

The Baptism of Jesus **January 13 & 14, 2019**

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,

- † 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:
THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Worship Participants

Liturgist Pastor Jacob Hoff
Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Mrs. Miriam Schaewe

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

Christian Worship #89



1 To Jor - dan’s riv - er came our Lord, The
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And
 4 Then from God’s throne with thun - d’rous sound Came
 5 The Fa - ther’s word, the Spir - it’s flight A -



Christ, whom heav’n - ly hosts a - dored, The
 Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To
 John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The
 God’s own voice with words pro - found: “This
 noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The
 stand be - neath the Fa - ther’s will And
 Ho - ly Spir - it, heav’n - ly dove, De -
 is my Son,” was his de - cree, “The
 God’s own choice, from A - dam’s fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow’r, and might.
 all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 scend - ed on him from a - bove.
 one I love, who pleas - es me.”
 save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
 This man in Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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 1 Samuel 16:1-13

^{16:1} The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.”

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

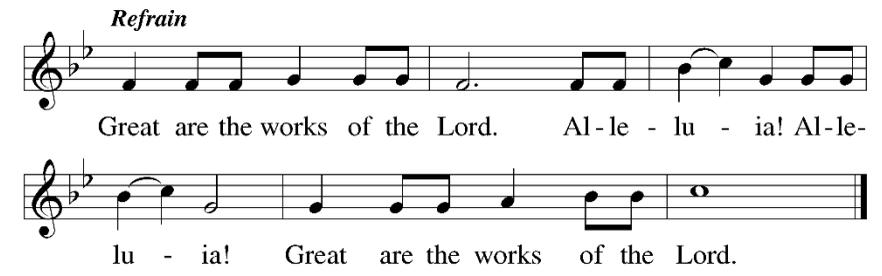
Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 2

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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



Why do the nations conspire*
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD*
and against his Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
the Lord scoffs at them.

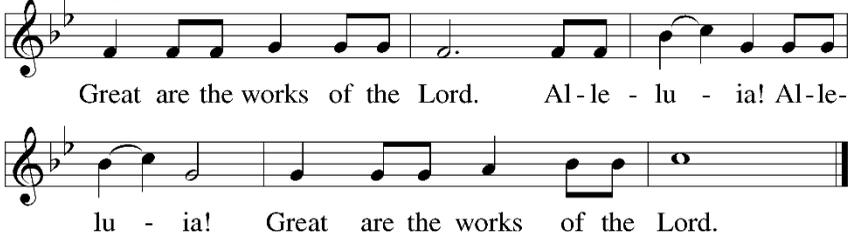
Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
He said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

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



Psalm tone *



THE SECOND LESSON..... Titus 3:4-7

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

VERSE OF THE DAY

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

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you 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..... "Baptized in Water"
Christian Worship #297



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,



Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
 Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
 Marked with the sign of Christ our King:



Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
 One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
 Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;



Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

THE SERMON Titus 3:4-7

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.



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.

Please be Seated

CLOSING HYMN "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

Christian Worship #299



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us your



Lord's sal - va - tion; Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ,
Ho - ly Spir - it. Help us in our in - firm - i - ty



They are a new cre - a - tion. Through Christ's
Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it. Grant us



re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,
to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The beauty of the Sunday of the Baptism of our Lord is that we see Jesus declared as the Messiah and the Father's eternal Son. We see him being strengthened as he completely trusts his Father, as he carries out his Father's will. But notice this as well: Luke closely connects Jesus' baptism to all the others coming to the baptismal waters. The baptism of each of us has intimately connected us to everything that belonged to Jesus on that day at the Jordan!

The following names are people who have been adopted by God through the Sacrament of Baptism here at St. Paul's since we celebrated the Baptism of our Lord last year. May God continue to bless them always.

Melody Caton – January 14, 2018

Tyler Amann – February 25, 2018

Abigail Marciniak – March 18, 2018

Clay Maderich – March 25, 2018

Frank Kling – March 25, 2018

Jonathan Dieguez – April 8, 2018

Logan Grabowski – April 21, 2018

Bennett Parato – April 22, 2018

Reagan Salerno – May 13, 2018

Kaylinn Scribner – June 24, 2018

Mylah Krizan – June 24, 2018

Dallas Sievert – July 24, 2018

Abraham Hoff – September 16, 2018

Jack Becker – October 14, 2018

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2019 Offering Envelopes are in the hallway outside of the Bible classroom. If you contribute electronically and do not need a set of envelopes, or if you don't see a set with your name on it, please let the office know.

CALL MEETING FOR NEXT YEAR'S 1ST GRADE TEACHER: With Mrs. Schaewe's call ending this June, St. Paul's voters assembly, on November 25th, approved the proposal to call for a 1st Grade teacher from a list provided by the District President. A Call Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 20th** at 11:30 AM. We will receive a list of candidates from the office of District President for consideration and vote to issue a call to teach 1st Grade starting in the 2019-20 school year. If you have questions regarding the "call process" please contact the pastors or the principal.

"TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH" BIBLE STUDY: In the sequence of *Road to Emmaus*, *Come Follow Me*, and *My Son My Savior* is the fourth and final movie from WELS, titled "*To the Ends of the Earth*." The movie follows Paul's remarkable visit to the city of Philippi, recorded in Acts 16. It shows how the Apostle Paul connected with people from all walks of life, demonstrating that the good news of Jesus is indeed for all people—to the very ends of the earth.

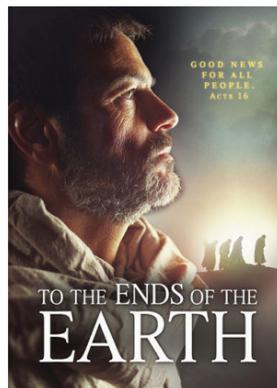
Jesus was God's answer of love for people of every culture or background. The message of Jesus is a power that changes even the most unlikely hearts. It gives truth to the seeker, hope to the hopeless, and freedom to the oppressed. God sends messengers to share the life-changing story of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

During this study, we will be watching the movie divided into six parts. They are:

1. The Call of God (Paul)
2. The Gospel Goes to Foreign Cultures (Timothy)
3. The Seeker Discovers Truth (Lydia)
4. The Oppressed is Set Free (Slave girl)
5. The Hopeless Gains Faith (Jailer)
6. The Believers Gather in Joy (Philippi church)

Copies will be made available to anyone as well. Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Anyone is welcome to join us.

NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Adult Bible Study next Sunday, January 20th. We will resume class on Sunday, January 27th.



MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST 2019 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.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: St. Paul's Lutheran School has been an educational tradition in Franklin for 150 years and we will be showing off our school Sunday, January 27th from 11:30AM until 2PM. We are committed to sharing our quality, Christ-centered, academically rigorous school with you. Come and see why our families love being a part of our school, grab a snack, meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and learn about the great education available to students from 3K up to 8th grade. All are invited to attend -- we look forward to seeing you!

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT CENTER: The Early Childhood Enrichment Center is now open for enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2019. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan and Mrs. Nancy Willms at (414) 421-1833. Registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Enrollment opens to the community on January 27, 2019.

SAVE THE DATE: Next year's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 8-12, 2019. Registration will take place later in spring.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: The Refreshment Committee is in need of 1 or 2 people to clean up after the second service. Please consider offering your talents for one Sunday per month for 15-20 minutes. The more volunteers we get, the less often you will be needed. Duties include: emptying and washing out the coffee makers, cleaning the serving trays and table, putting away the coffee condiments and taking out the garbage. If you are willing to lend a helping hand or you have additional questions, please contact Tony Tripoli 414-232-5817.

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 24th, February 14th & 28th, March 14th & 28th, April 11th & 25th and May 9th & 23rd.

SOUTHSIDE MINISTRIES UPDATE: Thank you for a fantastic Christmas and your amazing support throughout the year. There was Joy in abundance this holiday season.

Our door collection for children's gift bags received \$885. We were able to assemble 175 gift bags containing peanuts, apples, oranges, candy, and a small toy. The bags looked very festive with a message of "Jesus's Birthday" on them. The children were very excited to receive them.

On the Friday assembly night, we had 6 of the Karen children able to help assemble the bags and also put up a beautiful tree in St. Peter's Community Center. It was a lot of fun but we worked quickly enough that there was still time to go out looking at Christmas lights, including downtown, after our work.

A few nights later we had about 15 of the children at St. Paul's Christmas caroling on an unseasonably nice evening. The caroling was enjoyable and well received by homes in St. Paul's neighborhood. The children especially enjoyed the cookies, hot chocolate, and chili at the Adams' house afterward.

The Karen, much like us, celebrate Christmas with church, families, and food. The food part has picked up noticeably since they left the refugee camp and came to this country. It was a pleasure to witness their celebrations of the Savior's birth.

We had our Christmas party for the children on December 26. I could not believe how blessed we were when all the toys and gifts were brought out. I have been squirreling donated toys away for the party throughout the year at St. Paul's and St. Peter's. I was very thankful there were 4 Karen high school students helping move the toys and set up the party. We display all the toys on tables and draw numbers for the children to pick out a toy when their number is called. It took 7 tables to display all the toys and each child received 3 gifts. An anonymous monetary gift was used to purchase decorations, refreshments, and also some extra strong hefty garbage bags for the children to carry their gifts in. Every child left smiling with a full Santa type bag filled with toys, candy, and popcorn.

We still had a lot of toys left. We talked to one of the teachers at St. Peter's and she gladly took the extras for needy families within their school. Your donations have brought a lot of happiness to many children and their families. God Bless you.

CHEFS WANTED: Taher Inc., the exclusive food service management company for Wisconsin Lutheran High School, is looking for two creative, friendly, and reliable chefs who want to use their creative cooking skills to serve food and beverages to students, faculty, and friends of the high school. Duties include cooking breakfast and lunch M-F 6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., or working with our international department serving dinners from

1:30-7:30 p.m., and can include cooking for summer camps and occasional brunches on the weekend. Flexibility of starting full time in summer or during this school year. You do not need to be a professional chef, but should possess good cooking skills. For more information and to apply, please contact Food Services Director Sarah Derouin at chef@wlhs.org.

5TH GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA: On Sunday, January 27, WLHS will welcome hundreds of 5th graders and their families to the 5th Grade Extravaganza. The evening will include food, fun, and entertainment. Students and parents have a chance to learn about our caring, Christian environment, superior academics, award-winning co-curriculars, generous tuition assistance, and the amazing opportunities that WLHS offers. Students will tour the building in the form of a scavenger hunt. To register for this exciting event, visit wlhs.org/5thgrade.

WINTER CHEER CLINIC: Attention grade school cheerleaders! Come learn jumps, dances, cheers, and stunts with us on Friday, February 2, in the main gym at WLHS, starting at 9:00 a.m. Special parents showcase will be held at 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration cost is \$25, or walk-in cost the day of is \$30. Lunch will be included. Please register by Thursday, January 31, at wlhs.org/jrvikings, under "Cheer Clinic."

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE: Don't miss the Christian Leadership Experience (CLE) held at the LaCrosse Center on March 15-16, 2019. CLE is a community of faithful Christians saved by grace who long for serving God in all areas: spiritual, personal and professional. This faith forward experience is guiding the next generation of Christian leaders with a particular focus on home, work and community! Save with the early bird registration through January 15. Visit www.christlead.com for more information.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (January 13 & 14)

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

10:30 AM – Marilyn Krueger

6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (January 20 & 21)

8:00 AM – Jacque & Doreen Vallier

10:30 AM – {sign up to be a greeter!}

6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

USHERS FOR JANUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz

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 9-15 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

Jan 16-22 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Jan 13: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

Jan 20: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 13

Worship Service 8:00 AM

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/PSCIC..... 9:15 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Monday, January 14

Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 15

Mary & Martha 6:30 PM

Board of Spiritual Growth 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 16

Senior Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 PM

Encouragement Committee..... 6:30 PM

Men’s Open Gym 7:30 PM

Friday, January 18

School Devotion 1:00 PM

Sunday, January 20

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM

Sunday School/PSCIC 9:15 AM

NO Adult Bible Study

Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 114, Communed – 91

10:30 AM – 176, Communed – 99

6:30 PM – 65, Communed – 50

Total Attendance – 355

Total Communed – 240

Sunday Bible Class – 28