

5th Weekend After Epiphany February 9 & 10, 2020

Welcome! 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! If you would like, there are children’s bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- † 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!

TODAY’S THEME:

THE SAVIOR’S SERMON: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

Worship Participants

- Liturgist**.....Pastor Brian Adams
- Preacher**..... Pastor Jacob Hoff
- Organist**Mrs. Rachel Manske
- Senior Choir Director**..... Dr. David Brightsman

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

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THE OPENING HYMN “Speak, O Lord”
Christian Worship Supplement #735

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

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.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 LESSONJoshua 24:14-24

“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose

for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

¹⁹Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

²¹But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.”

²²Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.”

“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

²³“Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

²⁴And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”



THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 111

*Please join in speaking the Psalm responsively
(the congregation speaks the **bolded text**)*

Praise the LORD.

I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

²Great are the works of the LORD;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

³Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹He provided redemption for his people;
**he ordained his covenant—
holy and awesome is his name.**

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
**all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.**

THE SECOND LESSON..... 1 Peter 2:9-12

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

VERSE OF THE DAY (SUNG BY SENIOR CHOIR)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life, the light of life,
but will have the light of life.”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00 & 10:30 AM ONLY) “A Midnight Clear”
by Gene Grier & Lowell Everson

It came upon a midnight clear,
that glorious song of old;
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heav’ns all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav’nly music floats
o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hov’ring wing,
and ever o’er its busy sounds,
the blessed angels sing.

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“Peace on earth, good will to men,
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The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Matthew 5:13-20

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY....."Thy Strong Word"
Christian Worship #280



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; At thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be-speaks us right-eous; Bright with
4 From the cross thy wis-dom shin-ing Break-eth
5 Give us lips to sing thy glo-ry, Tongues thy



speak-ing it was done. For cre-at-ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
thine own ho-li-ness, Glo-rious now, we
forth in con-quer-ing might; From the cross for-
mer-cy to pro-claim, Throats to shout the



light we thank thee While thine or-dered sea-
thy sal-va-tion, Breathed thine own life-giv-
press toward glo-ry, And our lives our hopes
ev-er beam-eth All thy bright re-deem-
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy ho-



sons run. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise
ing breath. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise
con-fess. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise
ing light. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise
ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! May



to thee who light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia!
to thee who light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia!
to thee who light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia!
to thee who light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia!
the light which thou dost send Fill our songs with

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Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!
Al-le-lu-ias, Al-le-lu-ias with-out end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

THE SERMON 1 Peter 2:9-12

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.

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 "Church of God, Elect and Glorious" Christian Worship Supplement #774



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly na - tion,
2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to his most
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Stran - gers to God's
4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the peo - ple



cho - sen race; Called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al
mar - v'lous light, Brought his truth to life with - in you, Turned your
heart of love; But he brought you home in mer - cy, Cit - i -
he in - tends; Strong in faith and swift to an - swer Each com



priest and heirs of grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing.
blind - ness in - to sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
zens of heav'n a - bove. Let his love flow out to oth - ers;
mand your mas - ter sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all his might - y deeds; Tell of love that
That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
know his wel - come And his count - less bless - ings share.
joy - ful ser - vice, Sing his praise, his love de - clare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Thrivent members, you have until March 30th to designate where you would like your Choice Dollars to go. If you have any questions on how to do so, please contact Stacy Boldt at (262) 470-7253.

ALTAR GUILD: There will be an Altar Guild meeting this Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00 PM. If any other women would like to join or find out more information about Altar Guild duties they are welcome to come!

IMPORTANT MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION:

Forward in Christ: We would like to try and qualify for the bulk subscription rate through Northwestern Publishing House. We currently do not qualify because there aren't enough subscribers in our congregation. To see if it's something you'd be interested in, please take a look at a complimentary copy on the narthex counter!

Meditations: We also currently do not qualify for the bulk subscription rate for Meditations. Please use the sign up form if you would like to receive Meditations.

If we have enough interest in both subscriptions, we will continue to handle the renewals through the church so that we can receive the bulk rate. If you'd like to subscribe to either publication, please sign up **by Monday, February 17th**.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE: We would like to update our church directory and need your help in doing so. Please check your information in the 2018 editions in the back of the narthex and make any changes necessary. We appreciate your help in keeping our records up to date!

BUY A PIANO KEY: We would like to raise \$12,000 for our new worship piano. So far we have received \$4,560.00. You can buy a key for \$140.00, or contribute any amount you would like. If you are interested in donating, please take an envelope from our narthex display and return it to the offering plate or the office. Thank you for your help making music!

HOT HAM & ROLLS: Please join us for hot ham and rolls on Sunday, February 16th in between services! There will be a free-will offering taken, with donations going toward the new worship piano.

ST. PAUL'S 2020 BOOK FAIR: The Book Fair is coming! Please plan to come see the vast selection of children's and adult books, after church on February 16th and 17th in the school lobby! All proceeds benefit St. Paul's School with new books that are used for classroom novel sets, classroom libraries, student guided reading lessons and the St. Paul's School Library. A coin drive will also be held to collect spare change for new books. Another huge way to support the 2020 book fair is to volunteer, no experience needed, to keep the book fair open for extended hours. Your help would be greatly appreciated, with your gift of time, making a big difference to the book fair success! Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet and coin box on the church counter.

MAKE A CHANGE FAIR: On Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 PM our school will be participating in a Fair that explores ways our students can impact the world in which they live. We are looking to the sustainable goals for 2030 as guidance. There are 17 goals to improve the world as we know it. We understand that due to sin in the world we could never fix all issues completely, instead by following God's desire for us to care for each other and the earth we can work to improve the conditions for the future. These projects will have students study, investigate, problem solve, plan, collaborate, and experiment, all while using their best abilities to learn how to have a positive impact. Who knows, they may come up with something that will affect the whole world, or at least our school community! Everyone is welcome to come and take a look at the ideas our students came up with!

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The 2019 contribution statements are in your church mailboxes.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2020 offering envelopes are in the back of church. If you don't see a set with your name on it, please let the office know!

SAVE THE DATE: Next year's Vacation Bible Camp will be held July 6-10, 2020. Registration will take place later in spring.

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: February 20, March 5 & 19, April 2, May 7 & 21. There are extra flyers on the narthex counter to share with a friend!

LUTHER PREP MUSICAL: Luther Preparatory School is happy to present this year's musical, Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. Performances are March 6, 7 and 8 at 7:00pm in the Luther Prep auditorium. Tickets go on sale Monday, February 3rd by going online to www.ticketsource.us/lutherprep or calling LPS at (920) 261-4352 between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Reserved seating is \$12.00 and General Admission is \$8.00.

WLHS SPRING MUSICAL: The Tony award-winning production of Disney's Newsies is coming to the WLHS stage. Performances are Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 8, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online or through the mail-in ticket form at wlhs.org/finearts, or also at the reception window of WLHS Central Office. Tickets purchased online or through mail-in order will be assigned and available for pickup at Central Office. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (through eighth grade). Before the Friday, March 6, performance, enjoy an evening of spaghetti and songs presented by the Choir Association, featuring Wisco Kids and Inspiration choirs. The meal will be served in the cafeteria from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$10 and children \$8.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (February 9 & 10)

- 8:00 AM** – Don Druml
- 10:30 AM** – Andy & Chris Backus
- 6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (February 16 & 17)

- 8:00 AM** – Lyle & Christie Timm
- 10:30 AM** – Mark & Rosie Derouin
- 6:30 PM** – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

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

ALTAR GUILD

- Feb 5-11 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh
- Feb 12-18 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- Feb 9: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug
- Feb 16: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 9

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

Monday, February 10

- Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11

- Pastor Circuit Meeting10:00 AM
- Altar Guild Meeting..... 6:00 PM
- Church Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12

- Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM

Thursday, February 13

- Men's Basketball..... 7:30 PM

Friday, February 14

- School Devotion8:30 AM

Saturday, February 15

School Cleaning.....9:00 AM

Sunday, February 16

Book Fair*After each service*

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM

Hot Ham & Rolls.....9:15 AM

Adult Bible Study/PSCIC/Sunday School.....9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 138, Communed – 97

10:30 AM – 149, Communed – 64

6:30 PM – 48, Communed – 48

Total Attendance – 335

Total Communed – 209

Sunday Bible Class – 28, Sunday School – 18