OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

4th Weekend After Epiphany February 2 & 3, 2020

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. +
- *t* 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: **TRUST IN GOD'S STRENGTH!**

Worship Participants

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

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship pg. 26

HOLY BAPTISM - 8:00 AM

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THE OPENING HYMN "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

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6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall. I am trusting you forever And for all.

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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.

10:30 AM and 6:30 PM services continue on Page 7 – Prayer and Praise



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: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

- C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- P: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:
- 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

- P: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.
- **P:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Holland Elise Bird, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Please Stand

EXHORTATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Holland may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Holland and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

Service continues on page 7 – Prayer and Praise

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 LORD, OUR LORD





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.





THE WORD

¹³ Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵ Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸ But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰ and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace.²² The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³ and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.





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



Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked* or stand in the way of <u>sin</u>ners.

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

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

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God-that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

VERSE OF THE DAY

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

Please Stand

⁵ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek. for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, 12

for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



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

Christian Worship #395



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- 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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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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



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



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.





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.







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.



Please Stand

THANKSGIVING







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.



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





ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS: Today in the 8:00 AM service Holland Elise Bird will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Holland is the daughter of Nathan & Natalie Bird. Serving as her godparents are Hannah Davidson, Lauren Schoeneck & Chris Schoeneck.

Following the 10:30 AM service today, Ava Marie Gebert will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Ava is the daughter of Matthew & Alissa Gebert. Serving as her godfather is David Stockland.

May the Lord bless these families as they grow together in Christ.

SAFETY PRESENTATION: Franklin Police Department values the safety of its citizens. On Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm they will give a presentation to talk about a number of different safety issues that we all face in today's world. Anyone is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. In order to help with planning, there is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the back of church.

IMPORTANT MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION:

Forward in Christ: We would like to try and qualify for the bulk subscription rate through Northwestern Publishing House. We currently do not qualify because there aren't enough subscribers in our congregation. To see if it's something you'd be interested in, please take a look at a complimentary copy on the narthex counter!

Meditations: We also currently do not qualify for the bulk subscription rate for Meditations. Please use the sign up form if you would like to receive Meditations.

If we have enough interest in both subscriptions, we will continue to handle the renewals through the church so that we can receive the bulk rate. If you'd like to subscribe to either publication, please sign up **by Monday, February 17**th.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE: We would like to update our church directory and need your help in doing so. Please check your information in the 2018 editions in the back of the narthex and make any changes necessary. We appreciate your help in keeping our records up to date!

PASTOR BABINEC DOOR COLLECTION: We collected \$1,398.00 during our door collection for Pastor Babinec and his family. Thank you for your generosity!

BUY A PIANO KEY: We would like to raise \$12,000 for our new worship piano. So far we have received \$3,110. You can buy a key for \$140.00, or contribute any amount you would like. If you are interested in donating, please take an envelope from our narthex display and return it to the offering plate or the office. Thank you for your help making music!

HOT HAM & ROLLS: Please join us for hot ham and rolls on Sunday, February 16th in between services! There will be a free-will offering taken, with donations going toward the new worship piano.

ST. PAUL'S 2020 BOOK FAIR: The Book Fair is coming! Please plan to come see the vast selection of children's and adult books, after church on February 16th and 17th in the school lobby! All proceeds benefit St. Paul's School with new books that are used for classroom novel sets, classroom libraries, student guided reading lessons and the St. Paul's School Library. A coin drive will also be held to collect spare change for new books. Another huge way to support the 2020 book fair is to volunteer, no experience needed, to keep the book fair open for extended hours. Your help would be greatly appreciated, with your gift of time, making a big difference to the book fair success! Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet and coin box on the church counter.

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The 2019 contribution statements are in your church mailboxes.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2020 offering envelopes are in the back of church. If you don't see a set with your name on it, please let the office know!

2020 GREETER SCHEDULES: The 2020 Greeter Schedules are in your church mailboxes. Thank you to those families that greet us before services each week!

SAVE THE DATE: Next year's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 6-10, 2020. Registration will take place later in spring.

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: February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, April 2, May 7 & 21. There are extra flyers on the narthex counter to share with a friend!

LUTHER PREP MUSICAL: Luther Preparatory School is happy to present this year's musical, Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. Performances are March 6, 7 and 8 at 7:00pm in the Luther Prep auditorium. Tickets go on sale Monday, February 3rd by going online to <u>www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep</u> or calling LPS at (920) 261-4352 between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Reserved seating is \$12.00 and General Admission is \$8.00.

WLHS SPRING MUSICAL: The Tony award-winning production of Disney's Newsies is coming to the WLHS stage. Performances are Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online or through the mail-in ticket form at <u>wlhs.org/finearts</u>, or also at the reception window of WLHS Central Office. Tickets purchased online or through mail-in order will be assigned and available for pickup at Central Office. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (through eighth grade). Before the Friday, March 6, performance, enjoy an evening of spaghetti and songs presented by the Choir Association, featuring Wisco Kids and Inspiration choirs. The meal will be served in the cafeteria from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$10 and children \$8.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (February 2 & 3)

8:00 AM – Adrian & Stacy Boldt; Keegan 10:30 AM – {sign up to be a greeter!} 6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (February 9 & 10)

8:00 AM – Don Druml 10:30 AM – Andy & Chris Backus 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Larry McKee, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess, Micah Milhans
10:30 AM – TEAM #6 – Bob Duchesneau, Nathan Riel, Randy LaPorte
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Jan 29-Feb 4 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh Feb 5-11 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Feb 2: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon Feb 9: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 2	
Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM	1
Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School9:15 AM	1
Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM	
Monday, February 3	
Lutheran Girl Pioneers6:00 PN	1
Worship Service with Communion6:30 PM	
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Tuesday, February 4	
Franklin Police Safety Presentation	л
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Wednesday, February F	
Wednesday, February 5 Senior Choir Rehearsal6:30 PN	^
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Thursday, February 6	
School Devotion8:30 AN	
Preschool Power Hour10:45 AN	
Men's Basketball7:30 PN	1
Friday, February 7	
NO SCHOOL	
Sunday, February 9	
Worship Service	1
Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School	
Worship Service	
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Statistics – Last Week Attendance: 8:00 AM – 129, Communed – 100 10:30 AM – 124, Communed – 85 6:30 PM – 48, Communed – 39 Total Attendance – 301, Total Communed – 224 Sunday Bible Class – 23, Sunday School – 18