

**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.
- / 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!
- / 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** ..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Preacher** ..... Dr. Ken Fisher, WLHS President  
**Pianist** ..... Mrs. Rachel Manske  
**Viking Steel Director** ..... Mr. Quinten Petersen

# OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Christian Worship pg. 38*

### THE OPENING HYMN ..... "What Wondrous Love Is This"

*Christian Worship #120*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,  
sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won-drous love is this That caused the Lord of  
When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## *Please Stand*

### THE INVOCATION

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

**C:** And also with you.

### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**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.

**C:** Amen.

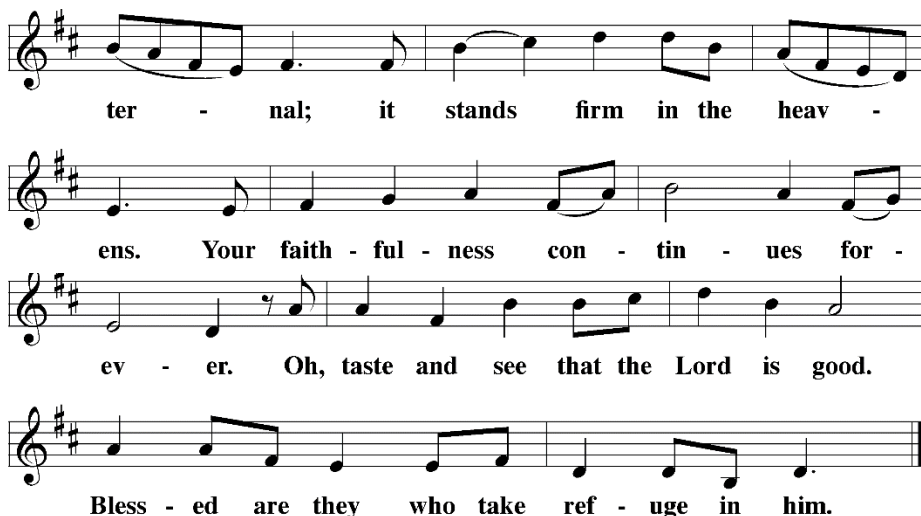
### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### OH, TASTE AND SEE

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**C:** Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

*Please be Seated*

## THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON ..... Exodus 17:1-7

*The children of Israel wanted to stone Moses because they were thirsty. So, God, in his grace, gave this underserving people water from a stone.*

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?”

<sup>3</sup> But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

<sup>4</sup> Then Moses cried out to the Lord, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

<sup>5</sup> The Lord answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY .....Psalm 143

*Christian Worship pg. 118*



O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;  
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,  
for no one living is righteous before you.

*Psalm continues on next page*

My spirit grows faint within me;\*  
my heart within me is dismayed.



Answer me quickly, O LORD;\*  
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,\*  
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;\*  
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**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.....Romans 5:1-8

*We were like people dying of thirst who were powerless to help themselves. But God's love has been poured out into our hearts like living water.*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this

grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."

*Please Stand*

### **THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 4:5-26**

*Jesus calls a Samaritan woman to faith, providing living water for her thirsty soul.*

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

<sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

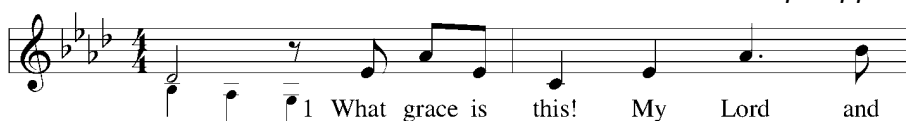


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# THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "What Grace Is This!"

Christian Worship Supplement #715



1 What grace is this! My Lord and  
 2 What grace is this— That ve - ry  
 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of  
 4 What grace is this! Rude a - gon -  
 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in  
 6 What grace is this? How can it



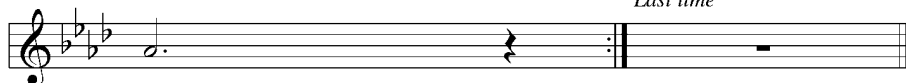
King Has set his face to suf - fer -  
 God Would stoop to lift a cross of -  
 all, He yields to Pon - tius Pil - ate's  
 ies! With com - mon thieves he hangs and  
 cloths And gent - ly laid in man - ger -  
 be? He wears this raw hu - mil - i -



ing. My God e - ter - nal dies to  
 wood And walk a road of rock and  
 law And lets the Ro - man ham - mers  
 bleeds. The sin - less Son bears each mis -  
 trough, He's ta - ken, dead, from wretch - ed  
 ty To lift me to e - ter - ni -



bring E - ter - nal life to  
 blood, A sin - ner's road, for  
 draw A rush of blood for  
 deed. He pays for all, for  
 cross And wrapped a - gain for  
 ty. Such grace—sweet grace— for



me.  
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*Last time*

**THE SERMON .....Romans 5:1-8**

*Please Stand*

### **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.**

*Please be Seated*

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **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 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN ..... "In Christ Alone"  
*Christian Worship Supplement #752*



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my  
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, Full - ness of God in help - less  
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness  
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the  
babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the  
slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day Up from the  
me; From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
ones he came to save. Till on that cross, as Je - sus  
grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -  
mands my des - tin - y. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of



peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for -  
died, The wrath of God was sa - tis - fied; For ev - 'ry  
ry, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am  
man Can ev - er pluck me from his hand; Till he re -



ter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.  
his and he is mine, Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*Please Stand*

**P:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**THE BLESSING**

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



*Please be Seated*

CLOSING HYMN ..... "May the Peace of God"

Christian Worship Supplement #745



May the peace of God our heav'n-ly Fa - ther, And the  
May this peace which pas - ses un - der - stand - ing, And this



grace of Christ the ri - sen Son, And the fel - low ship of God the  
grace which makes us what we are, And this fel - low-ship of his Com



Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with-in his love. And to  
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in heart.



him be\_\_ praise for his glo - rious reign From the depth of\_\_ earth to the



heights of heav'n. We de - clare the\_\_ name of the



Lamb once slain - Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU:** We thank WLHS's Viking Steel for joining us in our worship services today, and to Dr. Ken Fisher for sharing God's word with us. Viking Steel was started in 2017 and uses the steel pan native to the Caribbean islands of Trinidad and Tobago. Wisconsin Lutheran High School has the largest steel band program in the state of Wisconsin.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers are given by Al & Darlene Ford in memory of Darlene's father Harlan Wenzel, who went to be with the Lord 20 years ago. Harlan was a member here at St. Paul's.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS/DONATIONS:** Our church will be decorated with flowering plants for Easter. If you would like to purchase any to take home after the services, the cost is as follows: Easter Lillies - \$8.50 each, Chrysanthemum - \$8.50 each, Tulips - \$7.50, Daffodil - \$7.50, Hyacinth - \$7.50. Orders can be placed in the basket on the narthex counter, or in Sharon's church mailbox. The deadline to place an order is Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If writing a check, please make it out to Sharon Kiesow. This year we will also have an envelope for straight donations to help beautify the Easter services!

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:** It's that exciting time of year again! The St. Paul's Scholastic Book Fair is coming! The book fair opening day is after church services on Sunday March 19th through the end of the Social Studies Fair on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>! The annual book fair is held to support classroom libraries and the St. Paul's School Library. A classroom coin collection and daily poster raffle will be held! So please come to the school lobby and check out what's new and join the fun! Volunteers are what makes the book fair a huge success each year. Please sign up for an hour or two that fit into your schedule, no experience needed. We can't do it without you! Sign up [here](#), or call the office!

**FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT GUEST SPEAKER:** Please join us next Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM for a CPR-non-certification-hands only demonstration by Shannon Anthoine, Assistant Chief-EMS City of Franklin. All are invited to attend.

**TRACK COACHES:** Due to our large 5-8th grade numbers, we hope to have a track and field team represent St. Paul's Franklin at our Wisco Track and Field event. For that to happen, however, we need coaches to work with our athletes and (hopefully) also attend

the meet on May 5th at Wisco. There are sprints and distance events as well as some field events! Please contact Mr. Clough at [cclough@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:cclough@stpaulsfranklin.org) if you're interested!

**TEACHER CALL EXTENDED:** On Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> we extended a call to Mrs. Rebecca Vedder, currently serving at Emanuel Lutheran School in Lansing, Michigan. We've received this letter from Mrs. Vedder: Dear Members of St. Paul's, On Monday, February 27, your congregation extended me a Call to serve in your school as First Grade teacher as well as teaching some Second Grade. I look forward to learning more about your school and the ministry of St. Paul's. I would welcome any communication from leaders and members of your church and school. I will be discussing both of my Calls with my current congregation as well. Please keep the ministries of both congregations in your prayers. Please also pray for my family and me as I deliberate where to best use my abilities. In Christ's Service, Becky Vedder She can be reached via cell phone at (517) 281-4050 or email at [bvedder@comcast.net](mailto:bvedder@comcast.net).

**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 Final 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)

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** Our Holy Week worship schedule is as follows:

**April 2 & 3** (Palm Sunday Weekend) – Sunday – 8 & 10:30am; Monday – 6:30pm

**April 6** – Maundy Thursday – 3:30 & 6:30 pm

**April 7** – Good Friday – 1:00pm; Tenebrae – 6:30 pm

**April 9** – Easter Sunrise – 6:00am; Easter Breakfast – 7:00am; Easter Festival – 8:30 & 10:30 am

**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](mailto: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 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-8 and John 4:5-26. A handout is available if you want to take notes. Join us, won't you?

**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.

**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 plate.

**WLHS SPRING CONCERT:** Please join us for an evening of concert music on Thursday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. Music includes selections by Mackey, Waters, Grundman, Ticheli and more. The concert will feature Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, and Woodwind Ensemble. Seating is general admission. A livestream link to the concert can be found at [wlhs.org](http://wlhs.org).

**WLHS WORK DAYS:** Do you have yard work or spring cleaning that needs to be done, such as hedge trimming or window washing? Consider hiring hard-working members of the WLHS Student Council for a few hours for a free-will donation. All money raised will go to the 22-23 WLHS mission project to Thailand and Central Africa to aid in their mission work. Work days will be held on any Saturday or Sunday from April 1 & 2 to April 29 & 30, excluding Easter Sunday (April 9). To request a team, please E-mail [workdays@wlhs.org](mailto:workdays@wlhs.org) and include your name, address, the work you need accomplished, and the day(s) this work could be completed.

#### **USHERS FOR MARCH**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski

**10:30 AM** – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Randy Raduenz, Luke Raduenz

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

#### **USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT (MARCH 15)**

**3:30 PM** – Grades 7 & 8

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #4 – Bob Duchesneau, Nathan Riel, Randy LaPorte

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

March 8-14 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

March 15-21 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

#### **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

March 12: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

March 19: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 12

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

### Monday, March 13

Public School Confirmation Class .....	5:00 PM
Worship Service .....	6:30 PM

### Tuesday, March 14

Women's Bible Study .....	9:00 AM
Church Council .....	6:30 PM

### Wednesday, March 15

Midweek Lent Worship .....	3:30 PM
Midweek Lent Worship .....	6:30 PM

### Friday, March 17

Half Day of School/Grandparents' Day .....	12:00 PM
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### Sunday, March 19

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

### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 73, Communed – 68  
10:30 AM – 79, Communed – 55  
6:30 PM – 23, Communed – 20  
Total Attendance – 175  
Total Communed – 143  
Midweek Advent Services – 187