March 15 & 16, 2020

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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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,

- *t* 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.
- f If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- *t* For upcoming events and activities, "like" us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY'S THEME: THE LORD BRINGS SIGHT TO THE BLIND AND JUDGMENT TO THE BLINDED

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Pianist	Mrs. Rachel Manske
Soloist	Mr. Don Druml

THE OPENING HYMN"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Christian Worship #462 (Koine Version)

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep his statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your Word, And make my heart sincere; Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep; And should I e'er forget your way, Restore your wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands -'Tis a delightful road -Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

Please Stand

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.



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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD





THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴ "For a long time I have kept silent, I have been guiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. ¹⁵ I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. ¹⁶ I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. ¹⁷ But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame.

¹⁸ "Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! ¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the Lord? ²⁰ You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen." ²¹ It pleased the Lord for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Responsive Psalm 143

P: Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

C: in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

P: Do not bring your servant into judgment,

C: for no one living is righteous before you.

P: The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground;

C: he makes me dwell in the darkness like those long dead.

P: So my spirit grows faint within me;

C: my heart within me is dismayed.

P: I remember the days of long ago;

C: I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.

P: I spread out my hands to you;

C: I thirst for you like a parched land.

P: Answer me quickly, Lord;

C: my spirit fails.

P: Do not hide your face from me

C: or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

P: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

C: for I have put my trust in you.

P: Show me the way I should go,

C: for to you I entrust my life.

P: Rescue me from my enemies, Lord,

C: for I hide myself in you.

P: Teach me to do your will,

C: for you are my God;

P: may your good Spirit

C: lead me on level ground.

P: For your name's sake, Lord, preserve my life;

C: in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

P: In your unfailing love, silence my enemies;

C: destroy all my foes, for I am your servant.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (*John 3:14,15*)

SOLO (8:00 & 10:30 AM ONLY)	"The Old Rugged Cross" by George Bennard
On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,	So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;	Till my trophies at last I lay down;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best	I will cling to the old rugged cross
For a world of lost sinners was slain.	And exchange it someday for a crown.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross	To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;	Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
I will cling to the old rugged cross	Then he'll call me someday to my home far away,
And exchange it someday for a crown.	Where his glory forever I'll share.
Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,	So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Has a wondrous attraction for me,	Till my trophies at last I lay down;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above	I will cling to the old rugged cross
To bear it to dark Calvary.	And exchange it someday for a crown.

Please Stand



^{9:1} As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷ "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

³⁴ To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."



THE NICENE CREED

- 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 HYMN OF THE DAY...... "Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound" Christian Worship #379



THE SERMONJohn 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

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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

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:





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.



O CHRIST. LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei 0 Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; C: have mer - cy 0 Christ, Lamb of God, on us. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; 0 grant us your peace. Α men.



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.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Sav"





C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



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.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR HOFF CALL DECISION: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, After prayerful deliberation, I have decided to *accept* the call to serve First German Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, WI.

At the beginning of this process I told you that God had given me a choice between two good options. I knew all along that whatever I decided would not be as obviously good to some of the people involved.

I want you to know how very much I love you. It has been a privilege to serve you these last four years. The only way I could ever make a heartbreaking decision like this is knowing that we serve a faithful God. He has promised that he will take this decision and make it work for the eternal good of his Church – which includes you.

Though I have decided to leave, I leave you in the hands of God, and there is no safer place to be.

Though I have decided to leave, I will carry you in my heart and look forward to being reunited with you forever with our God.

Know that you will be in my prayers.

I pray that God will give you peace that passes understanding. I pray that God will continue to use his Word to feed you. I pray that God will continue to send his Holy Spirit to strengthen your faith.

And I already know God's answer to those prayers. They are a resounding, "Yes," because he has promised to do all of those for you.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jacob Hoff

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

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

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: As everyone is aware, there has been a lot of information made available concerning the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) and its spread. The best source of information is from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The most current information can be found on the CDC website. (<u>https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus/2019-nCOV/</u>). There are a couple of thoughts that we would like everyone to be aware of:

- If someone is uncomfortable shaking the pastors' hands, we will not be offended in the least way. We will leave that decision up to those who are attending.
- Bottles of hand sanitizer have been placed in the back of church and in other key areas for people to use.
- Communion assistants will be asked to wash their hands prior to distributing the bread for the Lord's Supper.
- We would like to encourage everyone to receive the wafer in their hands for the Lord's Supper.
- We will encourage our usher teams to wipe down things such as the offering plates after services.
- Those who are serving food will wear gloves. Hand sanitizer will also be available where food is served.
- We will continue to monitor things in case there are new developments.

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.

ST. PAUL'S GALA & SILENT AUCTION: Our biennial Gala & Silent Auction is coming up on Saturday, March 28th at 5:00 PM. Have you purchased your tickets yet? Log on to www.bidpal.net/stpaulsgala2020 to register! We hope to see you there!

2020 WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY: The 2020 International Youth Rally will be June 23-26, 2020. It will be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Registration has opened, and will continue till May 29. The cost is \$375 until April 30; May 1 - 29 is \$395. Plus there will be the cost of transportation to get there. We realize that it is very short notice and family plans may have already been made for this summer. There is information found on the counter in the back of church. If anyone is interested in attending, please sign-up on the sheet located on the counter. If there is interest, then we would also need to have chaperons to attend with them. If you have any questions or thoughts, please talk to Pastor Adams.

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.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mary and Martha will be hosting a guest speaker on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to this presentation. Mr. Eric Duwe from Wisconsin Lutheran High School will speak about the high school's growing ministry to International Students. Please join us to hear about this mission field right here in Milwaukee.

ALL INVITED TO ROLLER SKATE!: St. Paul's congregation is invited by the Milwaukee District of Lutheran Girl Pioneers to its annual roller skating party at Incredi-Roll, 10928 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, on Tuesday, March 24 from 6-8p.m. This is a private event for Girl Pioneers, their families, friends and congregations. Everyone is invited! The cost is \$6.00 per person which includes skate rental. Please round up your friends and join us for a fun evening of roller skating.

BUY A PIANO KEY: We would like to raise \$12,000 for our new worship piano. So far we have received \$7,730.00. 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!

WLHS SPRING BAND CONCERT: Enjoy an evening of beautiful music on Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The spring band concert will feature a wide range of musical selections from the various ensemble groups at Wisco including concert band, percussion ensemble, jazz ensemble, steel bands, brass ensemble, saxophone ensemble and woodwind ensembles. Admission is free and seating is general admission.

WLHS DINNER AUCTION: "Be the Vision" at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School annual dinner auction on Saturday, April 4, at 5:00 p.m. The gym will be transformed into an elegant dinner venue. Enjoy the excitement of silent and live auctions, raffles, and more! Reserve a table of 10 or single tickets at <u>www.wlhs.org/auction</u>. For auction information, sponsorship opportunities, or to donate an auction item contact Heidi Witz at 414-453-4567, ext. 2004 or <u>planner@wlhs.org</u>.

4TH AND 6TH GRADE MAKE A SPLASH!: Wisconsin Lutheran High School invites both 4th and 6th grade students to a fun evening of waterslides and swimming at Springs Waterpark Hotel in Pewaukee, on Monday, March **16**. The pool is open from 4:30-8:00 p.m. with a parent welcome at 5:45 p.m. There is no cost, however at least one parent must attend with their child. RSVP by going to www.wlhs.org/splash.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (March 15 & 16)

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

GREETERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT (March 18) 3:30 PM – Grades 7 & 8

6:30 PM – Larry & Lucille Ellenberger

USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT (March 18)

3:30 PM – Grades 7 & 8 **6:30 PM** – TEAM #6 – Bob Duchesneau, Nathan Riel, Randy LaPorte

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (March 22 & 23)

8:00 AM – Donn & Denise Johnson
10:30 AM – Roberto & Kendra Matus; Mara & Caleb
6:30 PM – {sign up to be a greeter!}

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 11-17 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Vanessa McKee Mar 18-24 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Vanessa McKee

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Mar 15: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Beverly Garves Mar 22: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Andrew & Christine Backus

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 15

Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
PSCIC/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion	

Monday, March 16

Lutheran Girl Pioneers	6:00 PM
Worship Service with Communion	6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18	
Midweek Lenten Worship	3:30 PM
Midweek Lenten Supper	
Midweek Lenten Worship	
Senior Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Thursday, March 19	
Preschool Power Hour	
Men's Basketball	7:30 PM
Friday, March 20	
School Devotion	8:30 AM
CDS Noon Dismissal	

Sunday, March 22

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

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 115, 10:30 AM – 92, 6:30 PM – 47 Total Attendance – 299 Sunday Bible Class – 29, Sunday School – 11