

**W**elcome! 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,

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † 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.
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:  
**JESUS APPEARS AS THE CHRIST, THE ANOINTED ONE**

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist** ..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Preacher** ..... Pastor Jacob Hoff  
**Organist** ..... Mrs. Sharon Larsen

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**THE OPENING HYMN** ..... **“O Light of Gentile Nations”**  
*Christian Worship #78*

1 O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, O  
 2 Dear Lord, your ser - vants meet you In  
 3 Lord, when life's trou - bles touch us, You  
 4 Let us, O Lord, be faith - ful Like

Sav - ior from a - bove, Drawn by your Spir - it's  
 ev - 'ry ho - ly place Where your true Word has  
 seem to hide your face, And through our tears we  
 Sim - eon to the end So that his prayer ex -

lead - ing, We come with joy and love In -  
 prom - ised That we should see your face. To -  
 of - ten Can scarce - ly sense your grace. Then  
 ul - tant May from our hearts as - cend: "O

to your ho - ly tem - ple And wait with  
 day you still al - low us Who gath - er  
 be our joy and bright - ness, Our cheer - in  
 Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in

rev - 'rent mind As Sim - eon once had  
 round you here In arms of faith to  
 pain and loss, Our sun in dark - est  
 peace, I pray, Since I have seen my

wait - ed His God and Lord to find.  
 hold you As did that a - ged seer.  
 ter - ror, The glo - ry round our cross,  
 Sav - ior And here be - held his day."

*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.

### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** 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.

**P:** 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

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, 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

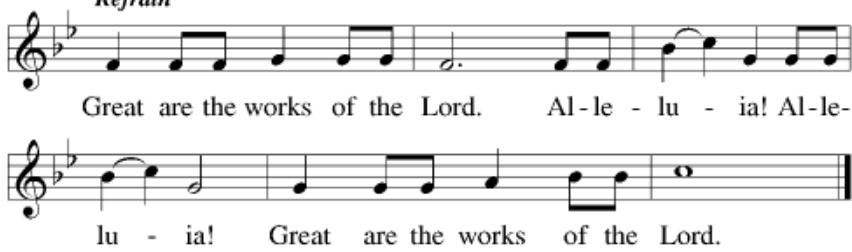
### THE FIRST LESSON ..... Isaiah 42:1-7

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him,  
and he will bring justice to the nations.  
2 He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.  
3 A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;  
4 he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.  
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”  
5 This is what God the LORD says—  
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:  
6 “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.  
I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,  
7 to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”


### THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 45

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*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



My heart is stirred by a noble theme\*  
as I recite my verses for the King.

You are the most excellent of men,\*  
and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;\*  
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;  
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

#### **Refrain**

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;  
therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;  
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

*Psalm continues on next page*

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*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
 lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone* \*

**THE SECOND LESSON.....Acts 10:34-38**

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.”

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia! You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia! (*Mark 1:11*)

*Please stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.<sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup>As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN’S TALK..... 10:30 AM**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert”**

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1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to  
2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by  
3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at  
4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



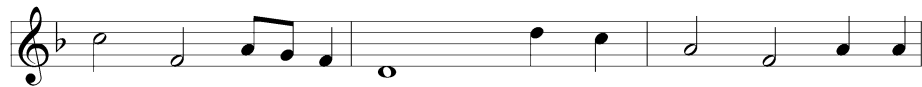
Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you heard the  
Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though sin - less,  
last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the  
Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us, claimed us,



her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's old pro - phet - ic  
with your peo - ple In the riv - er's cleans - ing  
cross for - sak - en, You ful - filled the Fa - ther's  
cleansed, for - giv - en Through the wa - ter and the



dream: “He is com - ing! He is com - ing! He will  
flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens o - pened; Came the  
will. Lamb of God, we see you dy - ing, Sin - less,  
Word. Help us hear your ur - gent sum - mons, Call - ing



cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the  
Spir - it as a dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all  
yet for sin - ners slain. But where death rose up to  
us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and



wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!”  
hear - ing: “See my Son, the one I love!”  
tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!  
daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

**THE SERMON .....Matthew 3:13-17**

What's In A Name?  
Messiah – Christ – Anointed One

*Please stand*

**THE 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.**

*Please be seated*

**THANKSGIVING**

**THE OFFERING**

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

**THE OFFERING PRAYER**

*Please stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**THE BLESSING**

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

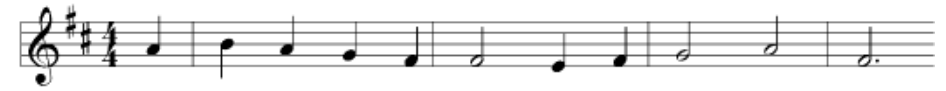
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



*Please be seated*

**CLOSING HYMN** ..... **“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”**

*Christian Worship #439*



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.  
 For you, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.  
 I know that you will strength - en My steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 And noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.  
 For when your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.  
 So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The 2017 envelopes are located on tables outside the Bible Classroom in the west hallway of church. If we've missed someone, please contact the church office. If we've missed assigning a set of children's envelopes for the children in your family, and you would like them to have a set, please contact the church office at: (414) 421-1178 or [office@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:office@stpaulsfranklin.org).

**"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS:** Our next bible class will be Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "The Beginning of the End".

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** The Board of Education will meet on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

**BOARD OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** The Board of Spiritual Growth will meet on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Mark your calendars for next summer's Vacation Bible Camp, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. More details will come later!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKEDOWN:** The Confirmation classes are asked to help take down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT CENTER:** The Early Childhood Enrichment Center is now accepting registration for the 2017-2018 school year. In order to enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2017. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at (414) 421-1833. Registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Enrollment opportunities will be opened to the community after February 1, 2017.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**2017 MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE:** Have you seen the news lately? It's crazy out there. The world attacks our Christian values from every direction on a daily basis. To counter these attacks, the MOHW Conference uses God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities and the world with the theme, "BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS." Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (Pastor Mike Novotny from The Core in Appleton), the relevant, thought-provoking sessions (20 to choose from) or the worship experience with 600 other men (with Koine', the worship band), God's Word will speak to you. The 8th annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Oshkosh Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Additional details and online registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org) for the first 650 men (\$40 by January 29th; \$50 from January 30th - February 5th). Please join us for a day in God's Word that you will not soon forget!

## VOLUNTEERS

### GREETERS THIS WEEK (January 8 & 9)

**8:00 AM** – Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry

**10:30 AM** – Marilyn Krueger

**6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

### GREETERS NEXT WEEK (January 15 & 16)

**8:00 AM** – Roger Buntrock

**10:30 AM** – Brian & Kristal Young; Noelle, Declan & Parker

**6:30 PM** – Dave & Janet Long

### 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, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

### ALTAR GUILD

Jan 4-10 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Kelly Cannistrera, Karen Hille

Jan 11-17 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Kelly Cannistra, Karen Hille

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

Jan 8: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli  
Jan 15: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Connie Myer

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, January 8**

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

**Monday, January 9**

Worship..... 6:30 PM  
Board of Education ..... 7:30 PM

**Tuesday, January 10**

Public School Confirmation Class..... 6:00 PM

**Thursday, January 12**

Board of Spiritual Growth ..... 6:00 PM

**Friday, January 13**

School Devotion .....8:30 AM

**Saturday, January 14**

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

**Sunday, January 15**

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

**Statistics – Last Week**

New Year’s Eve Attendance – 76, Communed – 65  
New Year’s Day Attendance – 105, Communed – 90  
Total Attendance – 181