

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- ƒ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ƒ We love families! Your children are welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- ƒ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ƒ If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- ƒ For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Epiphany is Christendom’s second oldest festival; it has been celebrated for nearly 1900 years. The festival was originally a general celebration of the incarnation of Jesus which included the commemoration of his birth, the visit of the Magi (Wise Men), all of Jesus’ childhood events up to and including his baptism. Today, the Eastern Orthodox church celebrates Epiphany as the festival of Christ’s birth, and the Western Church stresses the visit of the Magi. The season of Epiphany (Greek for *appearance*) celebrates God’s revealing of Jesus’ true identity as true God, Christ/Messiah, and Savior of the world.

Worship Participants

Liturgist Pastor Brian Adams
 Preacher Pastor Jacob Hoff
 Organist Mrs. Marie Becker

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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THE OPENING HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Christian Worship #80

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3 Ma - gi, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; Brigh - ter vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in

all the earth; Once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry;
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing—
 beam a - far. Seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 You - der shines the in - fant light. Come and wor - ship,
 You have seen the Sav - ior's star.
 In his tem - ple shall ap - pear.

come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: 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

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

P: 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: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



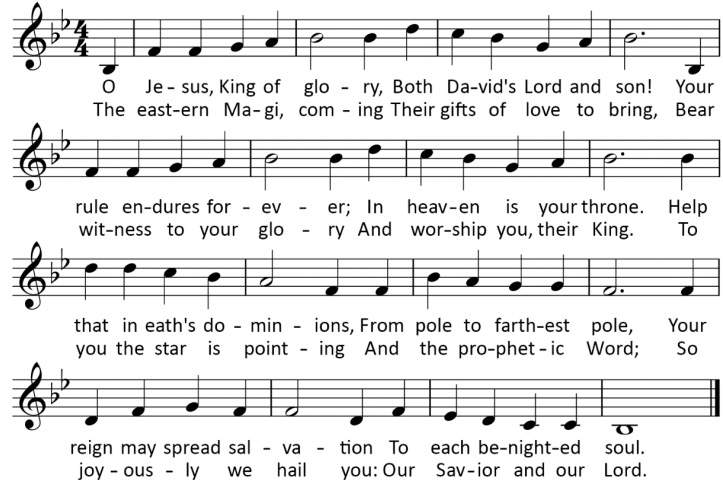
P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



O JESUS, KING OF GLORY (vs 1,2)



O Je-sus, King of glo-ry, Both Da-vid's Lord and son! Your
The east-ern Ma-gi, com-ing Their gifts of love to bring, Bear
rule en-dures for-ev-er; In heav-en is your throne. Help
wit-ness to your glo-ry And wor-ship you, their King. To
that in eath's do-min-ions, From pole to farth-est pole, Your
you the star is point-ing And the pro-phet-ic Word; So
reign may spread sal-vation To each be-night-ed soul.
joy-ous-ly we hail you: Our Sav-ior and our Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 60:1-6**

¹“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

²See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the LORD rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

³Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴“Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

⁵Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

⁶Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.

And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



Endow the King with your justice, O God,*
the royal Son with your righteousness.

He will defend the afflicted among the people*
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,*
as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field,*
like showers watering the earth.

Refrain

All kings will bow down to him,*
and all nations will serve him.


Psalm continues on next page

All nations will be blessed through him,*
and they will call him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.*
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

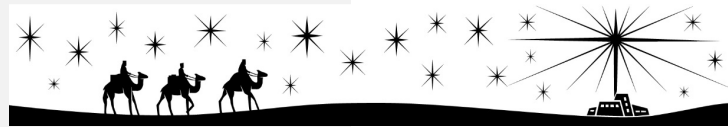


Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone

THE SECOND LESSON.....Ephesians 3:2-12

Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

⁷I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia! We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia!
(Matthew 2:2)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 2:1-12

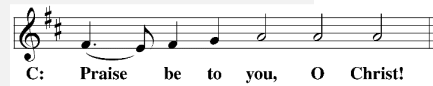
After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



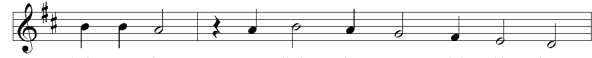
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THE HYMN OF THE DAY "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"

Christian Worship #79



1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see and
 2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God and
 3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son You loved me ere you
 4 Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, be - gin - ning
 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of



hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing,
 Mar - y's Son, The high - born King of a - ges!
 had be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion,
 with - out end, The first and last, e - ter - nal!
 mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.



O Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride - groom
 In your blest bod - y let me be, E'en as the
 Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in
 And you at length—O glo - rious grace— Will take me
 Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to -



and my King of grace, For you my heart is pin - ing.
 branch is in the tree, Your life my life sup - ply - ing.
 spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
 to that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.
 mor - row, ev - 'ry day Till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.



Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
 Sigh - ing, Cry - ing For the sa - vor Of your fa - vor
 What bliss Is this! He is liv - ing, To me giv - ing
 A - men, A - men! Come and meet me, Quick - ly greet me!
 Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of gra - ces, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly pla - ces.
 Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in you for - ev - er.
 Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from him can sev - er.
 With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.
 Chos - en na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

THE SERMON Matthew 2:1-12

Please Stand

THE 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 worshiped 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.

Please be Seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

After the offering is brought forward, please stand and sing

OFFERING HYMN "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Christian Worship #82 vs 1,5



Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to you we raise,
Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir-rored in your ho - ly Word.



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the Ma - gi from a - far,
May our lives and all we do Im - i - tate and ho - nor you



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.
That we all like you may be At your great e - pi - pha - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

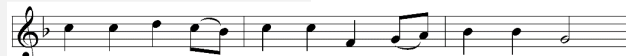


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. 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 forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be Seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice "close communion." We invite all who are members of St. Paul's or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul's, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Rise, Shine, You People" Christian Worship #556



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in
reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and
furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the
save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death
life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who
dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out
free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls



and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

Please Stand

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer 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: A - men.

THE BLESSING

P: 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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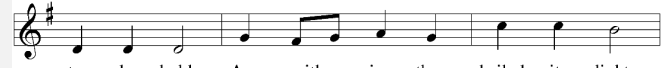


THE CLOSING HYMN "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Christian Worship #83



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to your
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At your cra-dle,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-



star be-hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
low-ly bed, There to bend the knee be-fore
rude and bare, So may we with ho-ly joy,
nar-row way; And, when earth-ly things are past,
a-ted light; You its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright, So, most gra-cious
You whom heav'n and earth a-dore, So may we with
Pure and free from sin's al-loy, All our cost-liest
Bring our ran-somed souls at last Where they need no
You its sun which goes not down. There for-ev-er



Lord, may we Ev-er-more your fol-lowers be.
will-ing feet Ev-er seek your mer-cy seat.
treas-ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n-ly King.
star to guide, Where no clouds your glo-ry hide.
may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Bob & Carol Goelz in honor of Carol's mother, Pearl Kolbow's 100th birthday!

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2018 Offering Envelopes are in the hallway outside of the Bible classroom. If you contribute electronically and do not need a set of envelopes, please let the office know.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE-DOWN: The 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation classes are asked to help take down the Christmas decorations today after the 10:30 AM service.

MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST 2018 SUBSCRIPTIONS: It's time to renew! The current Meditations and Forward in Christ subscriptions will expire on March 1st. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the narthex if you would like to renew, or become a new subscriber. Please sign up by January 31st. Payment is due when you sign up -- please place your payment in the basket next to the sign-up sheet.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER? If you answered yes, did you know you have grant money and Choice dollars that can be used at St. Paul's? We can show you how you can help St. Paul's by using grant money and directing your Choice dollars. If you're not a member and would like to still be able to help, you can still get grant money by signing up to be an associate member. On January 7th and 8th between services, Stacy, our congregational advocate for Thrivent will have a table set up for questions. Also, Stacy and Thrivent will be holding some informational meetings for you to come and hear how to use grants, help you sign up to be an associate member and help on directing Choice dollars. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30 PM in the Bible Study room. Dinner will be provided. Feel free to come to one of the informational meetings to see how you can help. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Boldt at (262) 470-7253.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 9-13, 2018! Registration will begin in late spring.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT CENTER: The Early Childhood Enrichment Center is now accepting registration for the 2018-2019 school year. In order to enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2018. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan and Mrs. Nancy Willms at (414) 421-1833. Enrollment opportunities will be opened to the community after February 1, 2018.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: We are studying the topic: "Idols We Never Knew We Had." A wood-carved animal figurine. A chiseled stone statue. A golden goddess. Do you have an idol-worship area set up in your home? We would say "Definitely not! I don't bow down to idols!" But sometimes we do worship idols and make them our gods, not even realizing they are there. Our upcoming study will bring to light these idols that hide themselves so easily in our homes and hearts, and through God's guidance and power we'll get help to avoid worshiping these false gods. Please come and join us. We begin at 8:00am. Breakfast is also served. Below is our schedule:

Idols We Never Knew We Had:

Technology – January 13, 2018

Politics – February 10, 2018

Family – February 24, 2018

Religion – March 10, 2018

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: January 11th & 25th, February 8th & 22nd, March 8th & 22nd, April 12th & 26th and May 10th & 24th. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. There are also extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

CREATION MUSEUM TOUR: Friends of Wisco are invited to attend a special bus tour to visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Petersburg, Ky., June 7-10, 2018, hosted by WLHS president Pastor Ken Fisher and WLHS Foundation executive director Kristine Metzger. We expect the trip to fill up fast, so consider making this an early Christmas present to your spouse, yourself, or a family member! Deadline to register is Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Cost and registration details can be found at www.wlhs.org/creationtour.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (January 7 & 8)

8:00 AM – Connie Myer
10:30 AM – Marilyn Krueger
6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (January 14 & 15)

8:00 AM – Jean Villwock
10:30 AM – Brian & Kristal Young; Noelle, Declan & Parker
6:30 PM – sign up to be a greeter!

USHERS FOR JANUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Jan 3-9 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek
Jan 10-16 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Jan 7: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin HERNON
Jan 14: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 7

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Information Class..... 9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM
Christmas Decoration Take-Down 11:30 AM

Monday, January 8

Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 9

PSCIC 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 10

Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM
Men's Open Gym 7:30 PM

Thursday, January 11

Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM

Friday, January 12

School Devotion 1:00 PM

Saturday, January 13

Bible Class 8:00 AM
School Cleaning 9:00 AM

Sunday, January 14

Worship Service 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Information Class..... 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 9:00 AM – 138, 6:30 PM – 64
Total Attendance – 202

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