
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
FRANKLIN, WISCONSIN



January 11 & 12, 2026

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.
- † 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 and Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Pianist Mrs. Rachel Manske

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship pg. 38

THE OPENING HYMN "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Christian Worship (21) #372



- 1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
- 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
- 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
- 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore,
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down.



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led by thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King!

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.**

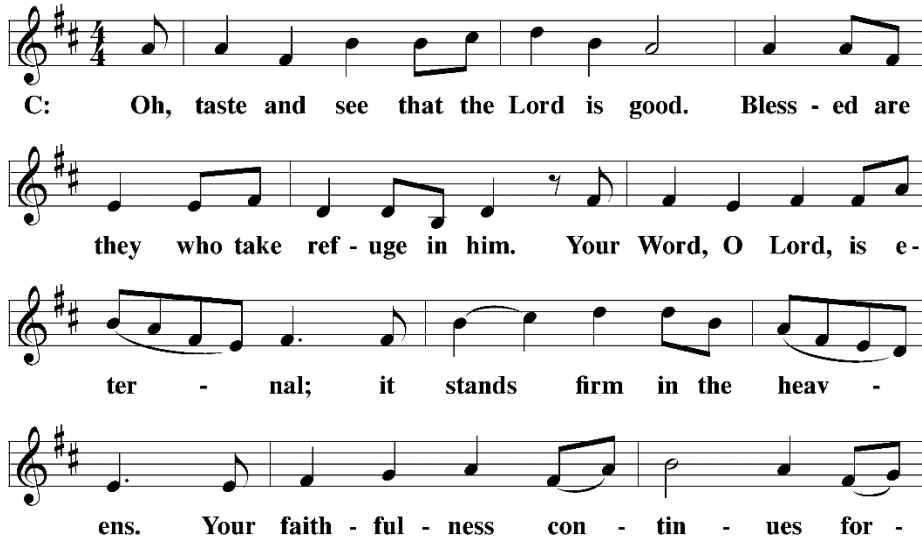
P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

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 four staves in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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 -".

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; 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 **Isaiah 60:1-6**

The prophet foretold that one born king of the Jews would draw kings from distant nations to the light of his glory.

¹“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
 and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

²See, darkness covers the earth
 and thick darkness is over the peoples,
 but the LORD rises upon you
 and his glory appears over you.

³Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴“Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.

⁵Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.

⁶Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 72

Christian Worship pg. 93

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



Endow the King with your justice, O God,*
the royal Son with your righteousness.

Psalm continues on next page

He will defend the afflicted among the people*
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,*
as long as the moon, through all generations.

He will be like rain falling on a mown field,*
like showers watering the earth.

Refrain

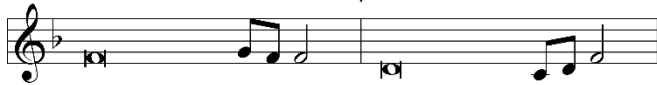


Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



All kings will bow down to him,*
and all nations will serve him.

All nations will be blessed through him,*
and they will call him blessed.

Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.*
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**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.....Ephesians 3:2-12

Paul explains that that people from all nations are united as equals in the Savior's kingdom of grace.

²Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

⁷I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

VERSE OF THE DAY

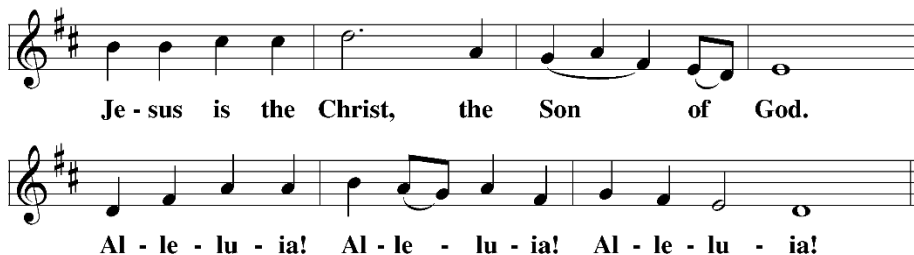
P: Alleluia. Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 2:1-12

Magi from the east were the first in a long line of Gentiles would join Israel in worshipping Jesus as King.

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶“ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened

their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”
Christian Worship (21) #370 vs 1,2,5

1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see
 2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, true Son of God
 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, let all glad sounds

and hail a - far the light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
 and Mar - y's son, the high - born King of a - ges!
 of mu - sic ring in God's high prais - es blend - ed.

O Da - vid's son of Ja - cob's race, my Bride - groom and
 In your blest bod - y let me be, e'en as the branch
 Christ will be with me all the way, to - day, to - mor -

my King of grace, for you my heart is pin - ing.
 is in the tree, your life my life sup - ply - ing.
 row, ev - 'ry day till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.

Hymn continues on next page



Low - ly, ho - ly, great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
 Sigh - ing, cry - ing for the sa - vor of your fa - vor,
 Sing out, ring out tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious



Prince of grac - es, fill - ing all the heav'n - ly plac - es.
 rest - ing nev - er till I rest in you for - ev - er.
 cho - sen na - tion; praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

THE SERMONMatthew 2:1-12

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.

Please be Seated

CONGREGATION HYMN "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"

Christian Worship (21) #362



1 Come, your hearts and voic - es rais - ing, Christ the
2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing and in
3 Ja - cob's Star in all its splen - dor beams with
4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, from sin's



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; loud - ly sing his
love our race be - friend - ing, in our need his
com - fort sweet and ten - der, forc - ing Sa - tan
fet - ters that pos - sessed us, from the grief that



love a - maz - ing, wor - thy folk of Christ - en - dom.
help ex - tend - ing, saved us from the wi - ly foe.
to sur - ren - der, break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
sore dis - tressed us, we, the cap - tives, now are free.

Hymn continues on next page

- 5 Oh, the joy beyond expressing
 when by faith we grasp this blessing,
 when, O Christ, we come addressing
 thanks to you and highest praise!
- 6 Gracious Child, in mercy hear us,
 from your lowly manger cheer us,
 gently lead us and be near us
 till we join th' angelic choir.

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 "Joy Has Dawned"

Christian Worship (21) #352



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—
 2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels
 3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.
 4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;



God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
 as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:
 rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!



Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
 gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense—God is with us;
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, _ vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
 myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, _ now the Lord of his - t'ry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL RECEIVED – HEATHER SCHMIDT: Dear Members of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, This past Thursday (12/18), I received a call to teach 5th grade at West Side Christian in Middleton, Wisconsin. 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 West Side Christian. I humbly ask for your continued prayers as I deliberate the divine call that has been extended to me as well as my current call here at St. Paul’s. Receiving an additional divine call is always a humbling experience. I encourage you to contact me with your thoughts, comments, and guidance concerning both ministries and how I can best serve. In His Service, Heather Schmidt

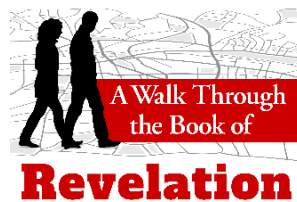
2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2026 offering envelopes for adults and children (age 4 and up) are available in the west hallway of church. If you do not see a set with your name on it, please contact the office.

MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST SUBSCRIPTIONS: It’s time to renew! The current Meditations and Forward in Christ subscriptions will expire on March 1st. There is a sign- up sheet on the counter in the narthex if you would like to renew or become a new subscriber. Payment is due when you sign up -- please place your payment in the basket next to the sign-up sheet. Prices are listed on the sign-up sheet.

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER NIGHT: Join us for a delicious way to support St. Paul’s Lutheran School at our Chipotle Fundraiser Night this Wednesday, January 14th from 4:00–8:00 PM at the Hales Corners Chipotle (5794 S. 108th St.) **25%** of event sales will be donated back to our school when you order during the fundraiser! Simply show the flyer (available on the narthex counter and linked [here](#)) in the restaurant or order online for pickup using code **TGMDKE3**. Thank you for helping support our students and our school community!

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Do you know anyone looking for a great school? Let them know about our Open House on Sunday, February 1st from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM! Families can tour the school and meet the teachers. Yard signs are available in the narthex for you to take home and display in your yards! Please help us spread the word!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: The book of Revelation is one of the most fascinating—and often most misunderstood—books in the Bible. Many begin studying it only to feel confused or overwhelmed by its vivid and complex visions. What if you could take a guided tour through its pages to better understand and appreciate its meaning and message? Join us Sundays at 8:00 a.m. for **“A Walk Through the Book of Revelation.”** Together, we’ll explore John’s visions, uncover key insights, and discover the hope and truth revealed in this remarkable book. We look forward to seeing you there!



CLASSROOM WISH LISTS: Thank you to our congregation members who donated to the Classroom Wish Lists this Christmas! We are grateful for your generosity!

FINANCIAL UPDATE AND SPECIAL APPEAL: We are profoundly grateful for your ongoing and generous voluntary support. We have collected \$13,391.00 toward our current budget shortfall. Thank you for your sacrifice, your commitment to our shared mission, and your faithfulness. If you have any questions or comments regarding the fiscal responsibility of our congregation and community, please speak with Pastor Adams or any member of your elected council. In Christ, Your Council

WLHS DINNER AUCTION: Save the date for Wisconsin Lutheran High School’s annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, April 18. Community members are invited to join the WLHS Dinner Auction Facebook Group for pre-auction fun, sneak peeks, and event updates. Information on sponsorships, auction item donations, and group links is available through wlhs.org/events.

WLHS STRING FEST: Wisconsin Lutheran High School will host its inaugural String Fest on Saturday, January 31, an all-day celebration of string music and fellowship. String ensembles from across the region will gather for learning, collaboration, and inspiring performances, culminating in a festival concert at 4:00 p.m. This event offers a wonderful opportunity for students, educators, and performers to come together in shared appreciation of string music.

WLHS COSTUME HELP: Do you have sewing experience and would like to help make or alter costumes for the WLHS Spring Musical? This season we are staging *Anastasia* and need sewists to help with the costumes in January and February. If you would like to lend

your talents to the WLHS Theater Department, please contact Patti Wenzel at patti.wenzel@wlhs.org or 715-360-0407.

WLHS TRADES FAIR: Wisconsin Lutheran High School will host a Trades Fair on Wednesday, January 21, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. in the school atrium. Students in grades 6–12 are invited to meet representatives from local companies and explore a variety of career pathways in the trades. WLHS staff from Student Services and the Trade, Technology, and Engineering departments will also be available to share information about academic and career planning opportunities.

SERVING AT ST. PAUL'S THIS WEEK

USHERS FOR JANUARY

- 9:00 AM** TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Brandon Wirtz, Larry Stujenske, Craig Gebert,
Pete Kosovich
A/V – Gary Boldt
- 6:30 PM** TEAM #5 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

- January 7-13: TEAM #1 – Beverly Garves, Sherry Kosovich
January 14-20: TEAM #1 – Beverly Garves, Sherry Kosovich

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- January 11: Set-up – Tony & Mary Tripoli, Clean-up – Beverly Garves
January 18: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Kevin & Debbie Swanson

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 11

Adult Bible Class 8:00 AM
Worship Service..... 9:00 AM

Monday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 18

Adult Bible Class 8:00 AM
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:00 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance:

9:00 AM – 139, Communed – 125

6:30 PM – 36, Communed – 29

Total Attendance – 175

Total Communed – 154

YouTube Views – 22

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"Reaching out to the people of the world through Worship and Education by Living and Sharing the Gospel of Christ."

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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