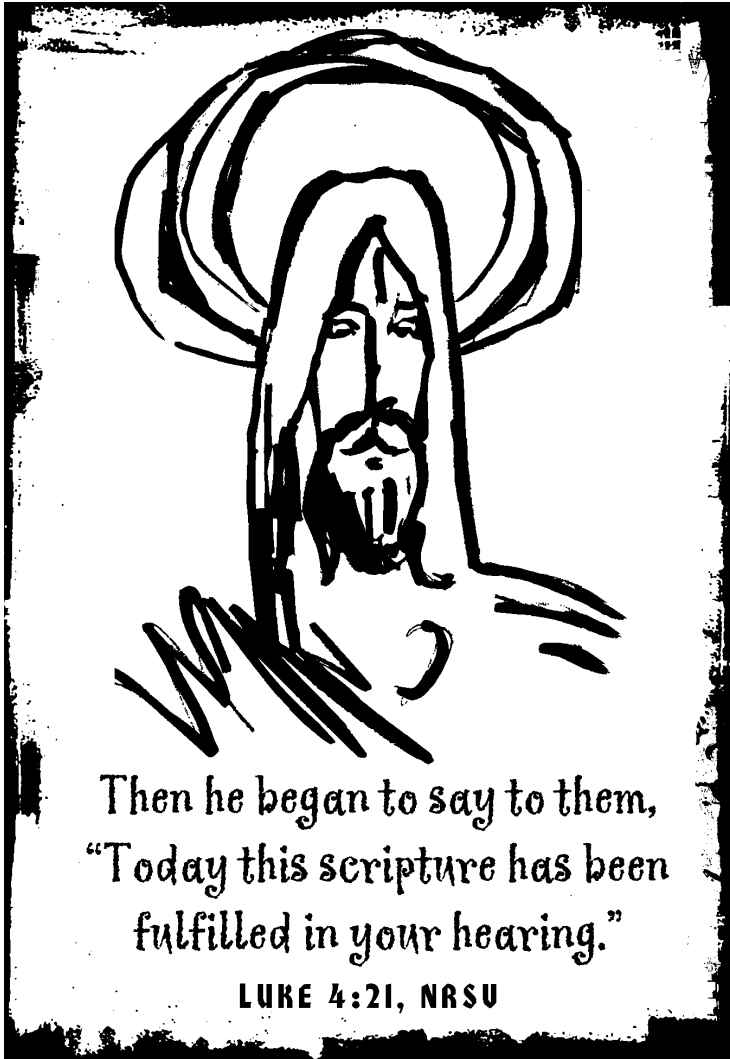


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



THE PROMISED ONE CANNOT BE KEPT
FROM HIS MISSION

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2019

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child is restless, you can use the Family Room to calm your child. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the Worship Center. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers or greeters can help you find the restrooms, family room or answer your other questions.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Jesus speaks as the Anointed One ("Christ" in Greek; "Messiah" in Hebrew) of God. But people, including us, often pick and choose what we want to hear from him. Our prayer is that we would not join the people of Nazareth in throwing Jesus off a cliff, but that we would marvel at and adore him as he reveals God's will to us.

The liturgical color¹ for this Sunday is green to represent how Jesus reveals himself and his Father's will to the world in the season of Epiphany.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

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¹ The liturgical color is found on the pastor's stole and the piece of cloth hanging from the pulpit.

THE COMMON SERVICE

The common service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes | 12 (1-4)

Please stand.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Everyone: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Everyone: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Everyone: Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

EVERYONE:

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♪ **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.**

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men. 🎵

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Everyone: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-6

The year of the Lord's favor takes place through Christ.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 146 | CW p.120

Refrain: 🎵 I will praise your name forever, my King and my God. 🎵

Praise the LORD, 'O my soul.*

I will sing praise to my God as long 'as I live.

Do not put your trust in 'princes,*

In mortal men, who 'cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the 'LORD his God,*
The maker of the heav'en and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the 'hungry,*
The LORD sets 'prisoners free.
The LORD gives sight 'to the blind,*
The LORD lifts up those who are 'bowed down.
The LORD watches over the 'outcast*
And sustains the fatherless and the 'widow.
The LORD remains faithful for'ever.*
He upholds the cause of 'the oppressed.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
And to the Holy 'Spirit,
As it was in the be'ginning,*
Is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Acts 4:23-31

God decided beforehand what would happen to Jesus.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee,

C: **teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.** (*Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV*)

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:16-30

Jesus fulfills all Scripture.

After the Gospel, the announcement is made:

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Everyone: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children are invited to come forward for an object lesson.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God from God, O Light from Light | 85 (1-4)

SERMON IS JESUS EVERYTHING YOU EXPECTED HIM TO BE?

EVERYONE:

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♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen. ♪

OFFERING

St. Paul's members offer their first and their best to their Savior in order to support the sharing of the Gospel through our church and our worldwide church body, the WELS. Our guests do not need to feel obligated to participate. We ask that everyone, guests and members, sign the Friendship Register, which will be passed out during the offering.

If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



MUSICAL OFFERING

O God from God, O Light from Light

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Everyone: 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

PREFACE

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: ♪ And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Congregation: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Everyone: ♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of heavenly hosts:** | CW p. 22
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. ♪

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Everyone: ♪ **Amen.**

Everyone : | CW p.23

♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen. ♪

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

If you are in need of gluten free wafers or grape juice, please ask for directions from an usher.

The communicant members of our congregation will be invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the sacrament, and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor prior to communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we've had an opportunity to explain and prove them from Scripture. The pastor would be happy to explore our convictions with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul | 238 (1-5)

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | 315 (1-6)

Please stand.

THANKSGIVING

Everyone: ♪ Lord, now you let your servant
depart in peace according to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. ♪

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Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Everyone: ♪ And his mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

Everyone: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Everyone: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen. ♪

HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness | 353 (1 & 3)



TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

1. Jesus didn't always say the most popular things; he said what needed to be said. What are some things from the Bible that people need to hear, but might respond with anger like the people at the end of today's Gospel?
2. Read all of Isaiah 61. Make special note of how Jesus ultimately fulfilled these verses and how some of those things still occur through Christians today. How does inserting yourself into prophetic readings like Isaiah 61 help your understanding of them?
3. Considering all three of today's readings, what often surprises us that really shouldn't surprise us at all? Think especially about what the believers prayed in Acts 4.
4. Some people think that the people of Nazareth were upset with Jesus because he claimed to be the Messiah. That is true later in his ministry. What really ultimately causes the people to boil over with rage in Luke 4? Put into your own words what Jesus said in verses 24-27.
5. Jesus would not allow himself to be killed yet. What reasons might you give for him postponing his death? In other words, what still needed to happen in Jesus' ministry before he gave up his life?

YOUTH WORSHIP QUESTIONS

(Intended for grade school-age, but useful for anyone.)

1. Sometimes, in church, we hear or see words that are confusing or big. If you come across a word you don't know in one of the songs or readings today, write it down. Then, ask your family what it means when you get home.
2. What is one thing you want to remember about today's children's message?
3. From what book of the Bible did pastor preach the sermon?
4. What did you learn about Jesus in the sermon?
5. After what you heard in church today, what is one thing you can pray for?

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY

Christian Decision-Making: Decisions and Adiaphora

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

JUST A REMINDER...

If you haven't turned in your *The Grace of Giving - My Best Investment* response card yet, please do so this week so we can wrap up the program. If you did not turn in a card, or simply choose not to, the important thing to remember is that each dollar we give is an investment in the work that God would have us to do in our church, our community, our country, and around the world. That is an investment with out-of-this world benefits!

HELP WITH DISTRICT DERBY

February 9

Next Saturday, St. Paul's Pioneer Group is hosting the Tall Pine Girl Pioneer District Pinocar Derby and the Whitetail Boy Pioneer District Pinocar Derby. They could use donations of food and supplies for the concession stand. They also need volunteers to help with concessions, to run the derbies, and to judge cars for craft. Your help is greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets are on the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center or contact Kent Schroeder at 715-421-4202 or knks@wctc.net.

SCHOOL OF OUTREACH – SESSION TWO

February 16

Session Two of the School of Outreach will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16 in Stoddard, WI. We had nine people attend Session One, but welcome anyone else. Topics covered this session include: Witnessing to people we know, raising awareness of our church in the area, and improving how we welcome guests. If you want to join our group, please contact Pastor Proeber or the church office, so we can plan carpooling.

VOLLEYBALL STARTS THIS SUNDAY

Feb. 3 | 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Men and women are invited to Adult Co-ed Volleyball this Sunday afternoon. Get some exercise and have some fun. The group will get together each week through spring. You are welcome to bring your friends.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES RESCHEDULED

February 3-10

Our school was closed for most of last week, because of the extremely cold weather. Therefore, the Christian Education Week activities, including dress-up days, have been rescheduled to this week.

The book fair has been extended through next Sunday, Feb. 10. We have added some new cookbooks that were not available last week, so stop in after church and browse. Proceeds from the book sales will support the library.

Dinosaur Storytime has also been rescheduled to this Thursday, Feb. 7 at 6:00-7:00 p.m. Toddlers through second graders are invited to wear their pajamas and join us for a night of stories, songs, a craft, and refreshments! We will meet in the 3K-4K room (at the end of the school hallway). Parents can stay with their kids or shop the book fair while they wait.

UPDATE ON FAMILY IN NEED

Many thanks go out to all who have responded to the needs of the family who lost everything in the North Carolina floods this fall. Our sister in Christ and her son are worshipping regularly with us, and your gracious donations have been put to good use!

While our list is shorter due to your generosity, there still is a need for manpower. If you can help provide transportation to church, the grocery store, Walgreen's, or appointments, your help is greatly appreciated. We are still working on other agencies' help with this, but there is a need often enough at the present time. In addition, while two shovels have been donated, we are in need of people to help remove snow from the driveway and sidewalk (their rental house is on a corner so there is a good deal of sidewalk to shovel). Also, if you are handy and can repair an electric stove (oven element is broken and some burners don't work) or a clothes dryer (heats up but does not tumble), we could use your help!

The following is a list of items that are still needed:

- + 2 more beds (2 good mattresses would suffice)
- + four solid kitchen chairs
- + dressers or stackable plastic storage drawers to store clothes
- + twin size sheets
- + Walmart Scrip for incidentals (laundry detergent, toilet tissue, toiletries, etc.)
- + IGA Scrip
- + cash for replacement parts for stove and dryer

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP

There are still plenty of openings in February for Huddles with Pastor Proeber. Get to know the pastor and let him meet your family. You can sign up at the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center, by emailing the church (churchoffice@stpaulswr.org), by calling Pastor Proeber (715-421-3634 ext. 13), or by using the link on our website or facebook page.

PAPER DONATIONS NEEDED

Our stores of paper are running low. If you find a deal on paper, be sure to pick some up for the church and school. We especially need white 8-1/2" X 11" and 8-1/2" X 14 paper, but any color and size will be appreciated.

SIGN UP FOR A RETREAT

If the cold weather has you down, get recharged at a retreat. We've been telling you about the Marriage Retreat at Hotel Mead; it will be a great time for couples. However, there are many other options. Think about inviting a friend to join you.

Men of His Word Conference ~ Feb 9 in Oshkosh. More info at www.menofhisword.org

With This Ring Marriage Retreat ~ Feb. 22-24 at Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. More info at www.withthisringretreat.com

Women's Quilting Retreat ~ March 1-3 at Camp Phillip in Wautoma. More info at www.campphillip.com

Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat ~ March 8-10 in Oshkosh. More info at pathwaystochrist.org

Christian Leadership Experience ~ March 15-16 in La Crosse. More info at www.christlead.com

Christian Woman Today Retreat ~ March 15-17 in Brookfield. More info at www.christianwomantoday.org

Camp Phillip Women's Retreat ~ March 22-24 in Wautoma. More info at www.campphillip.com

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last week's attendance: 260 Year-to-date average attendance: 270

Livestream & Facebook Live worshippers: 14

From July 1, 2018 to January 25, 2019

Actual gifts to ministry: \$ 577,498

Actual cost of ministry: \$ 606,725 Mortgage Balance \$ 1,558,159

CALENDAR

February 3-10

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the Dining Room
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades K-5)
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball in the gym
MONDAY	8:15 AM	Board of Elders in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Worship
TUESDAY	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	School Chapel Service
	6:30 PM	Bible Book Group in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Catechism Class (grades 6-8) in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Choir in the balcony
	7:00 PM	Contemporary Choir in the balcony
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	5:30 PM	Handbell Practice in the balcony
	6:00 PM	Dinosaur Story Time in the 3K-4K room
	6:30 PM	A People Close to God in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Men's Devotionals Basketball in the gym
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 3-10	Book Fair in the Library
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Feb. 16	School of Outreach in Stoddard, WI
Feb. 22-24	With This Ring Marriage Retreat at Hotel Mead





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