

# Epiphany 4

## January 31 & February 1, 2016



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

### Our Worship Service

#### The Order of Service

#### The Opening Hymn

**"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"**  
*Christian Worship #230*



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to  
3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho - san - na  
4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -  
to the Lord most high." Then in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.  
crease our light That we may know your name a - right  
that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

*Please rise*

#### 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 OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**C:** A - men.

*Please be seated*

#### WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL A CAPPELLA CHOIR

*"Sing a Mighty Song"*  
*"The Word was God"*  
*"The Ground"*  
*"Set Me as a Seal"*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

**Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 16-21**

*Moses reminds us of the purpose of Christian Education – to pass God’s promises from one generation to another.*

<sup>11:1</sup> Love the Lord your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always. <sup>2</sup> Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the Lord your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm; <sup>3</sup> the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country; <sup>4</sup> what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea as they were pursuing you, and how the Lord brought lasting ruin on them. <sup>5</sup> It was not your children who saw what he did for you in the desert until you arrived at this place, <sup>6</sup> and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their households, their tents and every living thing that belonged to them. <sup>7</sup> But it was your own eyes that saw all these great things the Lord has done. <sup>16</sup> Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. <sup>17</sup> Then the Lord's anger will burn against you, and he will shut the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the Lord is giving you. <sup>18</sup> Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>19</sup> Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>20</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the Lord swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Alleluia. The Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Alleluia. (Proverbs 2:6)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please Rise*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 7:24-27**

*The wise person builds on the foundation of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

*Please be Seated*

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL A CAPPELLA CHOIR**

*This Little Light of Mine  
Hold On  
Ain'-A That Good News*

CONGREGATION HYMN

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”  
Christian Worship #474

1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of  
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The trum - pet call  
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! Stand in his strength  
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The strife will not

the cross! Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It  
 o - bey; Forth to the might - y con - flict In  
 a - lone. The arm of flesh will fail you; Ye  
 be long; This day the noise of bat - tle, The

must not suf - fer loss. From vic - t'ry un - to vic -  
 this his glo - rious day! Ye that are brave, now serve  
 dare not trust your own. Put on the gos - pel ar -  
 next, the vic - tor's song. To him that o - ver - com -

t'ry His ar - my shall he lead Till ev - 'ry  
 him A - gainst un - num - bered foes; Let cour - age  
 mor; Each piece put on with prayer; Where du - ty  
 eth A crown of life shall be; He with the

foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
 rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
 calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
 King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

SERMON

"Jesus, Help Us to Be Can't Keep Quiet Christians."

Acts 4:13-22

<sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. <sup>15</sup> So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. <sup>16</sup> "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup> But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn these men to speak no longer to anyone in this name." <sup>18</sup> Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. <sup>20</sup> For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." <sup>21</sup> After further threats they let them

go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. <sup>22</sup> For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

THE OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

*As our offering is gathered, we invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew.*

*Please Stand*

THE REPONSIVE PRAYER

**P:** O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

**C:** **Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.**

**P:** Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.

**C:** **Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.**

**P:** As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, colleges, and seminaries to train those who proclaim your presence among us in Word and sacrament.

**C:** **Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.**

**P:** God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

**C:** **Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.**

**P:** Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

**C:** **May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

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 BENEDICTION

**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.



**THE CLOSING HYMN**

**“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”**  
*Christian Worship #323*



**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist** .....Pastor Brian Adams  
**Preacher**..... Pastor Timothy Soukup  
**Organist**..... Mrs. Marie Becker  
**Wisconsin Lutheran High School A Cappella Choir**

**Announcements**

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL A CAPPELLA CHOIR:** The A Cappella Choir of WLHS joins us today for our worship services. Pastor Timothy Soukup, who serves on the Board of Directors for WLHS, will be our guest speaker for this weekend, even though the choir will only be here on Sunday.

**2016 MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Oshkosh Convention Center & Waterfront Hotel on Saturday, February 20, 2016. Additional details and online registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org) for the first 650 men (\$40 by February 7th; \$50 from February 8th -14th). Please join us for a day in God’s Word that you will not soon forget!

**ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED:** St. Paul’s Altar Guild is looking for some additional volunteers. Their primary responsibility is to prepare the altar area for our worship services. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jane Koplein at (414) 510-9291 or by email at [janee2005@outlook.com](mailto:janee2005@outlook.com). On Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be an Altar Guild Meeting for all Altar Guild members at 6:30 pm.

**MIDWEEK LENT 2016:** "Irony" is not a word that most people would ascribe to Jesus' passion. However, certain events in the gospel accounts—Caiaphas' unintentional prophesy, the Jewish leaders' hypocrisy, and others—are actually quite ironic. This year’s theme is **“Ironies of the Passion”** will lead us to learn about the unique and lasting significance of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. The services are on Wednesdays beginning on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm. The schedule is:

- Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10) – “This Man Went Home Justified” (Pastor Adams)
- Lent 2 (Feb. 17) – “It is Better that One Man Die for the People (Pastor Unnasch)
- Lent 3 (Feb. 24) – “He Had Been Waiting to See Jesus” (Pastor Gaertner)
- Lent 4 (Mar. 2) – “We Have No King but Caesar” (Pastor Hoff)
- Lent 5 (Mar. 9) – “Don’t You Fear God” (Pastor Ellenberger)
- Lent 6 (Mar. 16) – “Not During the Feast” (Pastor Marshall)

**INSTALLATION OF PASTOR JACOB HOFF:** St. Paul’s welcomes Pastor Jacob Hoff as an Associate Pastor of our congregation. We invite you to join us for his Installation Service on Sunday, February 14th at 3:00pm. As many of you know, Pastor Hoff joins us from Sterling, Virginia. Pastor Ian Headrick, one of the Associate Pastors at Christ Lutheran in Big Bend will be delivering the sermon. The students from our Christian Day School and Adult Choir will be participating in the service as well. Following the worship service, there will be a meal to which everyone is invited to join us.

**EPIPHANY SEASON:** This weekend, we continue to celebrate the Festival of Epiphany of Our Lord. Epiphany is Christendom's second oldest festival; it has been celebrated continuously by the Church for nearly 1900 years. Even though the date of Epiphany is January 6, it is often celebrated on one of Sundays closest to that date. The festival was originally a general celebration of the incarnation of Jesus Christ which included the commemoration of his birth, the visit of the Magi (Wise Men), all of Jesus' childhood events up to and including his baptism. Today, the Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Epiphany as the festival of Christ's birth, and the Western Church stresses the visit of the Magi. The season of Epiphany (the Greek word for "appearance") celebrates God's revealing or manifesting of Jesus' identity as true God, Messiah, and Savior of the world. Epiphany not only commemorates the fact that Jesus appeared to save us, but that God revealed the identity of Jesus to the world. The season of Epiphany will conclude on February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, with the festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord.

Our theme for the next weekends will look at the answer to this question: *"Who is this Jesus?"*

The themes for each Sunday are:

January 10 & 11 – Who Wise Men Seek (Epiphany)

January 17 & 18 – Who Does Miraculously Things (Epiphany 2)

January 24 & 25 – Who Speaks Good News (Epiphany 3)

January 31 & Feb. 1 – Who Speaks to Young People (WISCO Sunday)

February 7 & 8 – Who Appears in Glory (Transfiguration Sunday)

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** The theme for our Sunday Bible Class is: *"The House of the Lord."*

God intended for Adam and Eve to live forever with him in the Garden of Eden. What a wonderful proposition – perfect people living with the perfect Creator. But Adam and Eve sinned and had to leave the Garden. God could have let them go their own way and then started over. Instead, he again made it possible for him to live among his people. How he did that is the subject of this study. Using examples of the types of homes we might live in, we will see God's plan for making "houses" in which he could live among us here on earth and in eternity. Those "homes" are:

The Lord's First House (The Garden of Eden)

The Lord's Mobile Home (The Tabernacle)

The Lord's Palace (The Temple)

The Lord's Model Home (Jesus Christ)

The Lord's Current Residence (The Church)

The Lord's Dream House (Heaven)

Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

**BOARD OF LUTHERAN SCHOOLS:** The Board of Lutheran Schools will meet on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** The 2016 Contribution Statements are in the church mailboxes. If you are missing one, please contact the church/school office at 421-1930 for a copy.

**MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST 2016 SUBSCRIPTIONS:** There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the narthex if you would like to subscribe to either, Meditations or Forward in Christ. Please have your checks to the church/school office by **JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROJECT:** God has blessed St. Paul's for 150 years with his Grace. Out of thanks for the Grace of God, we have begun to undertake the project of replacing our organ. The final cost of the organ is \$58,150. To date, we have received \$48,597. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHURCH MAILBOXES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORGAN FUND RAISING.**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT CENTER:** The Early Childhood Enrichment Center is now accepting registration for the 2016-2017 school year. In order to enroll, children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2016. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at 421-1833. Enrollment opportunities will be opened to the community after February 1, 2016.

**WLHS DANCE CAMP:** The WLHS Varsity Dance Team will be hosting a Dance Camp for interested dancers in Kindergarten through 8th Grade on Saturday, March 5, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. It will be a fun-filled afternoon learning a routine and perfecting dance technique. Please RSVP by February 17, by going to [www.wlhs.org/news](http://www.wlhs.org/news). For questions please contact Maddy Krueger at [wlhsvarsitydance@gmail.com](mailto:wlhsvarsitydance@gmail.com).

**KIDS CARNIVAL AT WLHS:** Step right up and try your luck at over 45 fun games! WLHS will be hosting the Kids Carnival on **Sunday, February 21 from 1:00-3:30 p.m.** Children age 3 through fourth 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.

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School announces auditions for the spring semester of the Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir. The choir is open to all children in grades 5-8 with unchanged voices. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the WLHS Music Classroom, Room 263. To schedule an audition or to receive more information, contact director Marjorie Flanagan at 414-453-4567, Ext. 2373.

## Volunteers

### GREETERS THIS WEEK (January 31 & February 1)

**8:00 AM** – Bob & Carol Goelz  
**10:30 AM** – Andy Backus  
**6:30 PM** – Danna LaBlanc

### GREETERS NEXT WEEK (February 7 & 8)

**8:00 AM** – Lyle & Christie Timm  
**10:30 AM** – Brian & Krystal Young; Noelle & Declan  
**6:30 PM** – Dave & Janet Long

### USHERS FOR JANUARY:

**8:00 AM** TEAM #1- Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker  
**10:30 AM** TEAM #5- Mark Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski  
**630 PM** TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

### USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:

**8:00 AM** TEAM #2-Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess  
**10:30 AM** TEAM #6-Andy Goede, Reed Goede, Nolan Romeis, Cooper Goede, Zach Matthew, Austin Hennen-Petricsek, Dawson Ziegler  
**6:30 PM** TEAM#9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

### ALTAR GUILD:

January 20-February 2- TEAM #1 Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves  
 February 3-February 16-TEAM #2 Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra

## The Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, January 31

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

### Monday, February 1

Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, February 2

PSCIC 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, February 3

School Devotion ..... 8:30AM  
 Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:30 PM  
 Board of Lutheran Schools..... 6:30 PM  
 Altar Guild Meeting ..... 6:30 PM

### Thursday, February 4

No School Winter Break

### Friday, February 5

No School Winter Break

### Sunday, February 7

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

### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am 137, Communed-n/a; 10:30 am- 164, Communed-n/a; 6:30 pm-37,  
 Communed-n/a  
 Total Attendance 338, Total Communed n/a  
 Bible Class 20, Sunday School 7

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