

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- ✦ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ✦ We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- ✦ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ✦ If you want to review or share today’s service, you can find it on our website.
- ✦ For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
CHRIST IN OUR PLACE

Worship Participants

Liturgist Pastor Jacob Hoff
Preacher Pastor Brian Adams

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain
CW 106

*Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.*

*Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
You shall walk with God in light.*

*Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, paralyzed, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
He that drinks shall thirst no more.*

*He that drinks shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when he was glorified.*

Please Stand

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 AND ABSOLUTION

P: As we come before our Holy and Almighty God, we can clearly see that we have fallen short of his expectation and demand for perfection. We have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. To whom do we turn?

**I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.**

P: You are right to put your trust in the Lord, Jesus Christ. He alone has lived a perfect life, never once sinning against the will of God the Father. We bring our sins to him and leave them at the foot of his cross.

**I am trusting you for pardon; At your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy Trusting now.**

P: You are right to trust in Christ alone for the pardoning of your sins. His willing sacrifice on the cross was “a pleasing aroma” to the Lord, and his blood alone has washed away the sins of the world.

**I am trusting you for cleansing In the crimson flood,
Trusting you who made me holy By your blood.**

P: You are right to trust in the cleansing power of the blood of Christ. It is through the blood of Christ that your sins have been removed forever, and you have been given a new life, free from guilt and shame. Christ covers you with his robe of righteousness and purity, giving you the strength and ability to live a new life of thanksgiving and praise. Let us trust in Christ alone to guide us through this life and into the next.

**I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.**

P: Trusting in Christ's free and full forgiveness, and his promise that we are at peace with our Holy God, let us praise the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory Be to God Alone

CW 262

*All glory be to God alone,
Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend
And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may his good will
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.*

*We praise you, God, and you we bless;
We worship you in humbleness;
From day to day we glorify
The everlasting God on high.
Of your great glory do we sing,
And to your throne our thanks we bring.*

*Lord God, our King on heaven's throne,
Our Father, the Almighty One;
O Lord, the Sole-begotten One,
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,
True God from all eternity,
O Lamb of God -- to you we flee.*

*You take the whole world's sin away;
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
You take the whole world's sin away;
Oh, listen to the prayer we say.
From God's right hand, oh, send today
Your mercy on us, Lord, we pray.*

Hymn continues on next page

*You only are the Holy One;
O'er all things you are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify
You and the Spirit, Lord most high;
With him you evermore shall be
One in the Father's majesty.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Please Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Genesis 22:1-18

^{22:1} Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

² Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸ Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

SONG

To A Mountain
*Tune Written and
Sung by Koiné*

*To a mountain did a Father and his son begin to climb
Father Abra'm and his Isaac, with command from God on high.
His only son he was to offer, it was the Lord's decree.
"Lift the wood upon your shoulders, O and follow me, O and follow me."*

Refrain

*At that mountain did our Father throw into the sea,
At that mountain did we first believe.
At that mountain did our Father throw into the sea,
At that mountain did we first believe—we first believe.*

*To a mountain did a father and his Son begin to climb
God the Father, blessed Jesus, walked to Calvary's mountainside.
His only son he was to offer; it was the Lord's decree.
"Place your sins upon my shoulders.
I've saved you, follow me. I've saved you, follow me."*

Refrain

*Not to a mountain did our Father call us up with fearsome voice.
Burning fire, "I am trembling!" trumpet blast and gloom and storm.
But to that city, to the angels, the righteous and the Son,
"Take your place, at my table! Come, beloved one. Come, beloved one."*

Refrain

SECOND LESSON – Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of

God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Please Stand

GOSPEL – Mark 1:12-15

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Please Be Seated



HYMN OF THE DAY

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle
CW 122

*Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay.
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a victim won the day.*

*Tell how, when at length the fullness
Of th' appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman,
Left for us his Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience,
Shone as light amidst the gloom.*

*Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Did his work and met his death;
Like a lamb he humbly yielded
On the cross his dying breath.*

*Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit your equal be,
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For your burden makes us free.*

*Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To th' eternal Spirit honor
Now and evermore be done --
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run.*

THE MESSAGE

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.**

OFFERING HYMN

Down from the Mount of Glory
CW 97

*Down from the mount of glory Came Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Recall the wondrous story, Rich gem in sacred Word.
Again your faith will view him In double glory here;
The greater homage due him Will in your life appear.*

*Transfigured, Christ, the lowly, Stood radiant in the light,
Light found in Godhead solely, For human eyes too bright.
Then came a voice from heaven, Confirmed what here we see;
The words "my Son" were given To seal his deity.*

*Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend
And, by the Father bidden, His willing footsteps bend
To seek humiliation In deepest depths of woe,
To suffer degradation No mind can probe or know.*

*Strange how his journey ended! In love that is his fame
Our Lord again ascended A mount -- the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered Himself to agony;
His holy soul he offered To set the guilty free.*

*Then hail the double glory Of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
And let the wondrous story Full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims him The majesty divine;
Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer -- yours and mine.*

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane
CW 104

*Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

*Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, pain, or loss;
Learn of him to bear the cross.*

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*Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

*Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: We thank the members of the band Koiné for leading our worship this Sunday.

Koiné is a Greek word that means “common.” They play common instruments and common hymns that many know and enjoy. The only extraordinary thing about Koiné and what they do is the message that they proclaim through the music they play. It’s the same message of the Bible – Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world.

Koiné Music Ministries is a non-profit ministry whose main source of support is the generosity of local churches and WELS members like you. Koiné Music Ministries has partnered with Wisconsin Lutheran College as they share the mission and purpose of this amazing institution through their many travels. For more information about the opportunities for undergraduate, continuing education, and graduate studies, check out the Koiné table or visit their website: www.wlc.edu

Throughout the year Koiné travels to churches, schools, and events across the United States. From Seattle to Miami and everywhere in between, Koiné travels to share God’s saving message through music. In addition to playing concerts and services, Koiné serves the church by making their music available on recordings, sheet music, and non-vocal CDs, which are often used by grade school and Sunday school teachers to teach hymns to children.

The group consists of: Brian Davison – vocals, Shelley Willis – vocals, Seth Bauer – piano, Seth Kock – drums, Benj Lawrenz – guitar, and Matt Scott – bass.

For up-to-date information on Koiné and to see their latest schedule, find Koiné on facebook and visit www.koinemusic.com.

KOINÉ PRESENTATION: Koiné will share more of their music and talk about their ministry in between services this Sunday. We will gather in church.

COMMUNION RESCHEDULED: With Koiné taking part in our services this Sunday, we will move Communion to next weekend, February 25th & 26th.

MARY AND MARTHA SOCIETY: Mary and Martha will meet Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM. Dr. David Brightsman will give a presentation about Wisconsin Lutheran College. Everyone is invited.

SCIENCE FAIR: Our Science Fair is this Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30 PM in the gym. Everyone is invited to come and take a look at our St. Paul's students' presentations in all areas of science.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: The Scholastic Books Fair is coming to St. Paul's Church and School February 18th -23rd! A coin box is located on the back counter in church, and coins collected in church will be used for new library books that all students can use. The fair will be open after all services this weekend – hope to see you there!

LENT 2018: The letter to the Hebrews calls Jesus our "great high priest." This Lenten season, we explore this powerful name of Christ. We will rediscover the perfect life of compassion, service, and sacrifice that Jesus lived for us. Then we will see that Christ serving as our Great High Priest is assurance of our redemption through him alone and motivation for humble works in his name. Services are at 3:30pm and 6:30pm beginning this coming Wednesday.

The Schedule for our Midweek Lent service is as follows:

February 14 - "Jesus is our Self-sacrificing High Priest" (Pastor Hoff)

February 21 - "Jesus is Our Compassionate High Priest" (Pastor Unnasch)

February 28 - "Jesus is Our Great High Priest." (Pastor Gaertner)

March 7 - "Jesus is Our Perfect High Priest." (Pastor Adams)

March 14 - "Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests" (Pastor Unnasch)

March 21 - "Jesus Our Great High Priest Serves at a Great Altar." (Pastor Marshall)

USHERS NEEDED: We still have open spots on our crews where we could really use ushers! Please prayerfully consider becoming an usher for your church – your help is greatly appreciated! If you are interested, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP: We are looking for a young adult that can assist Kyle Brightsman in leading the Youth Group. We are also looking for volunteers to help with serving the snacks at our meetings. If you are able to help, please contact Kyle Brightsman at (414) 335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com.

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 worshiping 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:

Family – February 24, 2018

Religion – March 10, 2018

GALA UPDATE: The planning of the Gala is complete! In order for our Gala to be a success, we are looking for items for our attendees to bid on! We would love to include items from members of our congregation. Do you or someone you know provide a service, or create unique items? Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to our event. There are also specific areas that we can use your help. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex – please take a look! If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Petricek at (414) 238-5122.

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 22nd, March 8th & 22nd, April 12th & 26th and May 10th & 24th. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. There are also extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

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 today 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.

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.

LUTHER PREP MUSICAL: Luther Preparatory School is happy to present this year’s musical, *Beauty and the Beast*. Performances are on March 9th, 10th & 11th at 7:00 PM in the Luther Prep auditorium. Tickets for reserved seats are available online at www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep or by calling Luther Prep at (920) 261-4352 between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (February 18 & 19)

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

GREETERS FOR MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE (February 21)

- 3:30 PM** – 7th & 8th Grade
- 6:30 PM** – Nancy Adams

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (February 25 & 26)

- 8:00 AM** – Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry & Evelyn
- 10:30 AM** – Larry & Marion Klug
- 6:30 PM** – {sign up to be a greeter!}

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

USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE (February 21)

- 3:30 PM** – 7th & 8th Grade Students
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

ALTAR GUILD

- Feb 14-20 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer
- Feb 21-27 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- Feb 18: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Chris & Naomi Hathaway
- Feb 25: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 18

- Worship Service featuring Koiné 8:00 AM
- Koiné Presentation/Sunday School 9:15 AM
- Worship Service featuring Koiné 10:30 AM

Monday, February 19

- Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 20

- Pastor Circuit Meeting 10:00 AM
- PSCIC 6:00 PM
- Mary Martha 6:30 PM
- Board of Spiritual Growth 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 21

Midweek Lenten Service..... 3:30 PM
Midweek Lenten Service..... 6:30 PM
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
Men's Open Gym 7:30 PM

Thursday, February 22

Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM
Science Fair 6:30 PM

Friday, February 23

School Devotion 1:00 PM

Saturday, February 24

Bible Class 8:00 AM

Sunday, February 25

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 – 107, 10:30 AM – 124, 6:30 PM – 67
Total Attendance – 277
Ash Wednesday 3:30 PM – 145, 6:30 PM – 78
Sunday School – 13

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