

**W**elcome! 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!
- † 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!

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist and Preacher** ..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Organist** ..... Miss Heather Schmidt

# OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

## THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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### THE OPENING HYMN ..... "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

*Christian Worship #89*



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And  
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came  
5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight A -



Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The  
Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To  
John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The  
God's own voice with words pro - found: "This  
noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The  
stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will And  
Ho - ly Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De -  
is my Son," was his de - cree, "The  
God's own choice, from A - dam's fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
all his prom - is - es ful - fill.  
scend - ed on him from a - bove.  
one I love, who pleas - es me."  
save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
This man in Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

*Please Stand*

## THE INVOCATION

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



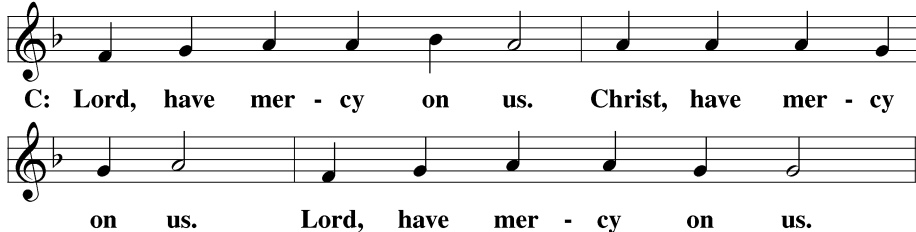
## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

**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

*Kyrie*



**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

*Gloria in Excelsis*



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

**C:** And al - so with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**C:** A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**THE FIRST LESSON** ..... **Isaiah 49:1-6**

*The Servant of the Lord would suffer, but in that suffering God would display his splendor to the entire world.*

Listen to me, you islands;  
 hear this, you distant nations:  
 Before I was born the Lord called me;  
 from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.  
<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,  
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
 he made me into a polished arrow  
 and concealed me in his quiver.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, “You are my servant,  
 Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”  
<sup>4</sup> But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
 I have spent my strength for nothing at all.  
 Yet what is due me is in the Lord’s hand,  
 and my reward is with my God.”  
<sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says—  
 he who formed me in the womb to be his servant  
 to bring Jacob back to him  
 and gather Israel to himself,  
 for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord  
 and my God has been my strength—  
<sup>6</sup> he says:  
 “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
 to restore the tribes of Jacob  
 and bring back those of Israel I have kept.  
 I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
 that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY** ..... **Psalm 89**

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*Refrain*

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
 lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Psalm tone* \*

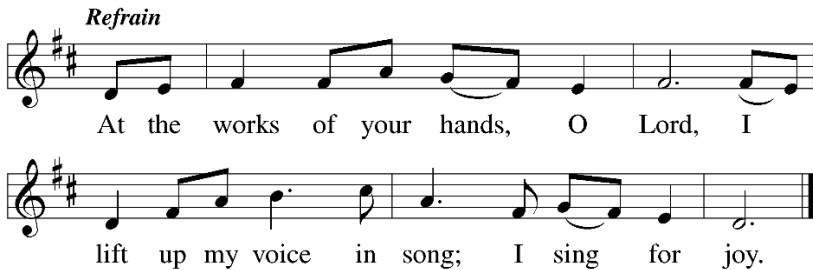
*Psalm continues on next page*

I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;\*  
I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,\*  
that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,\*  
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

*Refrain*



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Psalm tone* \*



O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?\*

You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,\*  
who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;\*  
they exult in your righteousness.

**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*

## THE SECOND LESSON.....Colossians 2:6-15

*The Lamb of God needed to be flesh and blood, so that he could be sacrificed. And because that Lamb was the Son of God, it is a sacrifice valuable enough to forgive us all our sins.*

<sup>6</sup>So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

<sup>9</sup>For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup>and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup>When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup>having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor."  
Alleluia. (*Isaiah 49:3 cf. NIV*)



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

*Please Stand*



**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 1:29-41**



*As the last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist succinctly summarizes God’s plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him the Lamb of God.*

<sup>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup>And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup>When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup>When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup>“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup>The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).



## 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 HYMN OF THE DAY....."Arise and Shine in Splendor" *Christian Worship #81*



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
3 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove,  
dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you  
yon - der From sin to be set free. The world  
sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes

*Hymn continues on next page*



the day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
 the Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope—has  
 has heard your sto - ry; Your sons come to your  
 will wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
 glo - ry, And daugh - ters haste your light to see.  
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

**THE SERMON ..... John 1:2-41**



**C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -**



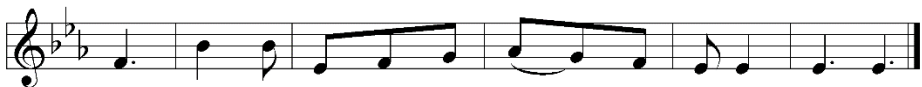
**new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -**



**way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it**



**from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -**



**tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.**

*Please Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.**



**C: And al - so with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts**



**C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

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



**C: It is good and right so to do.**

**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

### *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

## 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.*

*Please Stand*

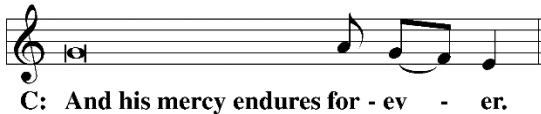
**SONG OF SIMEON**

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

**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.



C: A - men.

## 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

## THE CLOSING HYMN..... "O Jesus, Lamb of God, You Are"

*Christian Worship #27*



1 O Je - sus, Lamb of God, you are My com - fort  
2 O Lord, my sin in - deed is great; I groan be -  
3 Saint John the Bap - tist points to you And bids me  
4 Help me to change my ways, O Lord, And glad - ly



and my guid - ing star; I come, a sin - ner,  
neath the dread - ful weight. Be mer - ci - ful to  
cast my sin on you, For you have left your  
to o - bey your Word. While here I live, a -



trust - ing - ly And bring my man - y sins with me.  
me, I pray; Take guilt and pun - ish - ment a - way.  
throne on high To suf - fer for the world and die.  
bide with me, Then take me home e - ter - nal - ly.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TEACHER CALL MEETING:** Our next call meeting for a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher will be **Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM**. We will be calling a 1st Grade Teacher for the 2023-24 school year to fill the current staffing gap in the school when Mrs. Jensen moved from 1st Grade into the 4K classroom this school year. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to send them to the principal, Nathan Schulmeister at [nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org) or (414) 421-1930.

**2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** The 2022 Contribution Statements are in your church mailboxes.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** There is a delay on our 2023 offering envelopes due to printing press issues at the manufacturing company. As soon as they arrive we will distribute them. In the meantime, you can continue to use your 2022 envelope number. Thank you for your patience!

**TOILET PAPER/PAPER TOWEL TUBES:** We need your empty toilet paper and paper towel tubes for a project! Please save them and bring them to the office!

**SOUTHSIDE MINISTRIES UPDATE:** Thank you from Southside Ministries. Your continued support through the years has allowed us to significantly help the Burmese immigrant community in Milwaukee. The recent door collection, cash contributions, and donations of clothing and toys allowed us to have a memorable Christmas party. There were 37 children and enough toys and gifts for each child to get 2 or more gifts from donated items. We also had hot cocoa, pizza, and candy gift bags for each child. We had a very memorable Bible study by St. Peter's impressive, German imported, 100 year old nativity scene. The children we work with are getting very good grades and a joy to work with. We're very proud that in December, three of our former students graduated from college. We've also been sending students to the YCC program for the last 6 years where they have a paid 3 week internship working in one of our National Forests. Your clothing and furniture donations have helped families to get things that they would otherwise not be able to afford. My favorite donation is delivering a Christmas tree and decorations to homes with children. That is a special Christmas joy. Thank you again for your continued support.

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED:** The refreshment committee (donut crew) is asking for your help. We are in need of one or two people to clean up the donut and coffee area after second service. We currently have two teams handling the clean up for the month. It would be great to add two more people so you would only have to do it once a month. More people would be even better! The task is not difficult; it just requires you to hang around a bit longer after service. Duties include: packing up left over donuts, dumping out left over coffee and rinsing out carafes, tidying up the area and taking out the trash.

We have six teams for set up before first service, which means they set up every six weeks. We would love to get more people to set up at that time as well. Our current groups have been doing this for several years now. Please consider this simple opportunity for service to the church. Any help would be greatly appreciated! Contact Tony Tripoli at 414-232-5817 if you are interested in helping!

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Our new Adult Bible Class looking at each Sunday's Scripture Readings continues today at 9:15 in the Bible classroom, led by retired Pastor Andy Backus. All are welcome! We'll be studying the Bible Lessons for this Sunday. They are Isaiah 49:1-6; Colossians 2:6-15; and John 1:29-41. Obviously this is an overview of each lesson, not an in-depth study. They're printed in your bulletin and also on a handout if you want to take notes. You may bring your own Bible or use one off the shelf. Join us, won't you?

**MARY & MARTHA SOCIETY GUEST SPEAKER:** Please join us on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM for a presentation by Pastor Joel Gaertner, National Director of Jesus Care Ministries. He will focus on assisting congregations to share Jesus with those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for Monday, June 26th – Friday, June 30th. Camp Phillip will be joining us again this year for full days of activities! Registration will take place later this spring.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE:** There are 16 people meeting every other Tuesday with continued lessons on the book "The Narrow Lutheran Middle". Remaining dates are January 17, January 31, February 14 and February 28. It is never too late to join our group. Just tell Jean Terek or Lucy Ellenberger.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND:** St. Paul's has offered assistance to families through a "forgiveness program" in which the congregation has taken on the debt for part of their tuition. On average we have been able to help 10-12 families seek Christian Education here at St. Paul's through this method. What a great gift to share the love of Christ with others using the gifts God has granted us. We have a need and an opportunity to help families and we are asking you to help financially. In addition to your offerings, these additional funds will help support the education for families that may not otherwise be able to afford it. We thank you for considering and remind you of the words recorded in Matthew 25:40 *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* If you would like to give, please fill out the envelopes provided on the narthex counter and place in the offering tower.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children ages 3 – Grade 6 are invited to join our Sunday School class, which meets each Sunday at 9:15 AM! Class is located in the After School Care room of the school.

**VIKING STEEL WINTER CONCERT:** WLHS Viking Steel will present their winter concert on Saturday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m. featuring the high school's three steelpan groups. The concert will be held in the auditorium with free general admission. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A livestream link to the concert can be found at [wlhs.org](http://wlhs.org).

#### **USHERS FOR JANUARY**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt

**10:30 AM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

January 11-17 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

January 18-24 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

#### **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

January 15: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

January 22: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – *open*

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, January 15

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

### Monday, January 16

WELS National Lutheran Leadership Conference – Chicago	
NO Public School Confirmation Class	
Lutheran Girl Pioneers.....	6:00 PM
Worship Service with Communion.....	6:30 PM

### Tuesday, January 17

WELS National Lutheran Leadership Conference – Chicago	
Women’s Bible Study .....	9:00 AM

### Wednesday, January 18

WELS National Lutheran Leadership Conference – Chicago

### Thursday, January 19

Mary & Martha Guest Speaker .....	6:30 PM
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### Sunday, January 22

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

### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 76

10:30 AM – 68

6:30 PM – 30

Total Attendance – 174