Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19-20, 2023

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,

- f Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- f Our congregation stands at various times throughout the service. If your mobility is limited, please do not feel that you have to stand. You are welcome to remain seated!
- f We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus!
- f Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- f If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- f For upcoming events and activities, "like" us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

Worship Participants

Liturgist	Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher	Pastor Wayne Shevey
Organist	Miss Heather Schmidt

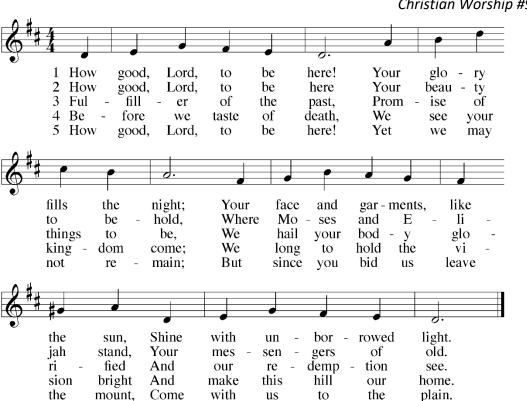
OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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THE OPENING HYMN"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

Christian Worship #95



Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

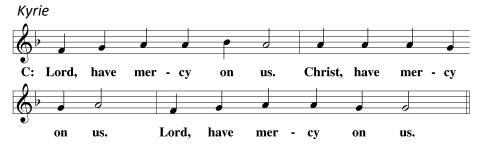
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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.

sin of the world;

God the Father;

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis 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 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 of the Father, you take away the O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son sin of the world; have mercy You take away the on us. O

have mercy on

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

For you on-ly are holy;

us.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 24:9-18

On Mount Sinai Moses saw the glory of the Lord as a terrifying fire. On the Mount of Transfiguration Moses saw the glory of the Lord as the Savior who takes our fear away.

⁹ Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis

lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

¹³ Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....

.Psalm 148

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Praise the LORD from the <u>heavens</u>,* praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his <u>angels</u>,* praise him, all his <u>heavenly</u> hosts.

Praise him, <u>sun</u> and moon,* praise him, all you shining stars.

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Praise the LORD <u>from</u> the earth,* lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his <u>bid</u>ding,

you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all <u>ce</u>dars,* wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and <u>fly</u>ing birds,

kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,* young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name <u>of</u> the LORD,* for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

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. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON....... 2 Peter 1:16-21

St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith. Peter was an eyewitness to the majesty and glory of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory,

saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia. (*Mark 9:7b*)



Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON...... Matthew 17:1-9



The transfiguration of our Lord.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

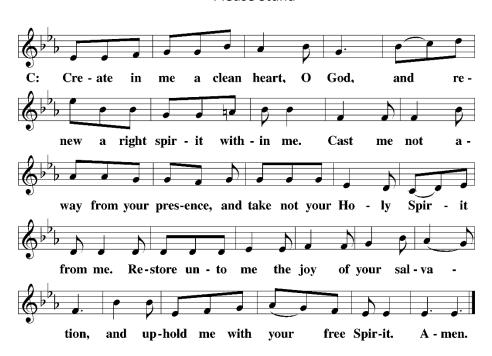
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate 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



Please Stand



Please be Seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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: Lift up your hearts



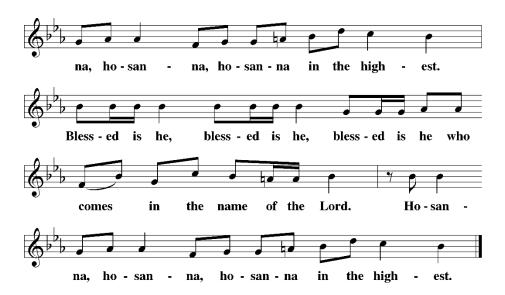
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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."

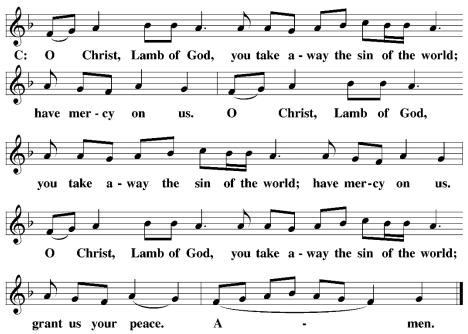
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



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DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

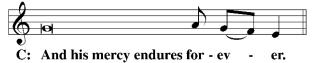
Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our 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.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



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 BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

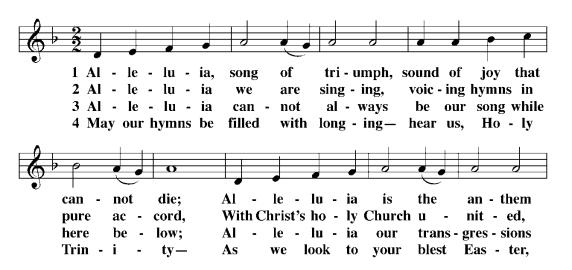
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



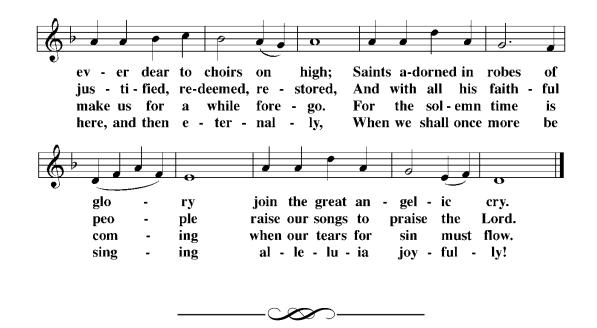
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P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Thank you to Pastor Wayne Shevey for sharing God's word with us today! Pastor Shevey serves as a Campus Pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

BAPTISM: On Friday, February 17th Liam John Truchan was received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Liam is the son of David and Kristin Truchan. Serving as his godparents are Mark Truchan and Natalie Truchan. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP SERVICES: The theme for this year's Midweek Lent services is: "His Final Steps." The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb. We will exchange pulpits with the pastors at St. Paul's, Cudahy and St. Lucas, Bay View. The services are at 3:30 and 6:30 pm. Our schedule is as follows:



- **February 22** His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration (Pastor Adams) John 12:1-11
- March 1 His Final Steps Led to His Father's House (Pastor Unnasch)
 Matthew 21:12-17
- March 8 His Finals Steps Led to Some Greeks (Pastor Marshall) John 12:20-33
- March 15 His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree (Pastor Adams)
 Mark 11:12-14, 20-25
- March 22 His Final Steps Led to His Enemies (Pastor Unnasch) Luke 20:9-19
- March 29 His Final Steps Led to a Tomb (Pastor Gaertner) John 11 (Selected verses)

BUDGET UPDATE: Contributions in 2023 through January 31st are continuing to be below our budgeted fiscal 2023 needs. We are currently approximately \$82,000 behind our budget. Our operating cash continues to be tight since we have not met our 2023 budgeted needs. Currently our weekly average of contributions is \$11,522, with a total of \$357,184 contributed through January 31st.

Contribution budget to date: \$438,998 Actual contributions to date: \$357,184

Behind budget: \$81,814

FRANKLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT GUEST SPEAKER:: Please join us this Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM for a crime/fraud awareness/prevention presentation by Franklin Police Community Resource Officer, Gary Wallace. All are invited to attend.

MEDITATIONS/FORWARD IN CHRIST RENEWALS: It's time to renew! We have received the renewal notices VERY LATE, so please **act fast** if you'd like to renew! Sign up deadline is next Sunday, February 26th. All subscriptions are delivered to your home. Payment is due at sign up.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Adult offering envelopes are here! They are in the west hallway of church. Children's envelopes have not yet arrived.

ST. PAUL'S STEM NIGHT: Raffles! Real Scientists! Free Books! ← This is just some of the STEM excitement we have in store at our St. Paul's STEM Night, Thursday, February 23rd from 6:00-8:00 PM. 3K − Grade 8 can discover the fun of **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**athematics through hands-on activities. Sign up by calling the office or through the following link: <u>STEM Night Sign Up</u>

STEM NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: In order for our STEM Night to be a success, we need your help! STEM Night encourages hands-on learning while integrating science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. We are looking for ways to get our church and school families involved! We need volunteers to run stations at this event.

We are setting up the gym like a science fair. Students and families will move freely between stations. We need at least one or two adults at each station to run an activity. All activities are prepared ahead of time and directions will be laid out clearly for all volunteers. The only expectation will be to arrive at 5:30pm, Thursday, February 23rd (30 min prior to the event) and be ready to have some fun with kids and STEM! To thank you, volunteers will receive dinner a free t-shirt! If you are interested in helping, sign up on the posters in the narthex!

TEACHER CALL RETURNED: Miss Alison Wiedmann returned the call we extended to her. We received this letter from her: Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, On Monday, January 23rd, you, the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, extended a divine call to me to serve as your first and second grade teacher. Over the past few weeks, I have had conversations with several people about the ministry in Franklin. It is evident that God has truly blessed your ministry and has blessed you with many people who join in your mission to share Jesus with the people of Franklin and beyond. I have spent much time in prayer. I also have had conversations with people involved with my ministry here at Good Shepherd and had time to reflect on my ministry here. After much prayerful consideration I have decided to return the call to St. Paul's Lutheran School. I know God will continue to bless your ministry in Franklin. You will be in my prayers as you continue the calling process. In His Service, Ali Wiedmann *The next call meeting will be Monday, February 27th at 7:30 PM.

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

OFFERINGS: When the pandemic of COVID-19 started, we suspended the collection of our offerings using the offering plates. People were dropping their offerings in the tower by the doors in back of church before or after the service. The Board of Elders has recently discussed whether or not to make the collection of our offerings part of the worship service again. They decided that we will begin to use the offering plates during the worship service going forward. If you have any thoughts in regard to this practice, please feel free to let us know.

VIDEO/SOUND TEAMS: When lightning hit the church last summer, it did a lot of damage to electronics in our complex of church and school. One of the systems that was hit very hard in church was the video system that we use in church. A new system is being installed to replace all the damaged equipment. Once it is all fully installed, the company that is installing it will train us how to use it. We would like to put together teams of people who are willing to run it during the worship services. If this is something that you would like to be part of, please let us know. If you wish to help with this, please drop an email to Pastor Adams (badams@stpaulsfranklin.org), and we will put you on a list. Once it is fully installed, we will set up a time to train everyone who is interested.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Our Adult Bible Class continues today at 9:15 in the Bible classroom, led by retired Pastor Andy Backus. All are welcome, including young people! We'll be studying an overview of the Scripture Lessons in this Weekend's Worship Services. They are: Exodus 24:9-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21 and Matthew 17:1-9. A handout is available if you want to take notes. Join us, won't you?

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.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL - K4 Aide - Classroom Aide - After School Care: St. Paul's is blessed to have a great PreK program! We are looking for a teacher's aide to support our growing enrollment numbers. There are also other classrooms that would benefit from a part-time aide.

We are also looking for an individual or individuals that could help with our After School Care program. If you are available for a single day, a few days, or all days please get in touch with us. It is a great opportunity to connect with some of our students and help our families that are unable to pick their children up right away after school.

If you are interested in supporting your school by giving us a hand, please reach out to Principal Schulmeister by email at nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org or by phone at 414-421-1930.

WLHS SPAGHETTI AND SONGS: On Friday, March 3, the WLHS Choral Associates hosts "Spaghetti and Songs," an evening of dinner and entertainment featuring Wisco Kids Show Choir and Inspiration Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Dinner is served 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The meal is "all-you-can-eat" and includes spaghetti with red sauce or chicken alfredo, garlic bread, salad, beverages, and desserts. Tickets can be purchased at the door at \$10 for adults and \$7 for students (through high school). Children three-and-under eat free.

WLHS PRESENTS BIG FISH: Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, the musical Big Fish – School Edition is coming to the WLHS stage. Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman, wants to live life to its fullest . . . and then some! Performances are Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 5, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at http://www.wlhs.org/musical. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children (through eighth grade). For more information, contact WLHS Central Office at 414-453-4567.

LUTHER PREP PRESENTS ANNIE: Luther Preparatory School is happy to present this year's musical, Annie. Performances are on March 3, 4 and 5 at 7:00 PM in the Luther Prep auditorium. Holding onto hope when times are tough can take an awful lot of determination, and sometimes an awful lot of determination comes in a surprisingly small package. *Annie* has reminded generations of theatergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner! Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep or by calling LPS at (920) 261-4352 between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

LUTHER PREP SACRED SPRING CONCERT: The Luther Preparatory School's Sacred Spring Concert will be held on Sunday, March 5th at 2:00 PM. This concert will be held in the Luther Prep gymnasium. The concert will also be live-streamed: https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/lpsconcertsstream.

VIKING EXPLORER SUMMER CAMPS: Looking for a productive and fun experience for your grade school students this summer? Summer camp at Wisconsin Lutheran High School allows students to explore a wide variety of activities and interests in a Christian setting. Camps include theater, a variety of sports, art, robotics, cheerleading, and more! For more information, visit http://www.wlhs.org/explorers.

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #2 – Tony Tripoli, Larry McKee, Steve Mess, Micah Milhans **10:30 AM** – TEAM #6 – Bob Duchesneau, Nathan Riel, Randy LaPorte **6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

USHERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY (FEB 22)

3:30 PM – Grades 7 & 8

6:30 PM – TEAM #2 – Tony Tripoli, Larry McKee, Steve Mess, Micah Milhans

ALTAR GUILD

February 15-21 – TEAM #1 – Beverly Garves, Vanessa McKee, Sherry Kosovich February 22-28 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

February 19: Set-up – Tony & Mary Tripoli, Clean-up – Beverly Garves February 26: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Diane Parker

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 19	
Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Bible Information Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion	
Monday, February 20	
Public School Confirmation Class	
Lutheran Girl Pioneers	6:00 PM
Worship Service with Communion	6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 21	
Franklin PD Crime/Fraud Awareness Presentation	6:30 PM
Wednesday, February 22	
Ash Wednesday Worship	3:30 PM
Ash Wednesday Worship	6:30 PM
Thursday, February 23	
STEM Night	6:00 PM
Sunday, February 26	
Worship Service	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Bible Information Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 137 10:30 AM – 63

6:30 PM – 30

Total Attendance – 230