OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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March 8 & 9, 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,

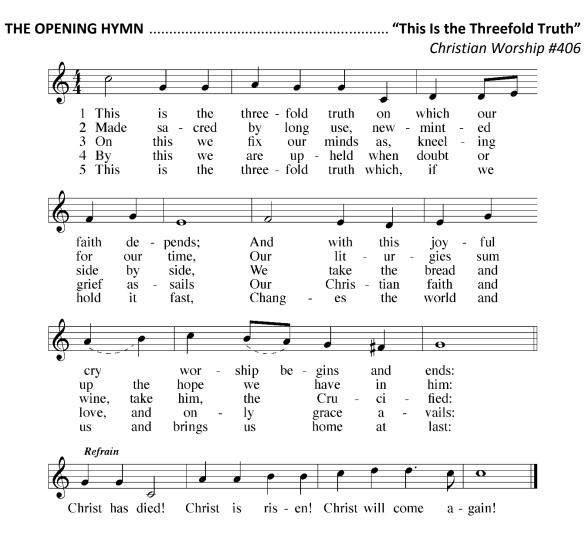
- *f* Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- *t* We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children's bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- *t* 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: WE LIVE BY FAITH

Worship Participants

Liturgist	Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher	Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist	Miss Heather Schmidt
Senior Choir Director	Dr. David Brightsman



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.

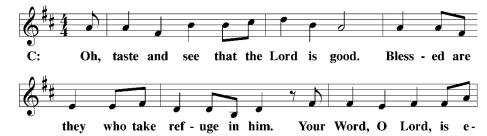
THE CONFESSION OF SINS

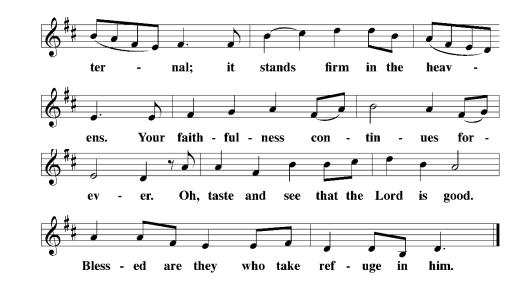
- **P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from 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.





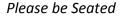


PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

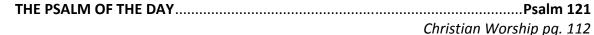
The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

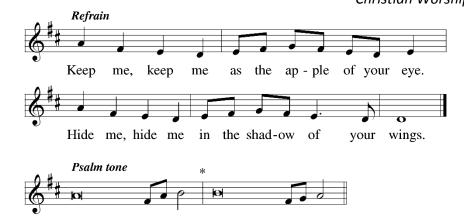
² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;
I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.
³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.





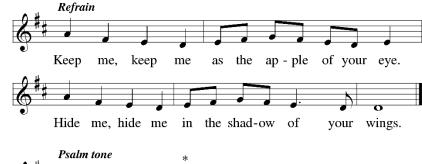
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I lift up my eyes <u>to</u> the hills.* Where does my help <u>come</u> from?

My help comes <u>from</u> the LORD,* the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your <u>foot</u> slip,* he who watches over you will not <u>slum</u>ber;

indeed, he who watches over <u>Is</u>rael* will neither slum<u>ber</u> nor sleep.





The LORD watches <u>o</u>ver you,* the LORD is your shade at <u>your</u> right hand.

The LORD will keep you <u>from</u> all harm,* he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and <u>going</u>* both now and for<u>ev</u>ermore.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter?² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³ What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."1

⁴Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation.⁵ However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations."² He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM "Lord. Remember Me"

by Douglas E. Wagner

Lord, when the kingdom comes, remember me. Thus spake the dying lips to dying ears. When faith in darkest hour could see The promised glory of the years.

Hark through the floor the dying Savior said: "Thou too shalt rest in paradise today," O words of love to answer words of faith. O words of hope for those who live to pray.

Lord, when with dying lips my prayer is said, Grant that in faith they kingdom I may see, And thinking on thy bleeding head, May breathe the words, "Remember me, remember me."

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON...... John 4:5-26

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

¹ Genesis 15:6

² Genesis 17:5

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."



Please be Seated



THE HYMN OF THE DAY...... "God Loved the World So that He Gave"

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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.



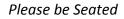
THE BLESSING

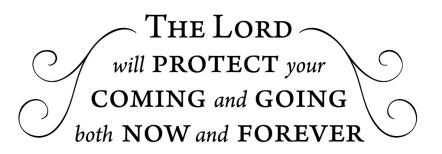
P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.











ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

LENTEN SUPPERS: There will be suppers served between each of our Lenten services Wednesday, February 26^{th} from 4:30 - 6:00 PM. A freewill offering will be taken.

NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS: There will be no Adult Bible Class next Sunday, March 15th.

MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION: We did not qualify for the bulk subscription rates, but did process the renewals through church. If you signed up for Meditations or Forward in Christ, please check your mailboxes for your amount due.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Join us on Sunday, March 22nd for breakfast in between services.

BUY A PIANO KEY: We would like to raise \$12,000 for our new worship piano. So far we have received \$7,590.00. 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!

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: March 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.

LUTHER PREP SACRED SPRING CONCERT: The Luther Prep Sacred Spring Concert will be held on Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 PM. The concert is in the Luther Prep gymnasium.

JOB OPENING AT WLHS: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking to hire a Technology Manager. Primary responsibilities include overseeing school networks, camera systems and phone system. Other responsibilities include recommending hardware for faculty, staff and students, troubleshooting hardware issues, inventory of school hardware and E-Rate applications. This position will start on or around May 1, 2020. Inquiries and resumes should be sent to hr@wlhs.org.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (March 8 & 9)

8:00 AM – Dave & Marlene Horn 10:30 AM – {sign up to be a greeter!} 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT (March 11)

3:30 PM – Grades 7 & 8 **6:30 PM** – Andy & Chris Backus

USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT (March 11)

3:30 PM – Grades 7 & 8
6:30 PM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (March 15 & 16)

8:00 AM – Bob Dittrich 10:30 AM – Gordon & Michele Lesser 6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

USHERS FOR MARCH

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski
10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Randy Raduenz, Luke
Raduenz
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Mar 4-10 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek, Barb Migacz Mar 11-17 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Vanessa McKee

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Mar 8: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug Mar 15: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 8	
Worship Service8:00 AM	
Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School9:15 AM	
Worship Service10:30 AM	
Monday, March 9	
Worship Service6:30 PM	
Tuesday, March 10	
Pastor Circuit Meeting10:00 AM	
Church Council6:30 PM	
Wednesday, March 11	
Midweek Lenten Worship3:30 PM	
Midweek Lenten Supper4:30 PM	
Midweek Lenten Worship6:30 PM	
Thursday, March 12	
Board of Elders6:30 PM	
Men's Basketball7:30 PM	
Friday, March 13	
School Devotion8:30 AM	
Saturday, March 14	
School Cleaning9:00 AM	
Sunday, March 15	
Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM	
PSCIC/Sunday School9:15 AM	
Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM	
Statistics – Last Week	
Attendance: 8:00 AM – 127, Communed – 107	
10:30 AM – 126, Communed – 68	
6:30 PM – 39, Communed – 31	
Total Attendance – 292, Total Communed – 206	

Sunday Bible Class – 33, Sunday School – 16