

The light of the world brings sight to the blind and judgment to the blinded. Faith means seeing Jesus as Savior: like the bronze serpent, we look on him and live. We were born in the blindness of sin, and without the light of Christ we could not find a way to safety. Christ comes to shine his light into our darkened eyes that we might see him and live. Yet for those who refuse to see their Savior in Christ, the blindness of unbelief remains. He gives gracious sight to the blind who trust in him; he gives blinding judgment on those who reject him; finally, he displays the work of God in the lives of those who now walk in the light of Christ.

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.

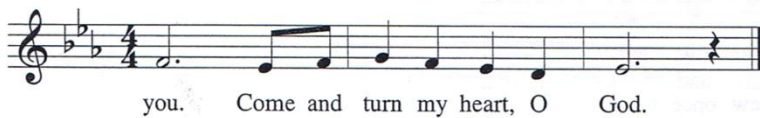
Turn My Heart, O God, Service of Word & Sacrament

(page 29 and following in *Christian Worship*)

TURN MY HEART, O GOD

Marty Haugen

Refrain



Verse response (3 times)



* If desired, the first word of this phrase may be changed each time it appears.

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Choir: Refrain

Congregation: Refrain

**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.

Choir: Have mercy, gracious God, forgive my selfish ways.
Choir: O wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.
Choir: I know my failings well, they prey upon my mind.

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Choir: I turned my face from you to seek out evil paths.
Choir: Your punishment is just, your sentence fair and right.
Choir: You see me as I am: a sinner from my birth.

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Choir: Great Lover of all truth, teach wisdom to my heart.
Choir: O purge me, make me clean, and wash me new once more.
Choir: Let songs of joy ring out from crushed and silent bones.

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Choir: Create in me, O God, a clean and righteous heart.
Choir: Do not abandon me, but keep me close to you.
Choir: Give back to me the joy of walking in your way.

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Choir: Then I shall teach your path to bring the wayward home.
Choir: Deliver me from death that I might sing your praise.
Choir: Accept my gift to you: a broken, contrite heart.

Refrain

STAND

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

C: Amen.

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned against you
in our thoughts,
in our words,
in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.**

**Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.**

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.
Let us rest in his peace all our days and serve him in the newness of life.

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C: Amen.

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Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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 (8:00 a.m.)

I Have Help From God Above

First Lesson:

Isaiah 42:14-21

In today's Gospel we see two kinds of blindness. One cannot see a way to salvation; the other sees the Way, but rejects him. Here, the Lord makes promises to both groups. To his helplessly blind children who cannot find a way out, he promises certain deliverance and rescue. God himself will lead them to safety and will turn their darkness into light. But to those who reject the true God and look to idols, God promises judgment! Like the Pharisees in the Gospel, God promises that though they see, they remain spiritually blind—though they hear, they remain spiritually deaf.

¹⁴“For a long time I have kept silent,
I have been quiet and held myself back.

But now, like a woman in childbirth,

I cry out, I gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste the mountains and hills
and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn rivers into islands
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶ I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;

I will turn the darkness into light before them
and make the rough places smooth.

These are the things I will do;

I will not forsake them.

¹⁷ But those who trust in idols,
who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’
will be turned back in utter shame.

¹⁸“Hear, you deaf;

look, you blind, and see!

¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant,

and deaf like the messenger I send?
Who is blind like the one in covenant with me,
blind like the servant of the LORD?
²⁰ You have seen many things, but you pay no attention;
your ears are open, but you do not listen.”
²¹ It pleased the LORD
for the sake of his righteousness
to make his law great and glorious. (New International Version)

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 143 (p. 118 of CW)

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Notice what Paul says. He does not say that once we were in the dark and now we are in the light. No, once we were darkness and now we are light. Our conversion meant a total transformation of what we are, and therefore, it will lead to a total transformation of what we do. No longer producing fruits of darkness, we live in the light and shine the light into the sin-darkened corners of our world. With lines from an early Christian hymn, Paul shares Christ's call to us and his promise for us. Once you were darkness, but now you are light. Live as children of the light. The difference between darkness and light is dramatic. The difference between believers and unbelievers should be equally so. They are as different as the nursery and the morgue!

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”(NIV)

Verse of the Day (sung)

M: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)

STAND

Gospel:

John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39

In God's plan there are no coincidences, and there is no karma. The man was born blind not because of his parents' sin; nor was the man lying in Jesus' path by accident. Both happened that the work of God might be displayed in the life of this man who was doubly blind: he could not see Jesus physically or spiritually. Christ opened the door to the latter by solving the former. It was no coincidence that this happened on the Sabbath. Christ had come not only to give sight to the helplessly blind—he also came to bring judgment on the Pharisees who should have seen him as the Messiah, but who refused to believe even what they saw with their own eyes. Yet for us, born in the blindness of sin, but looking to Christ as Savior, Jesus shines as the light of the world. We believe, and we worship him.

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

3 “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. 7 “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. 14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. 15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

16 Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

17 Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

34 To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

36 “Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

37 Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

38 Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

39 Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day:

Hymn 343

Sermon **Islands in the Son: An Island Full of Sonlight** **Ephesians 5:8-14**

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.

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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.

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. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 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 367; Hymn 774; Hymn 569

STAND

O Lord, We Praise You (sung)

Hymn 317:1

C: **O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you, In thanksgiving bow before you.**

Here with your body and your blood you nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish.

O Lord, have mercy!

May your body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,

And your blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

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 321:1,2

Today' Light Bible Readings

Week 30, March 24-29

Monday	1 Kings 9-10
Tuesday	1 Kings 11
Wednesday	1 Kings 12
Thursday	1 Kings 13-14
Friday	1 Kings 15-16
Saturday	1 Kings 17-18

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Announcements

Baptisms In the 10:30 a.m. service Benjamin Joseph Forst, the son of Joseph and Tara Forst will be baptized into Christ. Benjamin was born on March 23, 2014.

On Sunday, March 16 Aylah Marie Van Iten was baptized into Christ. Aylah is the daughter of Aaron Van Iten and Madison Woehler. She was born on November 20, 2013.

On Sunday, March 16 Kenneth Walter Fritsch was baptized into Christ. Kenneth is the son of Corey and Kristina Fritsch. She was born on January 4, 2014

Please remember these new children of God and their families in prayer!

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call the soul of Orville Otto to his eternal home. Orville died on Wednesday, March 19. Orville's funeral will be this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.. Please remember all who mourn in your prayers!

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

Come Follow Me This study is based on the movie, *Come Follow Me*. The movie shares the story of Peter's call to follow Jesus, his denial of Jesus, and his subsequent restoration. Just like Peter, we struggle with feelings of inadequacy. The solution is Jesus, who assures us that we are forgiven, can be his witnesses, and that he will give us the gifts needed for ministry. This study is 8 lessons long. We will watch the movie, discuss its biblical basis, apply it to our lives, and learn ways we can share this DVD with others as we Go with the Gospel. We begin today at 9:15 a.m. in the commons. DVDs will be available for you to use to invite people to our Easter worship.

Today's Light Bible Discussion will meet tonight. The April reading guides are now available in the basement and by the double doors in church. The reading guides now include suggested answers to the discussion questions!

Assembly Committee will put the April newsletter together tomorrow night, March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Bible Study Our study is *Cleansed and Fed: The Sacramental Life*, based on an essay by Pastor Jon Zabel. This Tuesday we will finish the study by looking at "The Sacraments Promote Good Theology: Gospel Certainty."

Athletic Association Meeting Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.

Soup Suppers Each Wednesday during Lent we will have soup suppers after the 11:00 a.m. service and at 6:00 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. Lenten service. There are sign up sheets in the basement if you would like to make soup, bars, help serve, or all three!

Midweek Lenten Series This year our midweek Lenten worship will focus on "See His Cross! Surprising Words From our Savior's Passion." the weekly themes are:

March 26 *Shed No Tears For Jesus!*

April 2 *Glory Be To Jesus!*

April 9 *Our King Is Crucified!*

Spring Festival The final Dress Rehearsal will be Thursday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m. The Spring Festival will be Friday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Please invite neighbors, relatives, and friends to either the dress rehearsal or the evening performance.

Lenten Worship: This year the Sundays in Lent will focus on *Islands in the Son*. The Sundays of Lent are not a part of the season itself. They are islands of refreshment where we see what Jesus has done for us as we travel the penitential path that leads to the empty tomb. The themes are:

March 30 *An Island filled with people ready to serve*

April 6 *An Island paradise that doesn't end after two weeks*

April 13 *An Island visited by our King*

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!

Easter For Kids Join us on Saturday, April 12th from 9:00-11:00 am for Easter for Kids. The program is free and open to all children age three through fourth grade. All sign up sheets can be found in the church basement and the school commons. We hope that many children can make it to this fun day! Please feel free to invite a friend!

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Second Sunday in Lent

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Come, Follow Me Study, commons
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Today's Light Bible Discussion
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Lenten worship, communion
	12:00 p.m.	Soup Supper, church
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History, grades 1-5
	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper, church
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Come, Follow Me Study, commons
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Christ Light, church
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Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

Worship	317 (174, 143)
Lent	191 (117, 74)
Bible Study	68 (17, 30, 11, 10)
Youth Group :	22

Jesus Cares Ministry Expands to Malawi

This past summer, we sent an initial team to introduce the **HOPE** found in the good news of Jesus Christ to individuals in Malawi. The picture on the right shows Erin, a young woman who was brought to worship in her wheelchair and baptized while our Jesus Cares Ministries and Kingdom Workers teams looked on with joy.

Please join us in making history by seizing this opportunity to *share the Gospel with individuals who have disabilities*. Here's how you can help TODAY:

GIVE your gifts to help us maximize this wonderful

opportunity and help Malawians with disabilities hear the Word of God.

PRAY for the Jesus Cares Ministries and Kingdom Workers' Malawi Disability Collaborative to *end spiritual starvation* for the people with disabilities living in Malawi.

SHARE this letter with family and friends so they can pray and give as they're able.

Your partner in Gospel ministry,

Pastor Joel P. Gaertner
Vice President of Ministry and National Director of Jesus Cares Ministries.



News from Our High Schools

FVL Choirs will perform a Sacred Choral Concert in the auditorium on Sunday, April 6 at 6:00 pm. A free-will offering will be taken.

MLHS "Annie Get Your Gun" MLHS' Spring Musical is always a highlight featuring the talents of so many students, and this year will be no exception. Showtime: Sun 3/23 at 2:00 p.m.

MLHS Jr. Lancer Athletics Info Mtg & Baseball Registration, Thurs 3/27, 6pm. Parents & players interested in registering for boys' baseball (grades 5-8 this spring) or info on football (grades 5-8 in fall), should plan to attend. Registration forms for baseball are available on the Athletics - Jr. Lancer page at www.mlhslancers.org. Even if

you are undecided on playing, please attend this meeting so that we may answer questions.

MLHS International Student Host Family Night, Wed 3/25, 7pm.

We invite you to consider sharing your home to spread the gospel! This evening at MLHS is set aside to thank our current host families, hear their stories, and answer yours on what being a host family to an international student entails. Room and board reimbursement as well as the responsibilities involved in being a host will also be discussed. Please contact Carrie Ungemach (682-0215 x.420 or cungemach@mlhslancers.org) with questions or to RSVP!

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