

WORSHIP DETAILS

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Psalm: 19

Hymns: 93, 85, 203, 238

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-6

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,^[a]
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.
⁴ They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.
⁵ Strangers will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.
⁶ And you will be called priests of the LORD,

you will be named ministers of our God.
You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast.

Second Lesson: Acts 4:23-31

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

““Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.’

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:16-30

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy^[b] in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASSOCIATE PASTOR CALL: On Sunday, January 9th we called Pastor Andy DeGier, currently serving at Trinity Lutheran Church in Berlin, Wisconsin, to be our Associate Pastor here at St. Paul's. We've received this letter from Pastor DeGier: Dear Pastor Adams and Members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, I have received the call packet Pastor Adams sent to me containing information regarding the call that has been extended to me to serve as a pastor at St. Paul's and other information about the church and school. It is truly a blessing and an honor to receive this call to serve at St. Paul's. I ask for your prayers for the Holy Spirit's guidance as I consider it. If anyone else has any comments that they feel would be applicable as I deliberate, please feel free to call me at (920) 471-1770 or email me at pastorandydegier@gmail.com. In Christ, Pastor Andy DeGier

HEATHER SCHMIDT – CALL RECEIVED: Dear Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, This past week, I received a call to teach 4th grade at Risen Savior Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI. I am now blessed and challenged with the opportunity to consider where I might best serve the Lord with my talents and abilities - whether it be here at St. Paul's or at Risen Savior. I ask for your continued prayers during my deliberation and welcome any and all comments or input you may have. In His Service, Heather Schmidt

NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TODAY: "God's Relentless Love:" If the book of Hosea were a movie, it would be a love story with a circular plot. The prophet Hosea marries the prostitute Gomer. She is unfaithful to him and leaves him for another time and again. Hosea relentlessly pursues her, rescues her, and restores her as many times as it takes. Hosea loves Gomer, but we wonder if he will eventually lose heart and give up. But the Book of Hosea is our story. As this study shows, it is a metaphor of God's love for us -- his persistent, faithful, and continual pursuit of His sinful people. We wander; God pursues. We fail; God rescues. We sin; God restores us to him in the perfect love of His Son, Jesus. We meet at 9:15am in the Bible Classroom on Sunday mornings. Please join us.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2022 adult and children's offering envelopes are available in the west hallway of church. If you do not see a set with your name on it, please contact the office.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The 2021 contribution statements are in your church mailboxes. If you would like your copy emailed or mailed to you, please contact the office.

MEN’S OPEN GYM: Dust off your old sneakers and start stretching...Men’s Open Gym will resume again on Wednesday nights from 7:30 till 9:00 starting February 9th. All men college age and older are welcome to participate, even if you haven’t played basketball in a while, don’t think you’re any good, or old age has made you as flexible as a 2x4.

OPEN HOUSE: Our school will have an Open House on Sunday, January 30th from 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. We have yard signs available for you to take home to help spread the word. Still have a sign from other years? Stop in and pick up updated date stickers! Thanks for your help in promoting our school!

WISH TREE UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our church Wish Tree! If you are interested in making a donation, you can use the envelopes on the table in the narthex or by following the Amazon link on our website. We appreciate your generosity!

MEDITATIONS/FORWARD IN CHRIST RENEWALS: It’s time to renew! If you would like to order/renew either subscription, please sign up by Sunday, February 6th. There is a sign up sheet on the narthex counter. Please note, all subscriptions will be delivered to your home. Payment is due at sign up. If you are not attending in person at this time but would like to renew, please contact the office.

WLHS 5TH GRADE EXTRAVAGANZA: On Sunday, February 6, starting at 5:30 p.m., WLHS invites 5th graders and their families to the 5th Grade Extravaganza. This complimentary event includes dinner, fun, and entertainment. Students and parents have a chance to learn about our caring, Christian environment, superior academics, award-winning co-curriculars, generous tuition assistance, and the amazing opportunities that WLHS offers. Plus, your child could win a pair of Beats wireless headphones by Dr. Dre! Additionally, vote for your favorite 5th grade flag design at the Extravaganza. The winner of the flag design contest will receive a free pizza and ice cream party for his or her classroom! To register for this exciting event, click [here](#).

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

- Jan 19-25 – TEAM #1 – Beverly Garves, Vanessa McKee, Sherry Kosovich
- Jan 26-Feb 1 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- Jan 23: Set-up – Don Druml & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus
- Jan 30: Set-up – Tony & Mary Tripoli, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 23

- Worship Service8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
- Worship Service10:30 AM

Monday, January 24

- Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 25

- Public School Confirmation Class..... 6:00 PM

Thursday, January 27

- Preschool Power Hour10:30 AM

Sunday, January 30

- Worship Service8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
- Worship Service10:30 AM
- School Open House.....11:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 74, 10:30 AM – 73, 6:30 PM – 25
Total Attendance – 172