

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Feb. 13 & 16, 2014

The Savior's Sermon: Live a holy life! Jesus came to free us from sin. He did not come to free us to sin. The commands in the lessons today remind us just how holy our God is, and their dire warnings remind us just how holy he wants us to be. After examining our lives, we must despair. But in the Prayer of the Day we ask that we might be given the grace to both know and do what pleases him.

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 462

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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

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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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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.**

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Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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.**

THE WORD

Choir (10:30 a.m.)

The Law of God is Good and Wise

First Lesson:

2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26-27

Our Savior's call to holy living leads us to have a healthy fear of sin. What a warning God provides us in David! When the king was at the height of his power and full of God's blessing, his great fall began. Why? Because he toyed with sin. He let lust fester and morph into adultery. He spoke lies until deception ruled his heart. He let selfishness metastasize into a godless disregard for any life but his own. He thought he could toy with sin, but in the end it was sin and Satan that toyed with him. Jesus' call to live a holy life is like a mother warning her child to beware a hot stove. It is a call motivated by love and meant for our safety.

11 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

2 One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, **3** and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." **4** Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. **5** The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

6 So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. **7** When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. **8** Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. **9** But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

10 David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?"

11 Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

¹² Then David said to him, “Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³ At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home.

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵ In it he wrote, “Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.”

¹⁶ So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. ¹⁷ When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David’s army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

²⁶ When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷ After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD. (New International Version)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 119a (p. 109 of CWS)

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Paul’s encouragement to live a holy life serves as a great model for preaching sanctification to a congregation. He does not speak to them as heathens, but as people who are in fact living in order to please God. Paul’s words, then, instruct and admonish them to do this more and more. The authority behind his preaching of sanctification did not come from Paul’s life but from the authority of Christ himself. This is what Christ wants! The Thessalonians faced the same problem we do: we know what God wants; we understand it; we just don’t do it consistently. Paul applies the warning of God’s Law and the calling of God’s Gospel. Paul repeatedly emphasizes this: You know it, so now we urge you to do it more and more.

⁴ As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

³ It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸ Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

⁹ Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on any.(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 5:21-37

Jesus commands us to be holy in our relationships with our brothers, our adversaries, our bodies, our spouse, and our God. Hearing his instructions for the Christian life, we see that God is far holier than we can imagine! How high Jesus sets the bar here: not just acts, but thoughts—not just words, but attitudes, are judged by our God! In the place of a pharisaical form of godliness, Jesus calls for true spiritual righteousness. God's demands of holiness only highlight the depravity of our sinful nature. Jesus speaks God's Law in all its severity so that the flesh despairs of itself and can only cry, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!" When you feel the effects of the Law then remember that the Savior who preaches the holy life is the Savior who lived the holy life as your Substitute. Jesus' forgiveness is greater than our depravity and his mercy far outweighs our wickedness!

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day:

Hymn 283

Sermon

2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26-27

The Savior’s Sermon: Live A Holy Life

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

Epiphany (p. 124 CW)

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.

BE SEATED

Hymn:

Hymn 732

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

The Aaronic Benediction uses words that God gave to Moses for Aaron to use as he blessed the Israelites. These words have been spoken as a blessing on God's people for over 3,500

years. The sign of the cross is made by the minister to remind us of the sign of the cross that was made over us at our baptism. As baptized children of God we have worshipped our Lord. As baptized children of God we leave worship to serve our Lord in our daily life.

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.**

BE SEATED

Closing Hymn:

Hymn 452

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 24

February 17—22

Monday	1 Samuel 16
Tuesday	1 Samuel 17
Wednesday	1 Samuel 18-19
Thursday	1 Samuel 20-21
Friday	1 Samuel 22
Saturday	1 Samuel 23

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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!

Today's Light Bible Discussion will meet tonight. 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. 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 interest-

ed 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.

Usher Sign Up Sheets are on the white table in the middle of the basement. Please sign up for the service or services at which you would like to usher. Sign up as a family with your children!

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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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	2:00 p.m.	Sacraments Bible Study
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, grades 6-8
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History, grades 1-5
	6:30 p.m.	Band
	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
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Reading Discussion

Today's Light Bible Reading

Week 25—Feb. 17-22

Monday	1 Samuel 16
Tuesday	1 Samuel 17
Wednesday	1 Samuel 18-19
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Saturday	1 Samuel 23

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship	338 (30, 110, 198)
Communed	226 (26, 91, 109)
Bible Study	77 (16, 37, 14, 10)
Youth Group :	27

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. Let an upcoming WELS Marriage Enrichment and Get-Away Weekend help you. Space is available for a few more couples to participating in Mysterious Marriage at Heidel House in Green Lake. See the brochure in our basement for more information. Visit www.wels.net and search "marriage retreat" or visit www.facebook.com/welsmarriage.



Heidel House Resort, Green Lake, February 28–March 2

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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 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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