4th Sunday after Epiphany

From Jordan's Shore to Mountain's Glory The Devil's Work Undone



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Morrison Zion Lutheran Church



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Our mission is to

Glorify God

as we

Gather

around the Gospel to help people

Grow

in the Gospel and

Go

with the Gospel

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.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We 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.

From Jordan's Shore to Mountain's Glory: The Devil's Work Undone

Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are plenteous, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he is continually undoing the devil's work. More, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.

Hymn I Walk in Danger All the Way CW 431:1,4-5



Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.

Tune: DER LIEBEN SONNE LICHT UND PRACHT (87 87 66 88) Freylinghausen, Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 4th ed., Halle, 1708.

Stand

- 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.

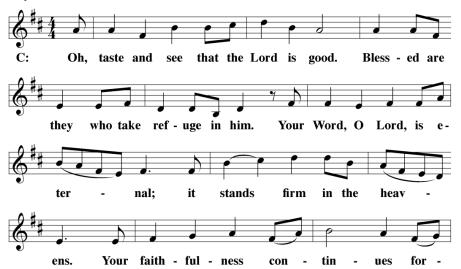
CONFESSION OF SINS

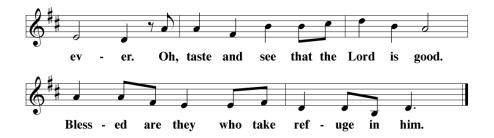
- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. 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





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: Amen

Be Seated

First Lesson Isaiah 40:27-31

When the devil's temptations make us tired and accusations make us weary, the LORD promises to renew our strength.

- ²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel,
- "My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God"?
- ²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

- ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
- ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
- ³¹ but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
- They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
- ²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob? (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 103 CW



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.



Praise the LORD, <u>O</u> my soul;* all my inmost being, praise his <u>ho</u>ly name.

He forgives <u>all</u> your sins* and heals all your dis<u>eases</u>;

he redeems your life <u>from</u> the grave* and crowns you with love and compassion.

Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and <u>gracious</u>,* slow to anger, abound<u>ing</u> in love.

He does not treat us as our <u>sins</u> deserve* or repay us according to our in<u>iq</u>uities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,* so great is his love for those who <u>fear</u> him;

as far as the east is <u>from</u> the west,*
so far has he removed our transgressions <u>from</u> us.

Refrain

As a father has compassion on his <u>chil</u>dren,* so the LORD has compassion on those who <u>fear</u> him;

for he knows how <u>we</u> are formed,*
he remembers that <u>we</u> are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower <u>of</u> the field;* the wind blows over it and <u>it</u> is gone.

But the L LORD'S love is with those who <u>fear</u> him* from everlasting to ever<u>lasting</u>.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men. *Refrain*

Second Lesson 1 Peter 5:6-11

Our enemy the devil may stalk us like a hungry lion hunting prey, but the God of all grace cares for us and promises deliverance.

- ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
- ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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 cf. NIV)



Gospel Mark 1:29-39

The devil loves to see God's children suffer. Jesus undoes the devil's work.

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demonpossessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

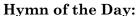
³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. (NIV)

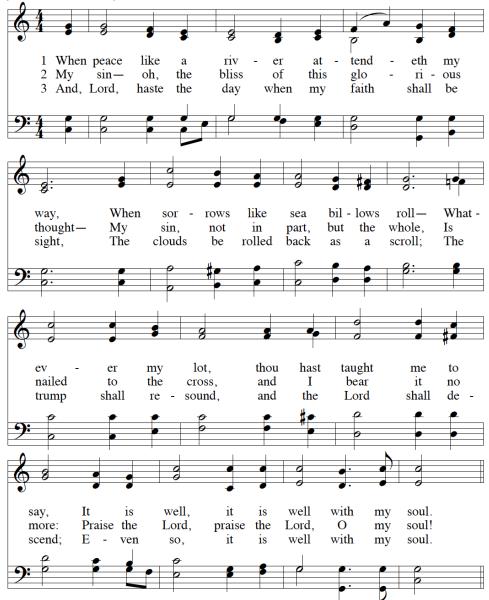
M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

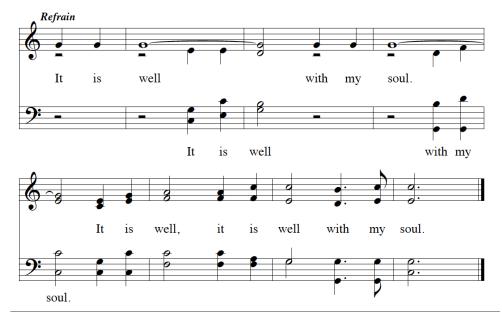
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated



When Peace Like a River Hymn 760





Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888, alt.

Tune, Setting: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

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Sermon 1 Peter 5:6-11

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

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Grades 3-4 (Sunday 10:30 am)

1 Sometimes I have so many troubles, And everything's falling apart. But I must remember that God says to trust in the Lord with all your heart.

(Refrain) Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.
Cast all your anxiety on Him, on Him because He cares for you.

Cast All Your Anxiety On Him

2 Sometimes I get frightened and worried,But I know that's not very smart.For Jesus will care for me;He says to trust in the Lord with all your heart.

(Refrain)

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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: 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: 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: Amen

Be Seated

Closing Hymn Abide, O Dearest Jesus CW 333



6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with your love; Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588-1632; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

Tune: Christus, der ist mein Leben (76 76) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

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Psalm 103

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