Third Sunday of Epiphany January 25, 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

OPENING HYMN

"Angels from the Realms of Glory" CW 80

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth; Once you sang creation's story; Now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing --Yonder shines the infant light. Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Magi, leave your contemplations; Brighter visions beam afar. Seek the great desire of nations; You have seen the Savior's star. Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King. Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, In his temple shall appear. Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

STAND

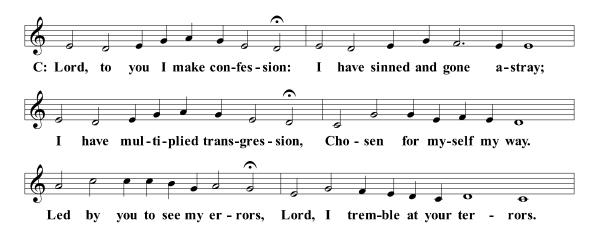
P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

- P: My dear Brothers and Sisters, God's Word is powerful. It makes changes in the hearts and lives of those who hear it, and it calls them to be followers of Christ and fishers of men.
- C: Let us worship the Lord!

CONFESSION OF SINS

- Koiné: *(sings)* We have come into God's presence; maker of the heav'ns and earth. He created us to love him; to serve him as his precious child. We have disobeyed and errored, thus deserving wrath and anger.
- P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.



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- P: "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word," declares the LORD. (Isaiah 66:2)
- 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.



P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices, Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us, With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven, The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore! For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: *(spoken)* Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Lord calls Jonah to preach the message of repentance to the people of Nineveh. Jonah's message touches their hearts and moves them to repentance.

^{3:1} Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." ³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city — a visit required three days. ⁴ On the first day,

Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145

Arranged and Sung by Koiné

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend Your works unto another;

They will tell of your mighty acts, So that all men may know. They will tell of your mighty acts And the splendor of your kingdom

The LORD upholds all those who fall And lifts all those who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, And you give them food at the proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy The desires of every thing. You open your hand and satisfy The desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, To all who call on him in truth. He fills the desires of those who fear him; He hears their cry and saves them.

You open your hand and satisfy The desires of every thing. You open your hand and satisfy The desires of every thing. They will tell of your mighty acts, So that all men may know. They will tell of your mighty acts And the splendor of your kingdom SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

God calls on believers to realize that this world is temporary and to live their lives accordingly. Christians use the things of this world without losing sight of their heavenly goal.

²⁹ What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (Mt. 4:23)

STAND

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus proclaims the gospel loud and clear, "Repent and believe the good news!" After this, Jesus calls Simon and Andrew to be "fishers of men." James and John also leave their nets to follow Jesus.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" ¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Hear the Savior Calling (Original Tune Written by Martin Albrecht) CW 560

I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me. My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see That I myself was helpless To live eternally, But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!

I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me, A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free. The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree That all have been forgiven -- My Savior calls for me!

I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me: To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be. Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key We spread the gospel tidings -- My Savior calls for me!

I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me. From door to door I witness To share my Savior's plea; Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee, Beyond the simple gospel -- My Savior calls for me!

I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency! Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity. And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea: Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!

THE MESSAGE

Mark 1:14-20

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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.

OFFERING HYMN

Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver

CW 489

St. Paul's students are invited to come forward. As the Offering is gathered, we also invite everyone to sign the Friendship Registers in each pew.

Koine sings:

Lord, you love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to you.

St. Paul's students join Koine:

We are yours -- your mercy sought us, Found us in death's dreadful way, To the fold in safety brought us, Nevermore from you to stray. Your own life was freely given As an off'ring on the cross For each sinner, now forgiven From eternal shame and loss.

(Musical Interlude)

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Blessed by you with gifts and graces, May we heed your Spirit's call, Gladly in all times and places Give to you who gives us all. You have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own; Ever free and ever stronger We shall serve you, Lord, alone.

Koine sings:

You have bought us; now no longer Can we claim to be our own;

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Ever free and ever stronger We shall serve you, Lord, alone.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Tune Written and Sung by Koiné

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. Amen.

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THE BLESSING

- 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.
- C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

When in our music God is glorified, And adoration leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! Alleluia!

How oft, in making music, we have found A new dimension in the world of sound As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song, In faith and love, through centuries of wrong, Borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Musical Interlude)

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night When utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise; Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise, And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Alleluia!

"KOINE"

Koiné is a Greek word that means "common." They play common instruments and common hymns that many know and enjoy. The only extraordinary thing about Koiné and what they do is the message that they proclaim through the music they play. It's the same message of the Bible – Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world.

Koiné Music Ministries is a non-profit ministry whose main source of support is the generosity of

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local churches and WELS members like you. Koiné Music Ministries has partnered with Wisconsin Lutheran College, Martin Luther College, and WLCFS—Christian Family Solutions as they share the mission and purpose of each institution through their many travels. For more information about these opportunities, check out the Koiné table or visit their websites: www.wlc.edu www.mlc-wels.edu www.christianfamilysolutions.org

Throughout the year Koiné travels to 200 churches, schools, and events across the United States. From Seattle to Miami and everywhere in between, Koiné travels to share God's saving message through music. In addition to playing concerts and services, Koiné serves the church by making their music available on recordings, sheet music, and non-vocal CDs, which are often used by grade school and Sunday school teachers to teach hymns to children.

The group consists of: Brian Davison – vocals, Tracy Fedke – vocals, Seth Bauer – piano, Seth Kock – drums, Benj Lawrenz – guitar, and Matt Scott – bass.

For up-to-date information on Koiné and to see their latest schedule, find Koiné on facebook and visit <u>www.koinemusic.com</u>.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher	.Pastor Brian Adams
Music by:	Koine

Announcements

BAPTISM: Following the 10:30am concert by Koine, Jack Matthew South will be received into the family of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Jack is the infant son of Matthew and Sara South. Margie South and Thomas Wiza are serving as godparents. May the Lord continue to bless the South family as they grow together in Christ.

THANK YOU: We wish to thank the group Koine for leading our worship this morning. In order to assist in helping to support their ministry, we will be having a free-will offering following the worship service. May the Lord continue to bless their ministry as they share the Gospel of Jesus.

SOUTHSIDE MINISTRY UPDATE: Thank you for your help in providing a wonderful Christmas holiday for the families served by Southside Ministries at St. Peter's church. There is continual flow of donations to our collection barrel in the hallway throughout the year.

What a blessing to see all the clothing, food, school supplies, toys, and household goods that are donated. Tax receipt forms are in a folder by the barrel. It's a good idea to take and keep pictures of any donations to Southside or other charities that you could use as further proof in the case of an audit. There are lists you can find on the internet of thrift shop values for your donations.

We had about 25 of the Burmese immigrant children join us for the neighborhood Christmas caroling and the fellowship afterwards at Pastor Adams. They had participated in previous years and were really looking forward to participating again. The children have been wonderful with their eagerness to help with activities for their community, serving as interpreters, and learning the Bible.

Our door collection at St. Paul's was over \$700. We made up 300 gift bags for the neighbor and immigrant children. The bags contained fruit, peanuts, candy, and a toy. Throughout the year, I had putting aside toys that had been donated and quite a few came in December. Once again, the hand of God was evident as just the thought to include a toy with the bags was met with unsolicited calls offering stuffed animals, beanie babies, matchbook cars, dolls, etc. Our prayers are being answered before we can even ask. Join us in offering prayers of thankfulness for God's help.

We have a lot of our ESL students attending the Christ/St. Peter's school. The children were very persistent in their inviting others to come to their service. What a sight to see this beautiful, old German church of St. Peter's packed with parents and children. The children's readings and verses of Silent Night alternated between English, Spanish, and Karen. It was an awesome experience.

On another night, there was a Karen Christmas service with a pot luck dinner afterwards. It was very well attended and the fellowship of the pot luck was really nice. I found it an emotional experience to look around the room at the large number of joyous people gathered and think that just a few years back they did not know Jesus.

Delivering the food pantry and gift bags for the children on December 20 was pure joy. All the children were very excited to receive their bags. At one stop, there were about a dozen kids receiving their gifts. As the last them left, there was a beautiful little girl of about 3, previously hidden, looking up at me quietly with big brown eyes. When she received her gift, her smile and thank you were priceless. She ran quite a ways down the street clutching her bag until she got to her waiting father with her treasure.

At another stop, three younger children came out. I handed a bag to one of the children and reached back to get toys and bags for the other two. When I turned around the three was running back to their apartment. I had to chase after them and didn't catch them until they were in their apartment discovering what was in the bag. Their excitement equaled any children's Christmas morning. It only got better when I explained that they each received a bag.

Thank you again for your generosity and helping make all this possible. If you would like to help with tutoring or have questions, please call Gary Eickhorst at (414) 870-9215.

- 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.
- **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 CONTINUES NEXT SUNDAY 2/1: 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 <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.

- **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 30th.
- 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. Enrollment opens to the community after February 1st.

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.

GREETERS THIS WEEK (1/25 & 1/26)

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

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

8:00 AM-	Steve & Theresa Mess
10:30 AM-	Gordon & Michelle Lesser
6:30 PM-	Donna LaBlanc

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

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 Stellwagon, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

January 21 – February 3 Team #3-Jane Koplein, Carol Willms February 4-17 Team #4-Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

The Weekly Schedule

Statistics – Last Week

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –173 Communed 124 10:30 AM –115, Communed 87; 6:30 PM –48, Communed 32; Total Attendance – 336; Total Communed 234; Bible Study 24; Sunday School 9