# Second Weekend of Epiphany January 18 & 19, 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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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

#### WELCOME





Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR (87 87 D) *The Christian Lyre*, New York, 1831.

#### 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.

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY



**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:** Lord Jesus, we desire to carry out our calling as members of your holy family, free from sin and guilt and everything that pulls us away from you. Strengthen us by your Word,

and draw us to yourself, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God. now and forever.



#### Please be Seated

#### THE FIRST LESSON.....Acts 19:11-20

The gospel's power freed many Ephesians from the sin and unbelief that had once enslaved them, and the fruit of their repentance included the destruction of what had once been so valuable to them.

<sup>11</sup>God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, <sup>12</sup>so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. <sup>13</sup>Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." <sup>14</sup>Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. <sup>15</sup>[One day] the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" <sup>16</sup>Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. <sup>17</sup>When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. <sup>18</sup>Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas.<sup>20</sup>In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.







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Keep me safe, O God,\* for in you I take refuge. I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;\* apart from you I have no good thing." I have set the LORD always before me.\*

Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.



My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;\* my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave,\* nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life;\* you will fill me with joy in your presence.

**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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#### THE SECOND LESSON...... Corinthians 8:7-12

We find true riches in the gospel of Jesus Christ alone, who is a personal demonstration of grace and giving.

<sup>7</sup>But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us -see that you also excel in this grace of giving. <sup>8</sup>I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. <sup>11</sup>Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Alleluia. (Galatians 2:20)



#### ANTHEM –GRADES 3-5 (8:00 am) ..... "Let Your Heart be Broken"

Let your heart be broken for a world in need. Feed the mouths that hunger, Soothe the wounds that bleed, Give the cup of water And the loaf of bread. Be the hands of Jesus, Serving in his stead.

Here on earth applying Principles of love, Visible expression God still rules above, Living illustration of the Living Word To the minds of all who've Never seen and heard.

Let your heart be tender And your vision clear See mankind as God sees; Serve him far and near, Let your heart be broken By a brother's pain; Share your rich resources Give and give again.

Soloist: Dick Miller: Harmonica: John Mertz

#### Soloist:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee; Let the water and the blood From thy riven side which flowed Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands. Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone: Thou must save and thou alone.

#### **Congregation Joins:**

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to thy cross I cling; Naked, come to thee for dress, Helpless, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the fountain fly -- Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee!

Please Stand



Jesus makes an important distinction between "worldly wealth" and "true riches."

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup>So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?<sup>13</sup>"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." <sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight.



#### 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



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Text: Johann F. Ruopp, 1672-1708, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt. Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) As hymnodus sacer, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

THE SERMON.....Luke 16:1-15



Please Stand







#### 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

#### PREFACE

**P:** The Lord be with you.







**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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### 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



## 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.

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Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, alt. Tune: Es IST KEIN TAG (888 4) Johann D. Mayer, 1636–96, alt.

Please be seated

#### SONG OF SIMEON



**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 BENEDICTION

**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.



#### *Please be seated*



Christian Worship #473



# **Worship Participants**

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Organist	Miss Heather Schmidt

# Announcements

- **VOTERS MEETING RESULTS:** On Tuesday, January 13, a voter's meeting was held to update the congregation on the various activities and work accomplished by the various boards and committees of the congregation. In addition, the Church Council presented a recommendation from the Board of Elders to the voters to call a second pastor to shepherd St Paul's. The assembly reviewed the recommendation, discussed the gifts and abilities we are seeking in a second pastor, and, after a robust discussion, approved the recommendation. Following the action by the voters, District President Rutschow was informed so that he may begin the process of developing a call list for our consideration. The Board of Elders is currently in the process of drafting the formal call letter. Please watch future bulletins and the St Paul's website for information regarding an upcoming call meeting. We continue to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide our efforts and bless the ministry of St. Paul's.
- **MARY MARTHA:** The Mary Martha Society will meet on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Mr. Mark Vance will be giving a presentation on the work of Christian Aid and Relief. Anyone is invited to come.

**BOARD OF ELDERS:** The Board of Elders will meet on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.

- **NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS OR SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY:** There will be no Adult Bible Class or Sunday School due to the Praise Service being at 9:00am.
- **HOT LUNCH COOKS:** We are looking for hot lunch cooks for the months of January, February and March. If you are able to help, please contact Jaime Petricek at (414) 423-0835.
- YEAR END OFFERING STATEMENTS: The Year End Offering statements are in the church mailboxes.
- **FUTURE BLOOD DRIVE:** We would like to once again have a Blood Drive here at St. Paul's. It is a great way for us to reach out into the community. It is also a great way for us to help others through the blood donations. The Blood Center of Wisconsin provides many tools to ensure success of a blood drive, but nothing replaces a team to make the drive happen. If you are interested in being part of team to help organize a blood drive, please talk to Pastor Adams for more information.
- **NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS TODAY:** 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!

- **ANNUAL PRAISE SERVICE FEATURING KOINE:** On Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Annual Praise Service featuring Koine. On Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have one service at 9:00am. They will be having a concert beginning at 10:30am as well. (There will still be a worship service on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.) Please mark your calendars and come and join us. This service is also a great opportunity to invite your friends, relatives and neighbors to join us for worship.
- **ADULT CHOIR:** We will be rehearsing this Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Anyone who is interested in joining our Adult Choir is invited to do so. No experience necessary. Please join us on Wednesday evening.
- **WELS BARGAIN CENTER INC.:** WELS Bargain Center Inc. was started 47 years ago to make available clean, gently used, low cost items to the community in which the stores are located in a Christian atmosphere, and to provide funds to certain WELS ministries.

There are about 130 male and female volunteers who maintain two stores located at 5005 W. Howard Ave. 327-2529 and 8401 W. Lisbon Ave. 463-2529 both in Milwaukee. The volunteers work as cashiers, clerks, markers, do repairs, maintenance, and managers. No experience is necessary. You set our own schedule of one day a week, or one day a month. We are open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All WELS members are welcome (and desperately needed) to volunteer. All merchandise is donated to the stores and is always needed including gently used kitchen items, small appliances, bedding, towels, jewelry, antiques and collectables, general household goods, and clothing. Gently used furniture is welcome (and very needed) at the south store only.

Recipients of Bargain Center funds are: WLCFS Christian Family Solutions; Wisconsin Lutheran College; Wisconsin Lutheran High School; Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries; Campus Ministry – Point of Grace Student Center. Also, special requests from other WELS ministries are often granted. If you have any questions regarding the WELS Bargain Center; please call Marge Gebert @ 425-5041.

- 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 <u>www.ironmenofgodwi.org</u>
- **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.
- **GYM USE REMINDER:** If anyone would like to use St. Paul's gym, we ask that you please contact Principal Schulmeister. There are many activities that are going on in our gym on a daily basis. Even though we attempt to keep St. Paul's web calendar up to date, there are unexpected changes that are made at the last moment. If people wish to use the rooms in the church, such as the Bible Class room, please contact Pastor Adams. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.
- **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE:** On Sunday, April 26, at 1:30 p.m. everyone is invited to the Gifted for Praise Service of Dedication at Wisconsin

Lutheran High School. Tours of the new building expansion will take place after the service. Please mark your calendars and save the date for this special service!

- **ST. PAUL'S MEMBER IN NEED:** Henrietta Jakubowski, who is a member here at St. Paul's is looking for someone to drive her to appointments at various times. If you would like to help Henrietta out please contact her daughter, Diane. Her phone number is (888) 216-2069.
- **MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST:** There is a sign up sheet on the counter in the narthex for anyone who would like to receive Meditations and Forward in Christ. The deadline for signing up is January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. Enrollment opens to the community after February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE:** Registration for Men of His Word 2015 "A Shelter from the Storm" is now open. The Conference is January 31, 2015 in Oshkosh. Don't miss this chance to gather with hundreds of your fellow Christian men for a day of inspiration. The 20 different sessions will both encourage and challenge you in your walk of faith. For more information and registration go to: www.menofhisword.org.
- WLHS 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA: 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents-Wisconsin Lutheran High School is hosting a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Extravaganza on Sunday, January 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The evening is free and includes dinner and a fun night of entertainment. There's even an iPod touch giveaway! RSVP by January 19, to Mark Ricke, 414-453-4567 ext. 2024 or mark.ricke@wlhs.org.

# Volunteers

#### GREETERS THIS WEEK (1/18 & 1/19)

8:00 AM-	Lyle & Christie Timm
10:30 AM-	Roberto & Kendra Matus; Mara Caleb
6:30 PM-	Dave & Janet Long

#### GREETERS NEXT WEEK (1/25 & 1/26

9:00 AM-	David & Marlene Horn
6:30 PM-	Richard & Kathy Hinz

#### **USHERS FOR JANUARY:**

8:00 AM TEAM # 1-Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
10:30 AM TEAM # 5-Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Metz, Brett Abramowski
6::30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagon, Dave Long, Max Gruenebeg

#### **ALTAR GUILD:**

January 7-January 20 Team #2- Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra January 21 – February 3 Team #3-Jane Koplein, Carol Willms

# The Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday, January 18

Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible/Sunday School	
Worship Service with Communion	
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Monday, January 19	
Western Lakes Pastor Conference	9:00 AM

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Worship Service with	Communion	

#### **Tuesday, January 20**

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#### Wednesday, January 21

Principal Conference	
Board of Elders Meeting	
Senior Choir Rehearsal	

#### Thursday, January 22

Adult Hand Bells	PM
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#### Friday, January 23

Breakfast with Mom (Kindergarten-Grade2)	7:00 AM
School Devotion	
Preschool Power Hour	

#### Sunday, January 25

Annual Praise Service featuring Koine	9:00 AM
Koine Concert	
NO Adult Bible/Sunday School	

# **Statistics – Last Week**

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –110 Communed n/a 10:30 AM –156, Communed n/a; 6:30 PM –60, Communed n/a; Total Attendance – 326; Total Communed n/a; Bible Study 16; Sunday School 7