

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,

- f* Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- f* 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:
WE ARE FRIENDS OF JESUS

Worship Participants

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

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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THE OPENING HYMN “O Master of the Loving Heart”

Christian Worship #491



1 O Mas - ter of the lov - ing heart, The
 2 Your days were full of kind - ly acts; Your
 3 Your face was warm with sym - pa - thy; Your
 4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So



friend of all in need, We pray that we may
 speech was true and plain; Of those who ev - er
 hand God’s strength re - vealed; Who saw your face or
 joy - ous, free, and true, That all your chil - dren,



be like you In thought and word and deed.
 sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.
 felt your touch Were com - fort - ed and healed.
 ev - ’ry - where, Be drawn by us to you.

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.



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 11:19-26

¹⁹ Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. ²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

²² News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

²⁵ Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 98

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Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song, for



he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone



Sing to the LORD a new song,*
for he has done marvelous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known*
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness
to the house of Israel;*
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,*
burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,*
with the harp and the sound of singing.

Psalm continues on next page

Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.*
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

**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



Sing to the Lord a new song, for



he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone



THE SECOND LESSON..... 1 John 4:1-11

^{4:1} Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (*John 14:23 cf. NIV*)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 15:9-17

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

Christian Worship #377 vs. 1-4



1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, With
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, No
 4 But God be - held my wretch - ed state Be -



ex - ul - ta - tion spring - ing, And, with u -
 brood - ed dark - ly o'er me. Sin was my
 mer - it they at - tain - ing; My will a -
 fore the world's foun - da - tion, And, mind - ful



nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly rap - ture
 tor - ment night and day; In sin my moth - er
 gainst God's judg - ment fought, No hope for me re -
 of his mer - cies great, He planned my soul's sal -



sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God
 bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still
 main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer
 va - tion. A Fa - ther's heart he turned



has done, How his right arm the vic - t'ry
 I fell; Life had be - come a liv - ing
 de - spair Left naught but death to be my
 to me, Sought my re - demp - tion fer - vent -



won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
 hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 share And hell to be my sen - tence.
 ly; He gave his dear - est trea - sure.

THE SERMON John 15:9-17

Please Stand

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.

Please be Seated

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.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at this right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. 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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
 You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
 I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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

Please be Seated

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.

ing me to be your own; For this pur - pose
 your grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,
 by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed

you or - dained me, That I live for you a - lone.
 if I love you, You, O Fa - ther, loved me first.
 ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You"

Christian Worship #380

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; That, I
 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my
 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the

know, could nev - er be, For this heart would
 dark - ened heart and mind, Else the world had
 Fa - ther's bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our

still re - fuse you Had your grace not cho - sen me.
 yet en - thrall - ed me, To your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind.
 ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and King en - throned a - bove.

You re - moved the sin that stained me, Cleans -
 Now I wor - ship none a - bove you; For
 Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion, Him

Hymn continues on next page

Please Stand

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.

He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

THE CLOSING HYMN....."The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me"

Christian Worship Supplement #749

1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is
 2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My
 3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The

more than mind can know, His
 self - re - gard - ing ways; The
 heav - ens held their breath, To

mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To
 se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie
 see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A

meet the debt I owe. He
 bare be - fore his gaze. For
 love that con - quers death, Pos -

came my sin - ful cause to plead; He
 me the price of sin he paid; My
 sess my heart that it may be Your

laid his glo - ries by, For
 sins be - yond re - call Are
 king - dom with - out end, O

Hymn continues on next page

me a home - less life to lead, A
 all a - like on Je - sus laid, He
 Christ who died for love of me And

shame - ful death to die.
 died to bear them all.
 lives to be my friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend’s altar flowers are given by Dale & Carol Willms in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary!

ASCENSION SERVICE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join us for our Ascension service this Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 PM. 3K-Grade 8 will be singing for this service. Following the service we will have an ice cream social!

PIANO & INSTRUMENT RECITAL: Everyone is invited to join us next Tuesday, May 15th at 6:00 PM for our piano and instrument recital held here in church. Please come and support our young musicians!

CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION: The Confirmation Examination service will be next Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 PM. All families are invited to attend!

CONFIRMATION: Our Confirmation service will be held on Sunday, May 20th at 10:00 AM (please note the time change from the usual 10:30 AM service).

VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELP: We are looking for help for our Vacation Bible Camp this summer! Please see today’s insert for more information on how you can help. Vacation Bible Camp is July 9-13th.

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: May 10th & 24th. There are also extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to a friend!

WLHS JOB OPENING: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking to hire an Administrative Assistant who will report to and support the President of Wisconsin Lutheran High School. This position will handle confidential correspondence, prepare reports for Board meetings, and be an integral part of central office and assist other administrative staff. Those applying should have attention to detail and experience with Microsoft Office and Google apps. This position is a full time, hourly position. Resumes should be sent to Jodi Lunow at Jodi.lunow@wlhs.org. Resumes will be accepted through May 16, 2018.

28TH ANNUAL WLHS CHARITY GOLF OUTING: Register now for the Friends of Wisco Annual Charity Golf Outing set for Monday, June 18, at Hawk’s View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, Wis. New this year—choose between two different golf courses. Main course is \$150 per person with shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Optional par 3 course is \$90 per person with shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. Price includes: green fees, golf cart, lunch and dinner, and two drink tickets. Sponsorships include a foursome of golf. For registration and sponsorship information visit bidpal.net/wlhs2018. Register by Friday, May 25, to ensure the golf outing shirt will fit you. Contact Heidi Witz at planner@wlhs.org or 414-453-4567 ext. 2004 with any questions.

WLHS JOB OPENING: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is looking for house parents for the 2018-19 school year. House parents will supervise up to 12 students in WLHS housing and will be responsible for creating a respectful culture in your “family,” monitoring schedules, hold weekly meetings, plan and execute fun activities, academically support students and other duties. The candidate must be a member in good standing of the WELS/ELS. This position will last from the beginning of August until the beginning of June. This position requires living on site in an apartment building with the students. A stipend as well as an apartment are included in the compensation package. Please submit resumes to Jodi Lunow at jodi.lunow@wlhs.org.

WLHS PRISM CONCERTS: WLHS Prism concerts will be held Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the WLHS gymnasium. Enjoy the God-given talents of our student ensembles, solos, duets, choirs and bands. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets will also be available at the door, \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are assigned first come, first served in one of four separate sections. Purchase tickets in person at the WLHS front office to reserve a specific table within a section, or by mail-in registration or online at www.wlhs.org/finearts. For more information, please call 414-453-4567.

WLHS RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS: Wisconsin Lutheran High School has a delicious way to support the high school. Take your family out to eat on Saturday, May 19 -- stop in at Chipotle (across from Mayfair Mall), between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and 50% of the proceeds during those hours will be donated to WLHS. When ordering, make sure to mention you are part of the WLHS fundraiser. Bon appetit!

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (May 6 & 7)

8:00 AM – Corrine Mayer
10:30 AM – Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam
6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (May 13 & 14)

8:00 AM – Steve & Theresa Mess
10:30 AM – Jean Villwock
6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR MAY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

USHERS FOR MAY SPECIAL SERVICES

ASCENSION (5/10 – 6:30 PM) – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Nolan Romeis, Randy Raduenz, Luke Raduenz

CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION (5/17 – 6:30 PM) – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha

CONFIRMATION (5/20 – 10:00 AM) – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

GRADUATION (5/31 – 6:30 PM) – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

May 2-8 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek
 May 9-15 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

May 6: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon
 May 13: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 6

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

Monday, May 7

Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 8

PSCIC 6:00 PM
 Church Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 9

Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM
 NO MEN'S OPEN GYM

Thursday, May 10

Preschool Power Hour 10:45 AM
Ascension Worship..... 6:30 PM
Ice Cream Social 7:30 PM

Friday, May 11

School Devotion 1:00 PM

Sunday, May 13

Worship Service 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School/Bible Information Class..... 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 138, 10:30 AM – 118, 6:30 PM – 60

Total Attendance – 316

Sunday Bible Class – 30, Sunday School – 16

Bible Information Class – 3