6th Weekend After Epiphany February 16 & 17, 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.
- f 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: LIVE A HOLY LIFE

Worship Participants

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

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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THE OPENING HYMN "Blessed Jesus at Your Word" Christian Worship #221 1 Bless - ed Je - sus, Word are gath - ered your 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est Light 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior. good and from Light, from kind, 4 Fa - ther. Son. and Ho - lv Ghost, Praise to vou our hearts and stirred to hear you. Let souls dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night O - pen now God pro - ceed - ing, our heart and mind; ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust, Now and love and fear you, By your teach-ings, beams of truth un-cloud - ed. a - lone to You your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your fi - dent of our sal - va - tion. While we here be ho - ly, Drawn from earth to and love you sole - ly. sweet win us: You must work all good with - in can and bless our prayers and prais - es. rais - es; Hear we sing your prais - es yon - der. must wan-der, Till low

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THE INVOCATION

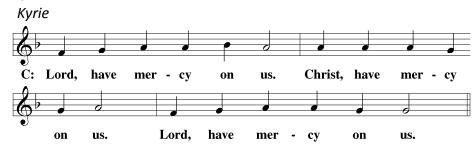
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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

Gloria in Excelsis





THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20

 15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that

you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY......Psalm 119a

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Blessed are they whose ways are <u>blame</u>less,* who walk according to the law <u>of</u> the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his <u>stat</u>utes* and seek him with <u>all</u> their heart.

You have laid down <u>pre</u>cepts* that are to be ful<u>ly</u> obeyed.

Refrain

Oh, that my ways were <u>stead</u>fast* in obeying <u>your</u> decrees!

Then I would not be <u>put</u> to shame* when I consider all <u>your</u> commands.

Psalm continues on next page

I will praise you with an <u>up</u>right heart* as I learn your <u>right</u>eous laws.

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

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived"—
the things God has prepared for those who love him—

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68 cf. NIV)



Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON......Matthew 5:21-37



²¹ "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

²⁵ "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.



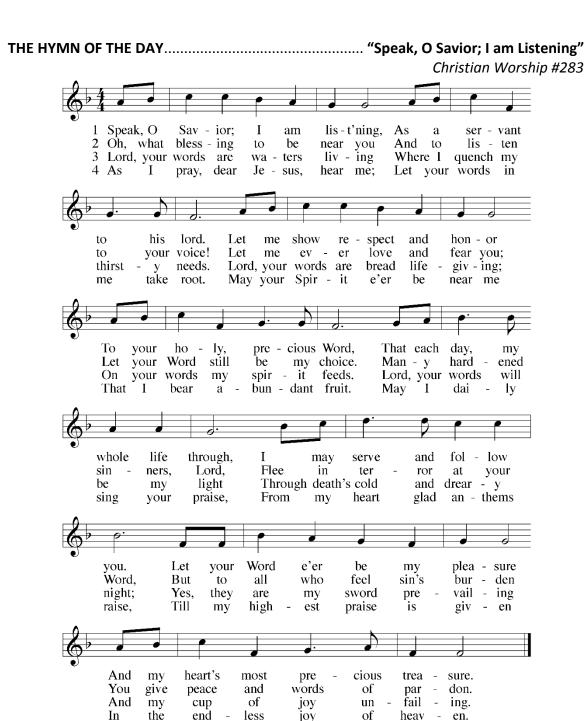
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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

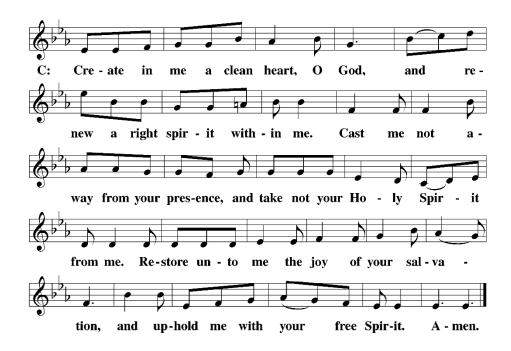
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate 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

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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

PREFACE

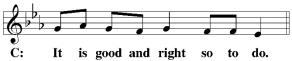
P: The Lord be with you.



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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.



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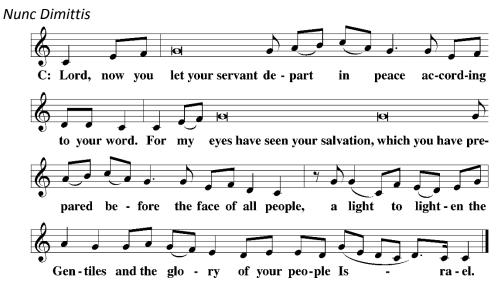
grant us your peace.

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.

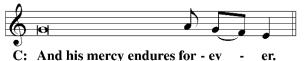




SONG OF SIMEON



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

LETTER FROM PASTOR BABINEC: Dear Members of St. Paul's, Words cannot express our thankfulness for your outpouring of love. It is truly uplifting when God's people help each other. We're doing ok – getting used to our changed lives and always focusing on God's goodness. The Babinecs.

TASTE OF KINDERGARTEN: Parents who have children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2020 are invited to attend a special open house this Wednesday, February 19th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM! This is an opportunity for your child to experience a "mini" day of Kindergarten. While the children are having fun in Kindergarten, parents are invited to listen to a small presentation and ask questions about St. Paul's Lutheran School. If parents are unable to attend, please call or e-mail with questions or set up an appointment time to meet or observe.

HOT HAM & ROLLS: Please join us for hot ham and rolls this 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 here! Please plan to come see the vast selection of children's and adult books, after church this weekend 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.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Thrivent members, you have until March 30th to designate where you would like your Choice Dollars to go. If you have any questions on how to do so, please contact Stacy Boldt at (262) 470-7253.

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!

MIDWEEK LENT 2020: The theme of this Lenten season is "The Son of God Goes Forth to War". Scripture is replete with imagery and descriptions of our Savior Jesus as the warrior who fights and defeats sin, death and Satan. Each service will focus on an aspect of our Savior-warrior as he is promised to us, fights our enemies for us, and triumphs over them for us. The schedule for these midweek services are below.

Ash Wednesday – February 26 – "The Promised Warrior" (Pastor Hoff)

Midweek Lent 2 – March 4 – "Hidden Warrior" (Pastor Unnasch)

Midweek Lent 3 – March 11 – "Skirmishes" (Pastor Gaertner)

Midweek Lent 4 – March 18 – "The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers" (Pastor Adams)

Midweek Lent 5 – March 25 – "The Warrior Faces Satan's Ally, the World"" (Pastor Unnasch)

Midweek Lent 6 – April 1 – "Reconnaissance Report: Know Your Enemy" (Pastor Marshall)

The times of the services are 3:30 and 6:30 pm. Please join us.

ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER: There will be a supper between Ash Wednesday services Wednesday, February 26th from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. A freewill offering will be taken.

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.

YOUTH GROUP: We are looking for additional help with Youth Group (students in grades 7-12). If you are interested or would like more information, please talk to one of the Pastors.

BUY A PIANO KEY: We would like to raise \$12,000 for our new worship piano. So far we have received \$5,200.00. 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!

MAKE A CHANGE FAIR: This Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 PM our school will be participating in a Fair that explores ways our students can impact the world in which they live. We are looking to the sustainable goals for 2030 as guidance. There are 17 goals to improve the world as we know it. We understand that due to sin in the world we could never fix all issues completely, instead by following God's desire for us to care for each other and the earth we can work to improve the conditions for the future. These projects will have students study, investigate, problem solve, plan, collaborate, and experiment, all while using their best abilities to learn how to have a positive impact. Who knows, they may come up with something that will affect the whole world, or at least our school community! Everyone is welcome to come and take a look at the ideas our students came up with!

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 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 www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep 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 wlhs.org/finearts, 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.

GOD BLESSES WLHS' *GAINING GROUND*: Through gifts from generous supporters, Wisconsin Lutheran High School met its goal and received \$1 million in cash gifts, by the January 31 deadline. The land acquisition is now in the final stages of closing. WLHS president Dr. Ken Fisher said, "Wisco is so grateful for your partnership and prayers. Every conference congregation agreed to participate in *Gaining Ground* and without that support it would have been impossible. God be praised for what he can do through his people!"

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (February 16 & 17)

8:00 AM – Lyle & Christie Timm 10:30 AM – Mark & Rosie Derouin 6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (February 23 & 24)

8:00 AM – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen 10:30 AM – Tony & Mary Tripoli 6:30 PM – Bev Garves

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

Feb 12-18 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer Feb 19-25 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Feb 16: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

Feb 23: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Andrew & Christine Backus

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 16

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Book Fair	After each service
Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Hot Ham & Rolls	
Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion	
Monday, February 17	
Lutheran Girl Pioneers	6:00 PM

Tuesday, February 18

Mary & Martha	6:30 PM
Board of Spiritual Growth	7:00 PM

Worship Service with Communion6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19

Taste of Kindergarten	9:00 AM
Senior Choir Rehearsal	
Board of Education	6:30 PM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM - 96, 10:30 AM - 119, 6:30 PM - 60

Total Attendance – 275 Sunday Bible Class – 30