

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
Organist Mrs. Kris Karnopp

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

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1 The star pro-claims the King is here; but, Her - od,
2 The east - ern Ma - gi saw from far and fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood the pure and
4 At Ca - na, mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be and praise for



why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's
on his guid - ing star, and, led by light, to Light they
ho - ly Lamb of God; the Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -
red - dened in - to wine, the faith - ful saw his glo - ry
his e - piph - a - ny, whom with the Fa - ther we a -



throne does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.
pressed and by their gifts their God con - fessed.
dove, con - firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.
shown and put their trust in him a - lone.
dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; 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 1 Samuel 16:1-13

David was the youngest of eight brothers and a shepherd. Yet, at his anointing, the Lord declared his true identity—future king of Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these."¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

¹²So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Refrain

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone *

Why do the nations conspire*
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
gather together against the LORD*
and against his Anointed One. **Refrain**

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*
He said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

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..... Titus 3:4-7

In the eyes of the world, baptism appears to be just a religious ceremony. St. Paul explains baptism is so much more—a second birth that gives you the identity of God’s child and heir.

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. 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



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

People wondered if John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was a powerful preacher who lived a unique life. But at his baptism, Jesus was identified by his Father as the Anointed One.

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

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- 1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom
- 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
- 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
- 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own

Hymn continues on next page



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.
 his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
 anointed Christ in glorious sight
 as God's own choice, from Adam's fall
 to save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

THE SERMON Titus 3:4-7

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

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

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1 Bap-tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me to be hence-forth your
 3 My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; your prom - ise sure - ly
 4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
 child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me
 will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
 Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



a - mong your saints, your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 the fruit of all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 if words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 help me your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me when threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; for - give, lift up, re - store your child.
 am or own serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

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.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be Seated

CLOSING HYMN "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

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1 All who be-ieve and are bap-tized shall see the Lord's sal-
2 With one ac-cord, O God, we pray: grant us your Ho - ly



va - tion; bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a
Spir - it; help us in our in - firm - i - ty through Je - sus'



new cre - a - tion; through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand a -
blood and mer - it; grant us to grow in grace each day that



mong the glo-rious, heav'n-ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
by this sac - ra - ment we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WISH TREE: Our St. Paul's faculty is incredibly grateful for all the donations to our Wish Tree this year! Thank you for helping fulfill our classroom wishes!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES: 2025 offering envelopes are in your church mailboxes. If you do not see a set with your name on it, please contact the office.

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: 2024 contribution statements are in your church mailboxes.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON FOR PASTOR ADAMS: We will be celebrating Pastor Adams' 30th anniversary at St. Paul's with a luncheon following the 10:30 AM service next Sunday, January 19th. We will gather in the gym at 11:45 AM and the celebration will begin with a short program followed by a buffet lunch. **Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item that will be used to help re-stock the St. Peter's Food Pantry for the winter months.**

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN: We are looking for some help taking the Christmas decorations down in church today after the 10:30 AM service. Taking everything down goes pretty quickly and more volunteers will make it go even faster!

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Do you know anyone looking for a great school? Let them know about our Open House on Sunday, February 2nd from 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM! Families can tour the school and meet the teachers.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Retired Pastor Andy Backus is leading our Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. The Bible is full of different people that are part of God's plan of salvation. These people are filled with stories. Some of the people in the Bible are well-known; some are not. In our study we will look at some of these people and the stories that they tell. We may even find that some of these stories could be found in your life today! **This week we will continue to look at JESUS' SIBLINGS. Please note that there will be no class next Sunday, January 19th in order to prepare for Pastor Adams' luncheon that day.**

ST. PAUL'S GUEST SPEAKER: Join us on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM for a presentation by Rev. Edward Frey from Institutional Ministries focusing on PTSD and dealing with trauma.

WLC DISCOVERY DAY: High School and Homeschooled students and parents are invited to attend Discovery Day at Wisconsin Lutheran College on Monday, January 20. By attending our special visit event, you'll have a great opportunity to tour campus and talk with professors, current students, coaches, your admissions counselor, and have lunch on us. Reserve your place today! Register today: <https://wlc.news/discovery-day>, call (414) 443-8811, or email admissions@wlc.edu.

CONSTRUCTION SKILLS SHEDS FOR SALE: The Construction Skills class at WLHS builds one or two sheds each spring semester and is looking for people who may be interested in having a shed built for them. Here are a few things we would ask if you're interested in a shed: the property must have a concrete slab or deck for the shed before building, the owner must provide a trailer to transport materials, and a donation between \$1,500-\$2,000 is requested for the cost of materials. If interested, please contact Mr. Joel Radue at joel.radue@wlhs.org.

WISCO KIDS OPEN FOR THE WISCONSIN SINGERS: The Wisconsin Singers are taking the stage at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Sunday, January 26, at 3:30 p.m., with the Wisco Kids Show Choir as their opener. In their 57th year, the Wisconsin Singers show features captivating vocals, stunning choreography, and an electrifying 10-piece band. Tickets are \$10 (senior/students) and \$15 (adults) and are available at WisconsinSingers.com/wisconsinlutheran or by calling the WI Singer's box office at 608-886-6801.

WLHS DINNER AUCTION SAVE THE DATE: The Wisconsin Lutheran High School Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025. To participate in some pre-auction fun and receive updates, request to join the WLHS Auction Facebook group page. For information about sponsorships and donating items, visit wlhs.org/events.

USHERS FOR JANUARY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Gary Boldt, Bob Hille, Brandon Wirtz, Larry Stujenske, Craig Gebert, Pete Kosovich

10:30 AM – TEAM #4 – Mark Klein, Gordy Lesser, Jace Bolda, Dan Mertz

6:30 PM – TEAM #7 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

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

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

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

January 12: Set-up – Don Druml & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Carl & Carolyn Streeter

January 19: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 12

Worship Service.....	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Class	9:15 AM
Worship Service.....	10:30 AM
Christmas Decoration Take-Down.....	11:30 AM

Monday, January 13

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

Thursday, January 16

Church Council.....	6:30 PM
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Sunday, January 19

Worship Service with Communion.....	8:00 AM
No Adult Bible Class	
Worship Service with Communion.....	10:30 AM
Pastor Adams’ Anniversary Luncheon.....	11:45 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance:

8:00 AM – 73, Communed – 66

10:30 AM – 83, Communed – 60

6:30 PM – 27, Communed – 22

Total Attendance – 183

Total Communed – 148