

1st Sunday After Christmas December 30, 2018

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:
THE PERFECT GIFT

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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THE OPENING HYMN “Joy to the World”
Christian Worship #62



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And



earth re - ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry
all their songs em - ploy, While fields and
thorns in - fest the ground; He comes to
makes the na - tions prove The glo - ries



heart pre - pare him room And heav'n and
floods, rocks, hills, and plains Re - peat the
make his bless - ings flow Far as the
of his right - eous - ness And won - ders



na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far
of his love, And won - ders of his love, And



heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
as, far as the curse is found.
won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through 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 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife,

saying, "May the Lord give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord." Then they would go home.

²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 111

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Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song, for



he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone



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Great are the works of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faithful and just;*
all his precepts are trustworthy.

Psalm continues on next page

He provided redemption for his people;*
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

**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




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Psalm tone



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THE SECOND LESSON..... Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises."

¹³ And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. ¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. (*Colossians 3:15a*)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they

were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

⁴⁹ “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.



Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “Let All Together Praise our God”

Christian Worship #41



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore his
2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an
3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's
4 A won - drous change which he does make: He takes our
5 He serves that I a lord may be— A great ex -



high - est throne; To - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain And
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies
form to take; In want and low - li - ness must die Who
flesh and blood, And he con - ceals for sin - ners' sake His
change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me To



gives us his own Son, And gives us his own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.
heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.
maj - es - ty as God, His maj - es - ty as God.
help me in my need, To help me in my need?

Hymn continues on next page

6 For us he opens wide the door
Of paradise today.
The angel guards the gate no more;
To God our thanks we pay,
To God our thanks we pay.

THE SERMON Luke 2:41-52

Please Stand

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.



Please be Seated

CLOSING HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Christian Worship #65



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts To
 scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
 en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 No ear may hear his com - ing, But
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The



ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears Of
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To
 in this world of sin Where meek souls will Re -
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -



all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 God the King And peace to all the earth.
 ceive him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO CLASSES: There will be no Adult Bible Class, Sunday School or Public School Confirmation classes this Sunday, December 30th. We will resume all classes next Sunday, January 6th.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2019 Offering Envelopes are in the hallway outside of the Bible classroom. If you contribute electronically and do not need a set of envelopes or you don't see a set with your name on it, please let the office know.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE-DOWN: The 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation classes are asked to help take down the Christmas decorations next Sunday, January 6th after the 10:30 AM service.

MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST 2019 SUBSCRIPTIONS: It's time to renew! The current Meditations and Forward in Christ subscriptions will expire on March 1st. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the narthex if you would like to renew, or become a new subscriber. Please sign up by January 31st. Payment is due when you sign up -- please place your payment in the basket next to the sign-up sheet.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENRICHMENT CENTER: The Early Childhood Enrichment Center is now open for enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2019. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan and Mrs. Nancy Willms at (414) 421-1833. Registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Enrollment opens to the community on January 27, 2019.

GREETERS: Thank you to everyone who greeted before worship services this year! Please let Cory in the office know if you no longer wish to greet, otherwise you will be placed on the schedule for the new year. If you have not greeted before, please consider signing up to greet a couple times this year. We need additional greeters for all services. If you are interested in signing up to greet, please place your completed form in the Greeter bin on the narthex counter by the end of December.

SAVE THE DATE: Next year's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 8-12, 2019. Registration will take place later in spring.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: The Refreshment Committee is in need of 1 or 2 people to clean up after the second service. Please consider offering your talents for one Sunday per month for 15-20 minutes. The more volunteers we get, the less often you will be needed. Duties include: emptying and washing out the coffee makers, cleaning the serving trays and table, putting away the coffee condiments and taking out the garbage. If you are willing to lend a helping hand or you have additional questions, please contact Tony Tripoli 414-232-5817.

MARY AND MARTHA SOCIETY: Thank-you to everyone who donated items for new mothers and newborn babies on behalf of Lutherans for Life – a ministry that unites us in “...protecting a child's right to live and be loved.” The items for new mothers have already been distributed at the Lutherans for Life Christmas Party. But we continue to collect items for newborn babies over the next month.

Items Needed for Newborns:

- Bottles (like the old-fashioned kind)
- Baby Bath Soap / Baby Lotion
- Pacifiers
- Socks
- Mittens
- Onesies (up to 12-18 months)
- Sleepers
- Stuffed Animals
- Hand-made (crocheted or knit) blankets

This list of items will be collected now through January 13-14, 2019

A bin is set up in the church narthex to collect these items. (Mary and Martha members will sort through and distribute these items.) We appreciate ANY help you can give in helping us bring the Good News of LIFE – to new mothers and their newborn babies – with the Good News of JESUS. As Jesus says, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.” Matthew 25:40 **THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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: January 10th & 24th, February 14th & 28th, March 14th & 28th, April 11th & 25th and May 9th & 23rd.

WLHS INSTALLATION SERVICE: A special installation celebration service for new WLHS staff will be held on Sunday, January 13, at 3:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Ev. Lutheran Church (W156 N5436 Bette Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051). Academic Dean Mr. Jim Brandt and Mission Advancement Chief Development Officer Mr. John Sebald will be installed. Everyone is invited to attend.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (December 30)

- 8:00 AM** – Connie Myer
- 10:30 AM** – Tony & Mary Tripoli

GREETERS FOR NEW YEARS EVE (December 31)

- 6:30 PM** – Andy & Chris Backus

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (January 6 & 7)

- 8:00 AM** – Bob & Sue Dittrich
- 10:30 AM** – Jack & Kathie Klunder
- 6:30 PM** – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

- 8:00 AM** – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
- 10:30 AM** – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

USHERS FOR NEW YEARS EVE (December 31)

- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #7 - David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Luke Raduenz, Randy Raduenz

USHERS FOR JANUARY

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

ALTAR GUILD

Dec 26-Jan 1 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves
Jan 2-8 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Dec 30: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli
Jan 6: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 104, 10:30 AM – 110
Total Attendance – 214
Children’s Christmas Service – 764
Christmas Eve Candlelight: 6:30 PM – 200, 10:00 PM – 154
Christmas Day – 125

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 30

Worship Service8:00 AM
NO Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/PSCIC
Worship Service10:30 AM

Monday, December 31

New Year’s Eve Worship 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 2

School Resumes8:15 AM
Men’s Open Gym 7:30 PM

Friday, January 4

School Devotion8:30 AM

Sunday, January 6

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/PSCIC9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM
Christmas Decoration Take-Down11:30 AM