

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.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:

GETTING TO KNOW JESUS: THE POWERFUL PROPHET

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Christian Worship #82



1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and
 4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; Stars shall fall, the
 5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
 King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest,
 faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
 heav'n's shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;
 ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al
 In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in
 Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in
 All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the
 Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like



Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.
 pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
 gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill.
 trum - pet hear; All will see the judge ap - pear.
 you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 You by all will be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.¹⁶For this is what you asked of

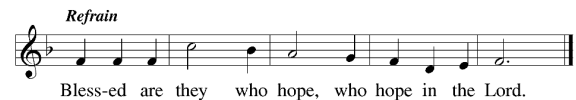
the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

¹⁷ The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."

THE PSALM OF THE DAYPsalm 1

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Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

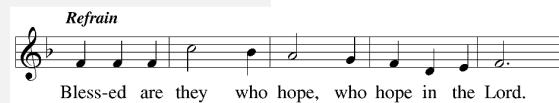
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Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment*,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous*,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



THE SECOND LESSONHebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia! (Luke 4:18)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Mark 1:21-18

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

CHILDREN’S TALK..... 10:30 AM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

Christian Worship #395



1 Seek where you may To find a way
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay;
3 Seek him a - lone, Who did a - tone,
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright,



That leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is
None can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers
Who did your souls de - liv - er; Oh, seek him
Je - sus, you are for - ev - er. Not wealth or



stilled; On Christ I build— He is the
failed; This man pre - vailed, The God - Man,
first, All you who thirst For grace that
pride Or aught be - side Our bond of



one foun - da - tion. His Word is sure; His
and none oth - er. The Ser - vant - Lord Our
fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry need Seek
love shall sev - er. You are my Lord; Your



works en - dure. He will o'er - throw My
life re - stored. We're jus - ti - fied, For
him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart He
pre - cious Word Shall be my guide What -



ev - 'ry foe; Through him I more than con - quer.
he has died, The guilt - less for the guilt - y.
will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
e'er be - tide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

THE SERMON **Mark 1:21-28**

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.



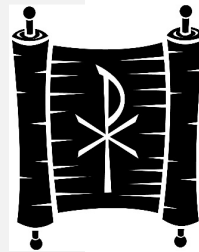
THE BLESSING

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 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the
strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out
suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing
what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.
wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH MAILBOXES: The church mailboxes have been re-alphabetized. Please check carefully, as your box location may have moved.

NO BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS: There is no Bible Information Class this Sunday. There is Adult Bible Study and Sunday School.

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. If you did not receive a set of envelopes, please call the office.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The 2017 Contribution Statements are in your church mailboxes.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: St. Paul's Lutheran School has been an educational tradition in Franklin for 150 years, and we are showing off our school today from 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. Come see why our families love being a part of our school! Grab a snack, meet teachers, see classrooms and learn about the great education available to students from 3K through 8th Grade. If that day doesn't work for your schedule, call and set up a time to visit. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

MISSION FESTIVAL & "POT-LUCK DINNER": On February 11th & 12th we will have a WELS missionary preaching in our services. Following the 10:30 am service, we will have an "old fashioned" pot-luck dinner served in the school. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to be served. In order to assist in planning, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church indicating what you want to bring to the meal.

MARY AND MARTHA PROJECT UPDATES:

Christmas Cookie Sale: A huge thank you to everyone who donated cookies to the sale and also to all those who purchased cookies. \$705.00 was raised through the cookie sale and will help fund the ongoing work of Mary & Martha and their support of missions.

Kingdom Workers Clean Water Project: Mary and Martha, with the help of St. Paul's congregation, have already sent \$750.00 for the purchase and installation of one shower/toilet/sanitation unit in Southeast Asia. Mary and Martha has an additional \$525.00 that has been donated for a second unit. If anyone would still like to donate to this project, envelopes are available on the counter in the narthex. Let's try to purchase another complete unit! Only \$225.00 to go!

The following was included in the thank you received for our first donation: *"In one village, a toilet has been built outside the building which is used as a church on Sunday and a preschool during the week. The students and church members are now being educated about proper sanitation and have access to the facility. The teacher at this preschool reported the difference this is making for her students, 'Attendance has increased in school. Children are happy to have a place to go to the toilet and the number of diarrhea cases has decreased dramatically.'"*

KOINE IN WORSHIP: The band named "Koine" will be joining us for worship on Sunday, February 18th. Please come and join us that Sunday. For more information, please look at the January 2018 church newsletter.

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 worshipping 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:

Politics – February 10, 2018

Family – February 24, 2018

Religion – March 10, 2018

KIDS CARNIVAL AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL: Step right up and try your luck at over 50 fun games! WLHS student body is hosting a kids carnival on Sunday, February 18, from 1:00-3:30. Children age 3 through 4th Grade are invited to play games, meet live animals, and participate in other fun activities. Each \$3 admission receives 20 play tokens. Cotton candy and concessions will be available for purchase. Parents and grandparents are admitted free of charge and encouraged to bring their cameras for some great photo opportunities. To host your birthday party at the carnival, contact Faith Loberg at faith.loberg@wlhs.org.

GET READY TO MAKE A SPLASH! Wisconsin Lutheran High School invites 4th and 6th grade students, on separate nights from 5:30-7:30 p.m., to a fun evening of waterslides and swimming at Country Springs Waterpark Hotel in Pewaukee. There is no cost, however at least one parent must attend with their child. Kids will swim and the parents will learn more about WLHS. **4th grade students are invited on Monday, March 5, and must RSVP by Monday, February 26. 6th grade students are invited on Monday, March 12, and must RSVP by Monday, March 5.** RSVP by going to www.wlhs.org/splash.

WLHS MUSICAL: How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying—Big business means big laughs in this delightfully clever lampoon of life on the corporate ladder. Winner of the Tony award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize, this tune-filled comic gem follows the rise of J. Pierpont Finch, who uses a mixture of charming innocence and smarts to advance from window washer to high powered executive. Performances will be held on Friday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. Reserved seat tickets are available at the WLHS reception desk, or by printing out the online ticket order form at www.wlhs.org/finearts. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children in 8th grade and younger. Before the Friday,

March 2, performance you can enjoy the Choir Associates Spaghetti Dinner served in the cafeteria from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Wisco Kids and Inspiration will perform during the dinner. Tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$10 and children \$8.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (January 28 & 29)

8:00 AM – Dave & Dawn Brightsman
10:30 AM – Dee Kresa; Taylor
6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (February 4 & 5)

8:00 AM – Nancy Adams
10:30 AM – Steve & Irva Baade
6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

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

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Larry McKee, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess
10:30 AM – TEAM #6 – Nick Derouin, Mark Derouin, Connor Henry, Bob Duchesneau
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Jan 24-30 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel
 Jan 31-Feb 6 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen Hille

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Jan 28: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug
 Feb 4: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 28

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

Monday, January 29

Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 30

PSCIC 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 31

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM
 Men's Open Gym 7:30 PM

Thursday, February 1

School Devotion 8:30 AM
 Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM

Friday, February 2

NO SCHOOL

Sunday, February 4

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

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 180, Communed – 114
 10:30 AM – 116, Communed – 89
 6:30 PM – 32, Communed – 29
 Total Attendance – 328
 Total Communed – 232
 Sunday Bible Class – 33, Sunday School – 18
 Bible Information Class – 3

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