



Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 15, 2009

8:15 & 10:30 Worship Services

MACEDONIA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Mission: A community of believers responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, worship and action.

Vision: That Christ might have first place in everything. (Col. 1:18)

- *Invest in youth and family life.*
- *Support and develop education programs.*
- *Build community by developing strong Christian fellowship.*
- *Improve communication including the effective use of technology.*

- *Think beyond ourselves to be involved in local synodical and churchwide programs.*
- *Strengthen and develop programs to attract others to Christ.*

- *Increase cooperation and mission opportunities with Lutheran Retirement Ministries.*
- *Encourage an attitude that promotes the development of new ministries.*
- *Identify and use the talents of the congregation to meet the needs of the church and community.*

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Holy Communion

Setting Two - 8:15 & 10:30 (ELW)

The Marks of Discipleship: I will strive to . . .

- + Pray daily
- + Worship weekly
- + Read the Bible daily
- + Serve at and beyond Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church
- + Be in Relationship with others to encourage spiritual growth
- + Give of my time, talents and resources in a generous manner and to the glory of God

INTRODUCTION

The leper is confident in Jesus' power to heal. Naaman, on the other hand, is comically hard to convince that he can be healed by such an unlikely foreigner as Elisha, who directs him to wash in such a sorry excuse for a river as the Jordan. Jesus' healing power is here among us in the ordinary water of the font, in the ordinary bread, in the ordinary people who make up the body of Christ. We would be well-advised to take the advice of the least powerful among us (like the servant girl in Naaman's household) if we want to find the one who will heal us.

P = Pastor

C = Congregation

A = Assistant

PRELUDE (8:15) *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

setting by J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please prepare yourself for worship during the Prelude)

PRELUDE (10:30) *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

arranged by D. Wood

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

GATHERING SONG

When Morning Gilds the Skies

ELW 853 (*Red Hymnal*)

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and ever-living God, with mercy you look upon our weaknesses. Stretch out your wondrous hand to protect us from danger and restore us to health, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

C **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30) *With One Heart* Patterson
Melody Choir

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:1–14

A A reading from 2 Kings chapter five.

Elisha tells Naaman, a Syrian general, to immerse himself in the Jordan River to be cleansed of his leprosy. Initially refusing to do this humble act, Naaman eventually obeys and is healed, revealing not the magic of the water but the power of Israel's God.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 9:24–27

A A reading from 1 Corinthians chapter nine.

Using the athletic imagery of a runner and a boxer, Paul illustrates to the Corinthians how Christians have a focus committed to the ministry of the gospel, so that their victorious goal is not individual glory but eternal life for all.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. ²⁵Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; ²⁷but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL Mark 1:40–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus cures a leper and asks him to tell no one but a priest, in accordance with Levitical law. Though Jesus performs miracles, his identity as Messiah will not be understood until the cross.

⁴⁰A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean."

⁴¹Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made

clean!" ⁴²Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* **ELW 617**(*Red Hymnal*)

SERMON **"DIVINE DISTANCE"**
Text: Mark 1:40–45

APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Living in the light of Christ, who reveals both our need and God's abundant love, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A God of hope, give your church the courage to live faithfully. Fill us with hope that outlasts any suffering, and faith that draws all people together in the name of Christ. Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

A Reveal the goodness of your creation to all people, and help us to be good stewards of your precious gifts of land, water, and air and of the people and animals that depend on them. Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

A Heal the wounds of hatred and mistrust that exist between people of different nations, religions, and ethnic backgrounds. Raise up leaders who will hear the cries of their people for peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

A Share your abundant love with families who care for and support one another, that they may find all they need in you. Keep them free from strife, and strengthen their bonds with each new day. Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

A Comfort and heal your children who are suffering (*especially*). Restore them to health by the help of others, and encourage us all to show mercy to people in need. Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give you thanks for the faithful ones who have gone before us. Use their lives to teach us how to live in hope and to work for justice as we serve one another. Hear us, O God.

C **your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY (8:15) Thy Holy Wings

Swedish folk tune

(10:30) Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

THE PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE *(Spoken by the Pastor)*

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

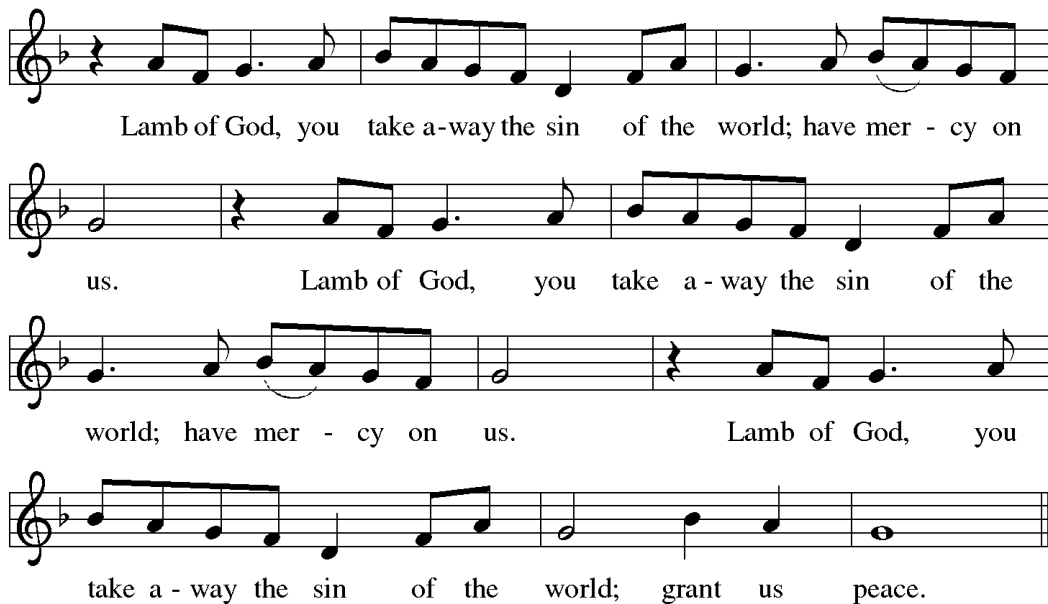
P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

A The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond **Amen**.

LAMB OF GOD (*Sing Twice*)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

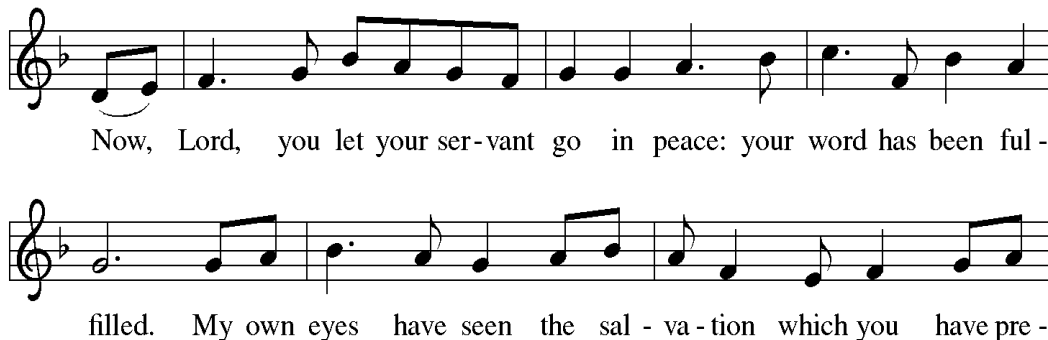
Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491 (*Red Hymnal*)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

ELW 308 (*Red Hymnal*)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

A Let us pray.

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

BLESSING

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW 618 (*Red Hymnal*)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (8:15)
(10:30)

Old Hundredth
Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

setting by J. Walther
arranged by P. Manz

Welcome! It is our hope that no one feels like a stranger in this house of worship. May each of us be open to friendship and acceptance as God's Children.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and for St. Valentine's Day, in honor and loving memory of our grandparents, who taught us as children to love our Lord and provided living examples for loving each other: Henry & Hilde Helgeson, Roy and Josephine Schmidt, Alex and Edna Peterson and Cliff and Adeline Ray.

Please remember in your prayers: Boyd Black, Joan Blomberg, Roy Durnwirth, Buddy Kircus, Susan Lambeth, David McLawhorn, David Millspaugh, Yoko Moore, Estelle & Mel Petersen. (*Requests are to be renewed weekly by contacting the church office.*)

Loaves and Fishes – For the month of February please bring dried milk, Ensure, Boost, etc.

The Key to Macedonia!! If you are currently holding a key to Macedonia Church or Luther Hall that is no longer required for your ministry, please return it to the church office. Thank you.

March Newsletter Deadline is TODAY, February 15th!!!!

YOUTH SUNDAY will be celebrated on Transfiguration Sunday, February 22, at both services. The youth have been hard at work on the service, and look forward to sharing the love and light of Jesus with the congregation! You won't want to miss it! Communion will be celebrated at both services. Plan to make it an exciting day with Youth Sunday followed by the Master Plan covered dish luncheon. We are looking for volunteers to provide breakfast items for the youth between the two services. (Juice, muffins, bagels, donuts, fruit, etc.) Please contact Michele Claypool @ 261-5149 or wclaypoo@triad.rr.com if you can help.

MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE COVERED DISH LUNCHEON! Do you want to hear about ideas for Macedonia's future? Would you like to share your thoughts on where we should be going as a church? **The Master Plan Steering Committee** will be giving a mid-point presentation during a **covered dish luncheon** immediately following next week's 10:30 Youth Worship Service. We want to let you know what we've been up to in our Strategic Planning efforts. You'll hear updates from our five subcommittees and will have an opportunity to ask questions and give us your input. We believe it is important that as many of our congregation as possible be involved in helping us explore future directions for Macedonia. We're excited about this adventure and hope to share the excitement with you! Bring your favorite dish or two, come join us, and enjoy food, fellowship and an exciting program. For more information on the Strategic Planning effort, see the article in this month's newsletter or contact Bruce Moore.

MUSICAL MOMENTS AT MACEDONIA - will continue on Sunday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. when the Cathedral Brass present a concert here in our sanctuary. A free will offering will be collected, and the concert will feature both sacred and secular music. Invite your friends! A reception will follow the concert. Mark your calendar; make plans to attend! Call or see Joy Rust if you wish to place a poster in your workplace to advertise the concert.

HANDICAP RAMP MINISTRY - We want to start a new ministry here at Macedonia. We would build handicap ramps for those in need. You must be at least 18 years old. If interested sign up sheet is by Pastor's office or call the church office. We need 10 - 15 people to get started.

Attention Macedonians!!! We have a great opportunity to serve the community while it is being served by others. During the week of March 8 - 14, Habitat for Humanity will host a group of 12 college students from the State University of New York Cortland. These students will spend their Spring Break here building a Habitat house for our community. Twin Lakes has again agreed to house them. Macedonia is to provide the breakfast food. (They want one group to do this). They are not asking for anything fancy ... cereal, pop tarts, granola bars, bagels, cream cheese, jelly, fruit, milk, coffee, etc. When you go shopping in the next few weeks, please think about this and buy an extra box of cereal or a jar of jelly. If you want to provide a perishable item, please let Barbara Lilienthal know (229-0188). All items unused when the students leave will be donated to Loaves and Fishes. There will be a breakfast food collection box in the Narthex for these items.

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a Chili Supper with Desserts for adults with developmental disabilities on Saturday, March 14. Over 100 folks usually attend our YAAC events, and have a WONDERFUL time of fun, food, and fellowship. Volunteers are encouraged to come help prepare and serve the meal, as well as assist our guests with Bingo. For further information call Ned Thigpen - 229-4862, Barbara Lilienthal - 229-0188 or Leah Bass - 584-0266. If anyone would like to donate items as prizes to be given away please let us know.

YOUTH BEACH RETREAT POLAR PLUNGE - Calling all Youth Grades 6-12 to mark your calendars for the annual Beach Retreat. We will be going to the Kure Beach Retreat Center the weekend of April 4th - 5th. If you are interested please let Greg Myers know as soon as possible so we can finalize our reservations. We are also looking for parents to volunteer to drive, chaperone, and assist in preparing meals. Final cost per youth should not exceed \$45.00. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

MUSIC WEEK AT LUTHERIDGE, one of our ELCA camps, is July 12-18. Sylvia and Joy have attended the past two summers, and are looking forward to attending again this summer. We are hoping that some of you may be able to join us. Activities are available for all ages (they even have a nursery)! We are hopeful that we will be able to offer a partial scholarship to those who may want to attend. So check your availability, and let Debbie Riggs or the church office know by March 1 if you are able to participate. To check it out, visit this website: <http://www.llmi.net/youth/MusicWeek.aspx>

Offerings: (02/08) General: \$ 7,085.24 Capital: \$756.00 Pew Torches: \$5,720.00

Hymns For Healing CD: \$3,660.00 The Gift Goes On CD: \$2,460.00

Sunday Attendance (2/08) SS: 91 (8:15): 54 (10:30): 198

ALSO SCHEDULED THIS WEEK

- Today (2/15)**
- 8:15 Worship/Communion
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship/Communion
 - 4:45 Reformation Ringers
 - 5:30 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
 - 6:00 Circle #7 Sal's Restaurant
 - 6:00 Youth Service Rehearsal
 - 6:30 Crossways II, #47

MEALS ON WHEELS (Monday - Friday)

- Monday**
- 9:00 a.m. Good Shepherd Kitchen
 - 4:00 Crossways I, #16
 - 7:00 Boy Scouts

- Tuesday**
- 9:00 WELCA Bible Study
 - 4:30 Macedonia Ringers
 - 5:15 Melody Choir
 - 5:30 Cherub Choir
 - 6:15 Worship & Music
 - 6:15 Sweet Adeline Choir
 - 6:30 Girl Scouts Leader Training

- Wednesday**
- 8:00 a.m. N & N's Grill Worx's
 - 7:30 Chancel Choir

- Thursday**
- 11:30 Young-In-Heart
 - 6:00 Girl Scouts
 - 6:30 Girl Scouts Leader Training
 - 7:00 Fellowship Committee

- Saturday**
- 10:00 Chrismon Workshop
 - 4:00 - 6:00 Youth Sunday Rehearsal
 - 6:00 Boy Scout Banquet

- Sunday (2/22)**
- 8:15 Worship/Communion (**YOUTH SERVICE**)
 - 9:30 Sunday School
 - 10:30 Worship/Communion (**YOUTH SERVICE**)
- SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON**
- 4:45 Reformation Ringers
 - 5:30 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation
 - 6:30 Crossways II, #48

*Macedonia Lutheran Church invites you to come and worship
with us during this upcoming time of Lent!*

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

**The Men of the church invite you to a delicious
pancake and sausage supper**

After supper, we bury the “Alleluias”.

Come, Eat and Worship!

Ash Wednesday Worship

We gather for worship on

Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.

for the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Lenten Denial Folders will be available
and all monies from them will go to “Loaves and Fishes”.

Lenten Theme—2009

“Christ Died For Our Spiritual Well-Being”

Martin Luther said, “This life, therefore, is not godliness but the process of becoming godly, not health but getting well, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not now what we shall be, but we are on the way.” We cannot be “whole” in this life, but we can become acquainted with the wholeness to come by striving to live well in key aspects of our lives. Living a centered life focused on God affects each aspect of our well being. Turn to God for strength as you seek to live well in Christ. Nurture your relationship with God through prayer, devotions, worship, nature, art and music. This Lenten season explore who you are and know Whose you are. See you on Wednesday nights starting February 25.

Join us on Wednesdays to strengthen your faith!

5:45 p.m.

Lenten Suppers (\$6.00 per person)

6:45 p.m.

Lenten Vespers (March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1)

SENSE OF TIMING

Has Jesus ever sternly ordered you not to talk about him to anyone? Maybe he should. Apparently the best way for Jesus to get the word out about his ministry is to order it not to be done. Disobedience is so deeply rooted in us that "reverse psychology" seems to work. In this case, the leper is at a disadvantage. Imagine being sick with a disease that not only causes discomfort and ill health, but also ostracizes you from community life. Then you're miraculously healed? Who wouldn't share such news?



Have you ever had such good news you were simply dying to share it? Does Jesus know that he has given the leper the kind of news that almost tells itself?

It is likely that he does, and he has good reason to keep the news contained. Lots of couples wait to tell people about their pregnancy after a designated amount of time—after the first trimester, after the check-up, after the ultrasound. They do this out of concern that the news not get out and have an impact too soon. Jesus is in a similar situation. He knows that once the news gets out that the kingdom of God has come near, and healings are taking place, people will come from everywhere seeking the blessings of that same kingdom. Jesus has a sense of timing and a commitment to his tradition, to worship according to the law of Moses.

The leper does not share this sense of timing. He only knows his life is completely different now, completely free, after Jesus touched and healed him. We could only wish that we would find ourselves disobeying Jesus in such an appropriate way, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ even against a proper sense of timing. Such a time is now.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 15, 2009

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Monday	Psalm 6, 2 Chronicles 26:1-21, Acts 3:1-10
Tuesday	Psalm 6, 2 Kings 7:3-10, 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Wednesday	Psalm 6, Job 30:16-31, John 4:46-54
Thursday	Psalm 41, 2 Chronicles 7:12-22, 3 John 2-8
Friday	Psalm 41, Isaiah 38:1-8, Hebrews 12:7-13
Saturday	Psalm 41, Isaiah 39:1-8, Luke 4:38-41

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Associate Pastor for Visitation (436-0104).....	Rev. Dr. Dianne Dietz
Seminarian (665-0363).....	Intern Vincent Iocona
Director of Church Music.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Chancel Choir and Reformation Ringers.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Organist (8:15).....	Mary Anne Dettman
Organist (10:30).....	Joy H. Rust
Organist Emeritus.....	Terry G. Woodings
Director, Cherub Choir.....	Joy H. Rust
Director, Macedonia Ringers and Melody Choir.....	Sylvia R. Crews
Sunday School Superintendent.....	Ruth W. Matkins
Crucifer.....	Melissa Reeger
Acolytes.....	Emily Adkins, Maddie Braxton
Lay Reader.....	(8:15) Sarah Lynch..... (10:30) Bruce Moore
Communion Preparer.....	Roger Meisenbach
Communion Assistant.....	(8:15) Karen Dosier..... (10:30) Diane Robinson
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