FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY February 1st & 2nd, 2015



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

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WELCOME

It's possible to give your money away without giving yourself, but it's impossible to give away yourself without giving away your money. Please understand that what God ultimately desires is not your wealth. How silly a thought would it be that the God who created the universe needs material goods from us! Rather, God who created us to be in a loving relationship with us, desires our hearts. However, when we give freely to him the thing which the world holds on to most tightly, the thing that grips the hearts of many, it's a tangible expression of love to God. It shows that our hearts belong to him, that he is truly present in our hearts. For this grace we give thanks.



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Text: Henry Bateman, 1802-72, alt.

Tune: NETTLETON (87 87 D) Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813, alt.

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- 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.
- C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



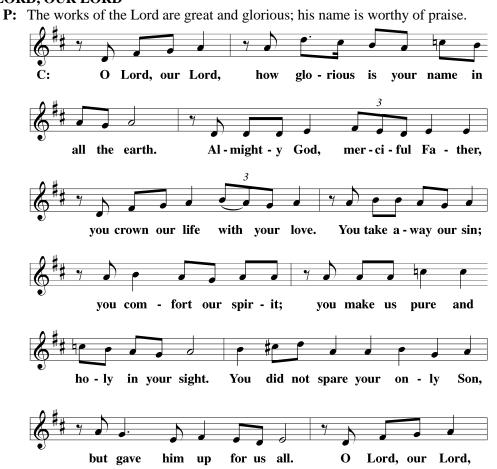
P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

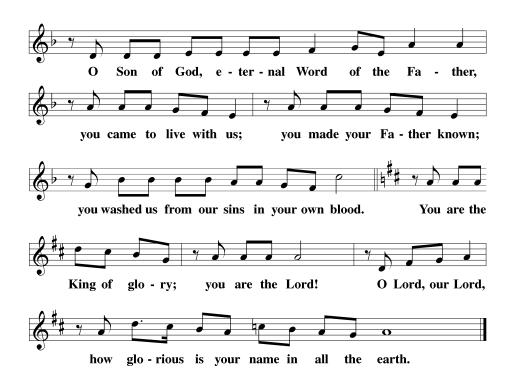


O LORD, OUR LORD



all the earth.

glo - rious is your name in



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: Lord God, Creator of all and Giver of all good things, we want to give you thanks for your rich grace given through Word and sacrament to us. Strengthen us by your Word, and receive our praise, prayers, and offerings as fruits of the faith that you have given us in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON 1 Chronicles 29:1-9

The Israelites, led by King David, contributed generously and thankfully when given the opportunity to beautify the house of the Lord.

^{29:1}Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God. ²With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God — gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble — all of these in large quantities. ³Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: 4three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, ⁵ for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the Lord?" ⁶Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. ⁷They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. ⁸Any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the Lord in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

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The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.



My soul finds rest in <u>God</u> alone;*
my salvation <u>comes</u> from him.

He alone is my rock and my sal<u>va</u>tion;*
he is my fortress, I will never be <u>shaken</u>.

Find rest, O my soul, in <u>God</u> alone;*
my hope <u>comes</u> from him.

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Though your riches increase,*

do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;*

he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people;*

pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

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

Refrain

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THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:10-19

St. Paul expresses his thanks to the Lord for the Philippians' generosity and support for the Lord's work.

¹⁰I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do everything through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter

of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. Alleluia. (2Corinthians 8:9)



Please Be Seated

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord. Give thanks to God of Glory. Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord. Give thanks to the God of love.

We are all God's family and to Him we belong. For His wonderful blessings we offer up our song.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord. Give thanks to the God of glory. Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord. Give thanks to the God of love.

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 26:6-13

No gift is too generous for our Savior.

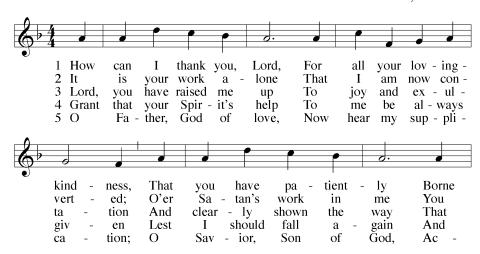
⁶While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, ⁷a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. ⁸When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. ⁹"This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor." ¹⁰Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."



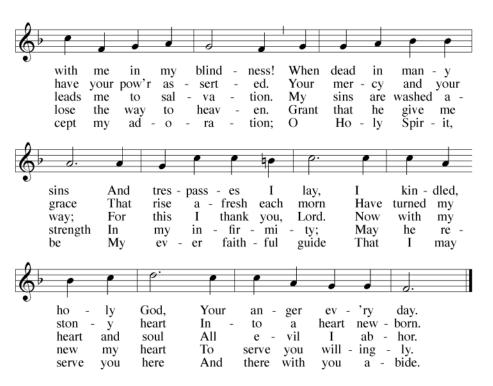
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THE HYMN OF THE DAY "How Can I Thank You, Lord"

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Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (II) (67 67 66 66) Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd ed., Meiningen

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

THE PRAYERS

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.



P: Lift up your hearts.



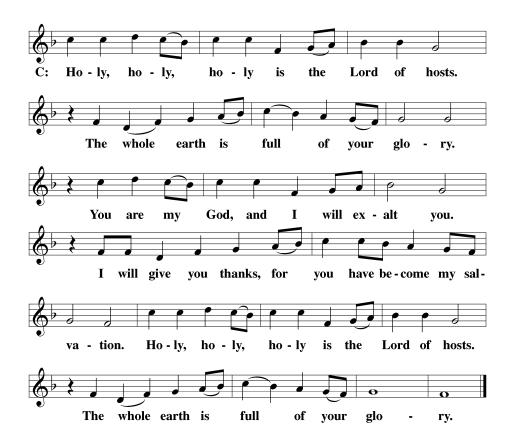
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. 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



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."

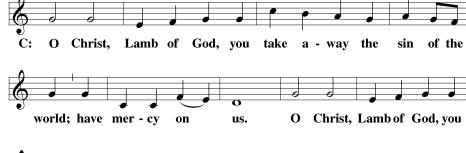
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

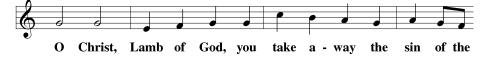


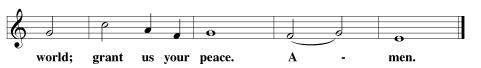
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD











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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 the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN""Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"

Christian Worship #476



Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 3-4, alt.; The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis, 1941 st 2

Tune: ICH WILL DICH LIEBEN (98 98 86) Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz, Frankfurt, 1738, alt

Please Stand

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-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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 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.



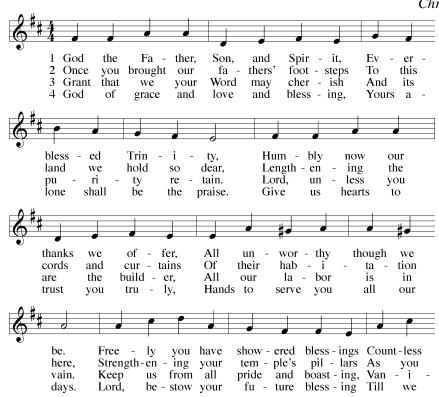
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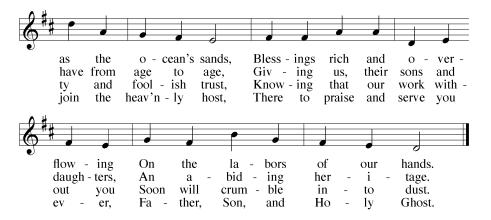
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THE CLOSING HYMN "God the Father, Son, and Spirit"

Christian Worship #623



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Text: W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt. Tune: St. Hilary (87 87 D) Unknown.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and PreacherPastor Brian AdamsOrganistMrs. Sharon Larsen

Announcements

HOSPITAL: Elroy Lindner & Harriet Hudy – St. Luke's.

THANK YOU: As some of you know, we had a major issue with the heating system in the gym of the school. We would especially like to thank several of our men who have been working hard to repair it. We thank Mark Derouin, Bob Goelz, Paul Larsen and Jerry Lehtinen.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATIONAL MEETING: There will be a Kindergarten Informational meeting for next year's incoming Kindergarteners on Tuesday, February 3rd from 6:30-7:00 PM in the Bible Classroom.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING: The Board of Education will meet on Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 PM.

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE (MLC) CHOIR: The choir of MLC will be performing a concert at Zion Lutheran Church on Friday evening, February 27, 2015. The concert begins at 7:00pm. The 60+ voice choir, under the direction of Dr. Moldenhauer, is making its inaugural

stop there on its Spring tour. The concert will be held at the school, which is located at 3600 S. Chicago Avenue, in South Milwaukee.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE: 1. Theatre Production: The Wisconsin Lutheran College Theatre Department will present a 10-Minute Original Play Showcase February 19-22 in the Center for Arts and Performance. The performances will feature eight original short plays by WLC students beginning at 7:30 p.m. (The February 22 show is at 2:30.) Tickets (\$5 for adults and \$3 for students) may be purchased by calling 414.443.8802, or visit wlc.edu/boxoffice. 2. Band Concert: The Wisconsin Lutheran College Concert Band presents its Mid-Winter Band Concert on Friday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Center for Arts and Performance. Call the Box Office at 414.443.8802 to purchase tickets (\$6), or visit wlc.edu/boxoffice. 3. Butterfly Brunch: The Christian Women's Leadership Circle hosts its annual Butterfly Brunch at Wisconsin Lutheran College on Saturday, March 7 at 8 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Teri Jendusa-Nicolai, a domestic violence survivor. To register, visit wlc.edu/cwlc.

GET READY TO MAKE A SPLASH: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is inviting 4th and 6th grade students, on separate nights from 5:30-7:30 pm, to a fun evening of waterslides and swimming at Country Springs Waterpark Hotel in Pewaukee. There is no cost, however at least one parent must attend with their child. The children will swim and the parents will learn more about WLHS. 4th grade students are invited on Monday, March 2, and must RSVP by Monday, February 23. 6th grade students are invited on Monday, March 9, and must RSVP by Monday, March 2. To RSVP, e-mail mark.ricke@wlhs.org or call 414-453-4567 ex.2024.

WLHS DANCE CAMP: All girls K-8th grade are invited to WLHS Dance Camp at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on February 28, 2015 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Girls K-3rd will focus on physical movement and putting moves to music. Girls 4th-8th will focus on basic dance team concepts and more complex skills. During this non-competitive, fun event, campers will learn a routine and perform for family and friends. Cost is \$10 and the registration deadline is February 13, 2015. T-shirts are available for \$7.50. Please visit www.wlhs.org for registration and more information. Contact Coach Maddy Krueger at wlhsvarsitydance@gmail.com or 414-828-9236 with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Invitation to all families of our church – you are invited to join us on Thursday, February 26th for tubing at The Rock Sports Complex in Franklin (76th and Rawson). Time to be determined. All tubes are \$16 and this is the last year they will let us share! Let's get a big group together to take advantage of this lower pricing. Last year we had a blast and many families said it was their favorite event. More information to come soon! If you have any questions, please contact Jill Archer.

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Fridays 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: February 6th & 20th, March 6th & 20th, April 17th and May 1st & 15th.

YEAR END OFFERING STATEMENTS: The Year End Offering statements are in the church mailboxes.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES: God has given us many different areas in our lives to manage. One of those areas is the management of the treasures that he gives us. Over the next three weeks, we will take a look at this area under the theme: "*True Riches*."

January 18 & 19 - "*True Riches – Called to be Free*" - We are free from the control of money because we are controlled by God. And that's what Christian stewardship is. Instead of being controlled by money and possessions, we are under the control of the Lord; by his grace we can use the money, possessions, time, and talents he has given to us in service to him. In the coming weeks we'll look at various aspects of how we use the money God has given to us.

January 25 & 26 – Praise Service

February 1 & 2 – "*True Riches* – *Called to Give our Best*" - It's possible to give your money away without giving yourself, but it's impossible to give away yourself without giving away your money. Please understand that what God ultimately desires is not your wealth. How silly a thought would it be that the God who created the universe needs material goods from us! Rather, God who created us to be in a loving relationship with us, desires our hearts. However, when we give freely to him the thing which the world holds on to most tightly, the thing that grips the hearts of many, it's a tangible expression of love to God. It shows that our hearts belong to him, that he is truly present in our hearts. For this grace we give thanks.

February 8 & 9 – "True Riches – Called to be Content" - Contentment has a lot to do with Christian giving because contentment gives us freedom. If we are content we are freed from having to spend money on what we don't really need; we are free to have better and sharper priorities. If we are content we are free from the message of the world to collect as much stuff as we can. If we are content we are free to give more to the Lord. We are free to know that the Lord is the most important Person in our lives. With those truths ringing in our ears we ask God to make us more content!

MEN'S CONFERENCE: "Ironmen of God Wisconsin" - Last year over 180 men from all over southern Wisconsin gathered to hear God's Word aimed right at them! Hear Pastors Wayne Shevey, Jason Ewart, Clark Schultz, and Jim Buske remind us of our God-given roles as "Ironmen of God." Our theme this year: "His Sacrifice... Our Response." (Galatians 2:20)

Enjoy a delicious catered lunch and fellowship with your brothers in Christ! Ironmen of God is being held at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Ixonia, WI from 9 am to 2 pm on March 21, 2015. Cost is \$25. Space is limited! Register today at www.ironmenofgodwi.org

CHRISTIAN WOMAN TODAY RETREAT: The Christian Woman Today Retreat, sponsored by Christ the Lord in Brookfield, WI, will be held March 20-22, 2015, at the Olympia Spa and Resort in Oconomowoc, WI. Throughout the weekend we will study God's encouragement to "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18b). Retreat brochures with registration forms are available at the following websites: ChristianWomanToday.org and ChristTheLordBrookfield.org. The registration deadline is February 20, 2015. For questions or additional information, please contact Maureen at 262-784-0412.

EARLY CHILD ENRICHMENT CENTER: St. Paul's Early Child Enrichment Center is now open for enrollment for the 2015/2016 school year. Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st, 2015. Interested families may contact Mrs. Patti Krizan or Mrs. Nancy Willms at 414-421-1833 for more information. Registrations are taken on a first come first serve basis.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (2/1 & 2/2)

8:00 AM- Steve & Theresa Mess 10:30 AM- Gordon & Michelle Lesser

6:00 PM- Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (2/8 & 2/9)

8:00 AM- Allyn & Patsy Curler

10:30 AM- Brian & Kristal Young; Noelle & Declan

6:30 PM- Dave & Janet Long

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 Matthews

6:30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

February 4-17 Team #4-Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek **February 18-24 Team #1-**Sherry Kosovich, Gale Bartow, Beverly Garves

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 1	
Worship Service with Communion8:00 Al	V
Adult Bible/Sunday School9:15 Al	M
Worship Service with Communion	V
Monday, February 2	
Worship Service	٧l
Tuesday, February 3	
PSCIC	M
Kindergarten Informational Meeting	M
Wednesday, February 4	
School Devotion8:30 Al	V
Senior Choir Rehearsal	M
Board of Education Meeting	M
Thursday, February 5	
Adult Hand Bells6:30 Pl	M
No School Winter Break	
Friday, February 6	
Preschool Power Hour	M
No School Winter Break	
Sunday, February 8	
Worship Service8:30 Al	M
Adult Bible/Sunday School9:15 Al	
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Statistics – Last Week

Worship Attendance: 9:00 AM –305 Communed n/a 10:30 AM –n/a, Communed n/a; 6:30 PM –50, Communed n/a; Total Attendance – 355; Total Communed n/a Bible Study n/a; Sunday School n/a