OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

2nd Weekend After Epiphany

January 15 & 16, 2017

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,

- *f* 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.
- f If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- *f* For upcoming events and activities, "like" us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY'S THEME: GOD REVEALS HIS GLORY IN CHRIST

Worship Participants

Liturgist	Pastor Jacob Hoff
Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Organist	Miss Heather Schmidt

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THE OPENING HYMN "O God from God, O Light from Light"

Christian Worship #85



THE INVOCATION

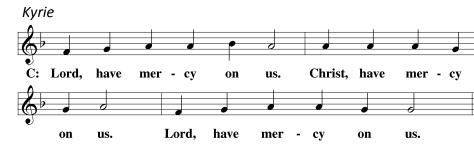
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



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.



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

GLORY BE TO GOD



PRAYER AND PRAISE



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:1-6

^{49:1} Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name.² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I

have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." ⁵ And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—⁶he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."



that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,* your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

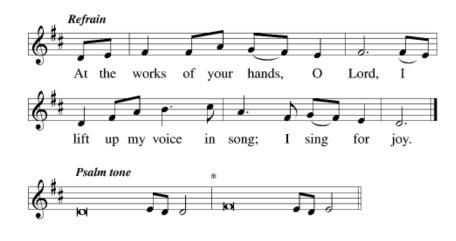
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O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?* You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,* who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;* they exult in your righteousness.

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.



^{1:1} Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: ³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—⁶ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you.⁷

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3 cf. NIV)







²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).



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.

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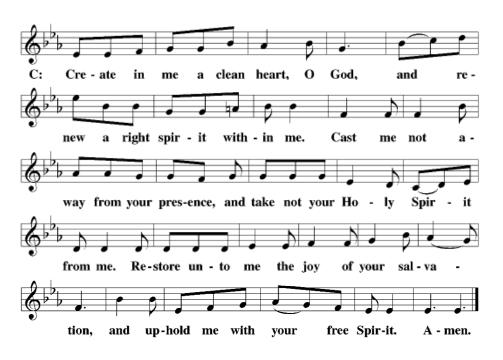
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THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....""The Only Son from Heaven" Christian Worship #86 Please stand



Please be seated

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, 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.

PREFACE

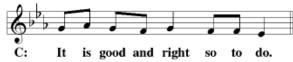
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts



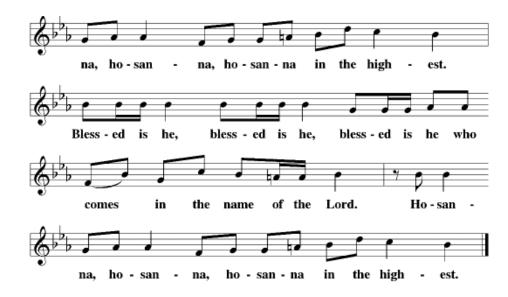
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

THE SACRAMENT





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."

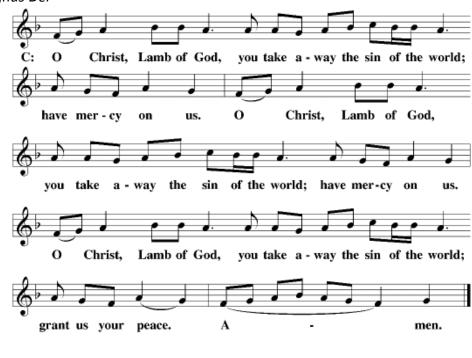
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



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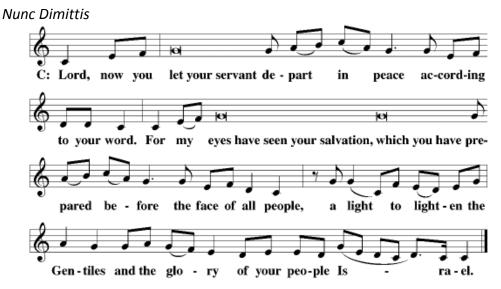
DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

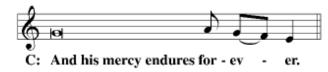
THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations"



SONG OF SIMEON



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



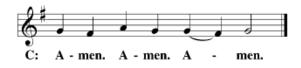
CLOSING PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

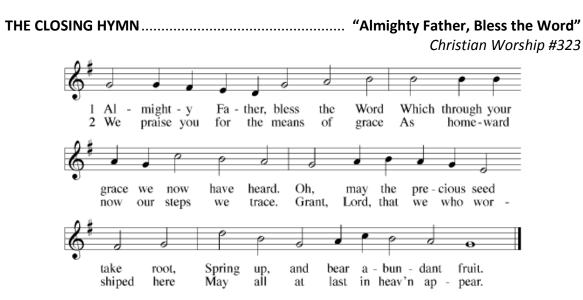


THE BLESSING

P: 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW BIBLE STUDY! Clean Out Those Itching Ears: Christian Apologetic Witnessing: As Christians it is our duty to share Jesus. In our world today, sharing Jesus often means responding to sometimes aggressive unbelievers and skeptics in a loving yet intelligent way. This class aims to equip you to tackle some very explosive issues head on and examine how you can defend Biblical teaching in a logical way, but also turn the focus onto what matters most – Jesus. This six week bible study will include topics such as sex and marriage, abortion, and evolution.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKEDOWN: The Confirmation classes are asked to help take down the Christmas decorations today at 11:30 AM.

2017 GREETER SCHEDULES: Thanks to those that greet us each week! The 2017 Greeter Schedules are in your church mailboxes.

MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST 2017 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 place your payment in the basket next to the sign-up sheet. Please sign up and make your payments by JANUARY 30th.

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.

SOUTHSIDE MINISTRIES: Joy – Joy – Joy. Thank you for your help in sharing the Joy of the Savior's birth with our newer brothers and sisters in Christ. Our door collection for children's gift bags received \$1048 and a lot of toys were donated to the collection barrel. In addition, the lower grades of our school made a large donation of new books a special Christmas project. St. Paul's has been funding these gift bags for 5 years. The first couple of years, we wanted to surprise the children and assembled the 200 baskets with the help

of a couple of adult volunteers. The surprise is gone when you do it every year and it took a long time on a weeknight to assemble these. The last couple of years, we have used our ESL children to assemble the gift bags. It makes it a lot more fun, takes a lot less time, and I believe it's going to be fond childhood memories for the children. Previous Christmases. it was a real challenge to get enough small toys to put in gift bags. The last two years, the challenge has been finding a place to store all the toys for the gift bags and the Christmas party. I've become a big fan of Beanie Babies. I think they're breeding in the storage bins. In the Bible, Jesus performed a miracle with bread and fish but I think he is working with Beanie babies now. Thank you for your generosity. It's unbelievable the number of donations we've received at Christmas and throughout the year. The only downside of Christmas was the snowstorms before Christmas. St. Paul's Christmas caroling and the Karen Christmas service at St. Peter's were canceled. Distributing the Food Pantry and gift bags was very challenging in the inner city at the tail end of one of the storms. My van got stuck a few times and my helper's feet were getting cold trudging through the snow all morning. The big smiles we received from the families and children warmed us. A special challenge this year was Christmas trees. I had a few artificial trees donated and in trying to find out who needed a tree, I asked a few families. After placing all the trees I had, I was given another name of a family with 3 girls and the oldest was 7. At tutoring, I got a sick feeling when the oldest told me she was so excited because someone was bringing them a Christmas tree. I arranged with their mother that I would deliver a tree on the Sunday night, a week before Christmas. That Sunday morning after church, Pastor Adams gave me an envelope with a donation that he had received, just in time for the afternoon shopping. What a special Christmas memory I'll always have of those three little faces watching for me out the window, giving them red stocking hats and cookies, and the excitement they had decorating their first tree with tinsel, ornaments, and candy canes. On the week between Christmas and New Year's, we held a Christmas party for the ESL children with cookies, hot chocolate, popcorn, movies, music, and presents. It was a wonderful time. There hasn't been a let-up for the holidays. I've had several furniture deliveries and the donations have been overflowing the cart weekly. There seems to be unending donations meeting unending needs. God bless your generosity. It is deeply appreciated. Thank you again for making this all this possible. If you would like to help with tutoring or have questions, please call Gary Eickhorst at (414) 870-9215.

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, February 11^h. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "The Kingdoms' Fall".

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

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 19th, February 2nd & 16th, March 2nd & 16th, April 6th & 20th and May 4th & 18th.

WLHS 5TH GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA: Attention all 5th grade students and parents! Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting a 5th Grade Extravaganza just for you on Sunday, January 29, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. The evening is free and includes dinner and a fun night of entertainment. Plus, we're giving away a Chromebook and other prizes! We'll have exciting science experiments, robot demonstrations, music, basketball and lots more. To reserve your spot, please register at www.wlhs.org/5thGrade.

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 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!

ST. JOHN'S FOREST HOME SUMMER BUS TRIP: Join members of St. John's Forest Home on June 20-23rd for a trip to northern Kentucky to visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter, Newport Aquarium, the Kentucky Horse Farm in Lexington and more! There are flyers with more information on the narthex counter, or you can call Gene Huth at (414) 453-1350.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (January 15 & 16)

8:00 AM – Roger Buntrock
10:30 AM – Brian & Kristal Young; Noelle, Declan & Parker
6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (January 22 & 23)

8:00 AM – David & Marlene Horn 10:30 AM – Jack & Kathie Klunder 6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

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 11-17 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Kelly Cannistra, Karen Hille Jan 18-24 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Jan 15: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Connie Myer

Jan 22: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Don & Marge Gebert

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 15

Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	
Worship Service with Communion	10:30 AM
Christmas Decoration Takedown	11:30 AM

Monday, January 16

Pastor Conference – Hartland	9:00 AM
Worship Service with Communion	5:30 PM

Tuesday, January 17	
Public School Confirmation Class	
Mary Martha	6:30 PN
Wednesday, January 18	
Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PN
Thursday, January 19	
Preschool Power Hour	10:45 AN
Friday, January 20	
School Devotion	8:30 AN
Saturday, January 21	
LGP District Meeting at St. Paul's	10:00 AN
Sunday, January 22	
Worship Service	8:00 AI
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School	9:15 AN
Worship Service	

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 89, 10:30 AM – 131, 6:30 PM – 60 Total Attendance – 280 Sunday Bible Class – 25, Sunday School – 9