeting

The Conference of Presidents (COP) met Jan. 13-16 for its regular winter meeting. Among the items discussed and decisions made were:

The COP received a report on the Wartburg Project. The Wartburg Project is an effort by WELS and Evangelical Lutheran Synod pastors to produce a new translation of the Bible. It is entirely a volunteer effort and, in keeping with the convention decision, is not receiving financial support or direction from the synod. It was reported that many volunteers have been working to produce sample translations of both Old and New Testament books. Members of the synod will be invited to provide reactions and suggestions for improvement.

With only 25 graduates available

from the seminary this year (compared to recent class sizes in the mid-30s), it's clear that not all congregations requesting a seminary graduate will receive one. District presidents will work with congregations to explore other options. It should be noted that this class is unusually small and that class sizes will return to normal in the coming years. There are currently 52 congregations with pastoral vacancies. It's estimated that about 30 of those will request graduates.

The COP discussed with concern the matter of Thrivent's grants to Planned Parenthood. These concerns have been relayed to Thrivent, and Thrivent's response will have a direct impact on decisions the synod may need to make with regard to accepting

Thrivent grants in the future.

The COP passed a resolution asking the synod's Constitution Committee to evaluate and assess the "Executive Council" format for church governance and to prepare an alternate model constitution that would guide congregations considering such a structure.

The COP held initial discussions to address the need for the synod and its congregations to serve more effectively the generation of members now in their 20s and 30s. More attention will be devoted to this topic in the coming months.

News from FVL

A Princess and Her King –3rd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance. FVL Schools invites girls ages 3 to 13 and their Dad to spend an afternoon together filled with dancing, games, prizes, and memories to last a lifetime! Sunday March 2 2:00-5:00 p.m. at FVLHS. Tickets are \$5 per person. (available at the FVLHS office, and FVL school offices). Princesses, please wear your prettiest princess dress. Kings, dress shirt and tie are encouraged! (more details found on the website) .

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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