

## WORSHIP DETAILS

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Psalm 24

Hymns: 11, 16, 702, 14

### First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-7

<sup>3:1</sup>“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, <sup>4</sup>and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>6</sup>“I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. <sup>7</sup>Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’

### Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup>being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup>God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup>so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 3:1-6

<sup>3:1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— <sup>2</sup>during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,  
the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup>And all people will see God's salvation.”



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers are given by Jeff & Chris Romeis in thanksgiving for their 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**NEXT CALL MEETING:** We will be setting a new Call Meeting date after the Christmas season. The Synod has set a policy that there is a calling hiatus from December 17-January 7. Since we are entering a very busy time of the year for all congregations and pastors, it would be difficult for a pastor to make a decision during this time. I (Pastor Adams) support this decision. Once a new date is set, we will communicate that to the congregation. Thanks for your support through this process.

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING:** Do you love to decorate for the holidays? If so, we are looking for you! We'd like to find a group of people that would like to decorate the church for Christmas! Decorating would take place today at 12:00 PM. If you are willing to help, please meet us at noon today!

**MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL:** This Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service at 6:30 PM. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to the service beginning at 5:00pm. Please join us!

**HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** During the upcoming holiday season there are many opportunities for worship! Please join us!

Advent Service – Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM (dinner at 5:00 PM)

Children's Christmas Service (K5-Grade 8) – Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM

Preschool & Junior Kindergarten Christmas Service – Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM

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Christmas Day Service – Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Worship Service – Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 AM** (one service only)

New Year's Eve Service – Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM

Worship Service with Communion – Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at **9:00 AM** (one service only)

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Preschool Power Hour is back -- open to infants through age 4, along with their caregivers. Join us for songs, stories and lots of fun! We meet in the church narthex from 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Thursday that school is in session! There are flyers on the narthex counter with more information. Everyone is welcome, so tell your friends!

**MARY MARTHA COOKIE SALE:** A signup sheet is located in the narthex at church for anyone in the congregation who is interested in making Christmas cookies for the annual Mary & Martha cookie sale. Please consider baking a batch of cookies (100 cookies if possible) for this sale. Please have your cookies labeled “Mary & Martha cookie sale” and dropped off at church by 9:00 AM Saturday December 11. Anyone from St Paul’s is welcome to come and help pack the cookie boxes on Saturday December 11 at 9 AM. The sale will take place after each service on Sunday and Monday, December 12 and 13. The proceeds from this sale benefit the ongoing work of the Mary and Martha Society and their support of missions.

**CHRISTMAS AT WISCO:** This Christmas season, the fine arts department at Wisconsin Lutheran High School will be providing three opportunities to attend sacred and secular music concerts.

**Winter Band Concert • Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 p.m.**—featuring Concert Band. Tap your toes to secular Christmas tunes as well as familiar sacred pieces. Admission is free.

**Sacred Christmas Choral Concert • Sunday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.**—featuring A Cappella, Freshman Choirs, Inspiration, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

**Winter Chamber Ensembles Concert • Saturday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m.**—featuring small ensembles such as Wisco Kids, Inspiration Vocal Jazz, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbells, brass, woodwind, percussion, and more! Enjoy the secular and sacred Christmas tunes of the season. Admission is free.

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Dec 1-7 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

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#### **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

Dec 5: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

Dec 12: Set-up – Don Druml & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 5

Worship Service with Communion .....	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion .....	10:30 AM
Church Christmas Decorating .....	12:00 PM

### Monday, December 6

Lutheran Girl Pioneers .....	6:00 PM
Worship Service with Communion .....	6:30 PM

### Tuesday, December 7

Public School Confirmation Class.....	6:00 PM
Senior Choir.....	6:30 PM

### Wednesday, December 8

Advent Dinner .....	5:00 PM
Advent Worship Service.....	6:30 PM

### Saturday, December 11

Mary & Martha Cookie Packing .....	9:00 AM
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### Sunday, December 12

Mary & Martha Cookie Sale .....	<i>After Each Service</i>
Worship Service .....	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
Worship Service .....	10:30 AM
Church Council .....	6:30 PM

### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 83

10:30 AM – 78

6:30 PM – 25

Total Attendance – 186

Thanksgiving Eve Service – 99

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**To our visitors ~** We welcome you in the name of Jesus, the Son of God and our Savior, who died on the cross and was raised in victory on Easter Sunday by the power of God the Father. We are happy to have you here today, and we invite you to come again. We are members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of Christians bound together by a common confession of faith. We would be happy to share our faith with you.

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Our staff is ready to serve you.  
If you have questions, are ill, have spiritual needs, or are interested in church membership or our school, please feel free to contact the Pastor or the Principal.

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