

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

...you
SHALL
go
to all to whom
I send you, and
you
SHALL
speak
whatever
I command you...

JEREMIAH 1:7, NRSV

THE MIGHTY WORD MUST BE PREACHED

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Wisconsin Rapids, WI*

February 10, 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

The Word of the Lord is a powerful multifaceted tool. Look no further than today's readings for proof of that. But the Word loses its power when there is no one to preach it. God encourages us to use the Word to accomplish all the purposes for which he sent it, all centered on the One he sent, Jesus Christ.

The liturgical color¹ for this Sunday is Green to represent the growth which happens in our hearts when God's Word is preached.

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

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning of worship is used to remind God's people of the blessings of his Word.

WELCOME

Please stand.

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

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

Congregation (C): **Amen.**

All: **♪ Blessed Jesus, at your Word**

| *Hymn 221*

We are gathered all to hear you.

Let our hearts and souls be stirred

Now to seek and love and fear you,

By your teachings, sweet and holy,

Drawn from earth to love you solely. ♪

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies.

C: **for they are ever with me.**

P: I have more insights than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!** (*Psalm 119:97-99,103*)

All: **♪ All our knowledge, sense, and sight**

Lie in deepest darkness shrouded

Till your Spirit breaks our night

With the beams of truth unclouded.

You alone to God can win us;

You must work all good within us. ♪

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(1 Timothy 3:16,17)

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: 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.

**All: ♪ Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises. ♪**

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in this name" (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

C: Amen.

**All: ♪ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder. ♪**

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: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

God will not let our excuses get in the way of His mighty Word.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR

Thy Word

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Keep using the mighty Word for the purpose God gave it!

After the reading, the announcement is made:

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia! The Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow;

C: **it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Alleluia!** (*Hebrews 4:12 NIV84*)

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:38-44

The mighty Lord was sent to preach the mighty Word.

After the Gospel, the announcement is made:

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Everyone: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

HYMN

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear | 282 (1-3)

Contemporary Arrangement

SERMON

WE ARE ALL CALLED BY THE LORD

Please stand.

SUNG CONFESSION OF FAITH

This I Believe

4

Our Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, the all cre - a - ting one,
Our Judge and our De - fend - er suf - fered and cru - ci - fied,

7

God Al - might - y Through your Ho - ly Spir - it
Forgive - ness is in You De - cend - ed in - to dark - ness

10

Con - ceiv - ing Christ the Son, Je - sus our Sav - ior
You rose in glor - ious life Forev - er seat - ed high

13

I be - lieve in God our Fa - ther, I be - lieve in Christ the Son
I be - lieve in God our Fa - ther, I be - lieve in Christ the Son

15



I be-lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it___ Our God is three in___ one.
 I be-lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it___ Our God is three in___ one.

17



I be-lieve in the re-sur-rec-tion That we will rise a-gain For I be-lieve in the
 I be-lieve in the re-sur-rec-tion That we will rise a-gain For I be-lieve in the

20



Name of Je - sus. I be - lieve___ in You,___ I be-
 Name of Je - sus.

24



- lieve You rose a - gain___ I be - lieve that Je - sus Christ is Lord___

29



I be-lieve in life e - ter - nal, I be-lieve in the vir - gin birth
 I be-lieve in God our Fa - ther, I be-lieve in___ Christ the Son

31



I be-lieve in the saints' com - mun - ion And in Your ho - ly___ Church.
 I be-lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it___ Our God is three in___ one.

33



I be lieve in the re - sur - rec - tion When Je - sus comes a - gain
 I be-lieve in the re - sur - rec - tion That we will rise a - gain

35



For I be-lieve in the Name of Je - sus. For I be-lieve in the Name of Je - sus.
 For I be-lieve in the Name of Je - sus. For I be-lieve in the Name of Je - sus.

Please be seated.

THANK 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

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregations and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and serve others as we serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, and to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special prayers and intercession.

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our missions. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

Be seated.

HYMN

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word | 291 (1-4)

Please stand.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Let us pray together.

C: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage | 293

WELS CONNECTION – *Mentoring Pastors*



TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

1. Think about the reactions of people throughout the Bible when God calls them to preach his Word, such as Moses in Exodus 3:1-4:17; Isaiah in Isaiah 6:1-8; Jonah in Jonah 1:1-3; Simon Peter in Luke 5:8-11; John in Revelation 1:17. What do these reactions tell you about the way people will normally react when they are called by the Lord? Summarize what God does to confront such reactions against service for his and his Word.
2. Find a short summary of the book of Jeremiah. Perhaps you could use the People's Bible Series or a study Bible or you could search online for an outline of the book. How do you see the words from Jeremiah 1:10 come to life throughout Jeremiah's ministry?
3. How do Jesus' words in Luke 4:43 line up with what he said in last week's Gospel from Luke 4:24-27?
4. The second reading from 2 Timothy is filled with so many wonderful encouragements and truths. Focusing in on 4:1-5 specifically, think about how you can apply these words to a situation in your life. For example: Is there someone you know who has "itching ears"? Have you used the Word with "great patience and careful instruction"? Have you "kept your head in all situations"?

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: Be Willing to Follow Where God Leads

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

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN

Our school is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Send your child to a school where your Christian principles are supported. We have classes from 3K to 8th grade. A link to the application can be found on the school website www.stpaulswr.org/school.

HELP AT THE FOOD PANTRY

March 4-8

Our church is serving at the community food pantry the first week in March. If you can pack groceries, we can use your help for one of our shifts - Tuesday (4:00-7:00 p.m.) and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon (12:00-4:00 p.m.). To volunteer, please contact Judy Anderson by Feb. 22: 5JAnderson@charter.net or 715-423-5922.

SCHOOL OF OUTREACH – SESSION TWO

February 16

Session Two of the School of Outreach will be held next Saturday in Stoddard, WI. We had nine people attend Session One, but welcome anyone else to join us. 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.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF OUR SYNOD

Did you know that our church passes on a percentage of our offerings to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)? The synod uses these gifts to support missionaries, train pastors and teachers, and do other work that we as a congregation would be unable to do ourselves. In 2018, our congregation gave \$23,804.85 to the WELS. Our members also made direct gifts to the synod totaling \$15,550. If you want to know about how our gifts are put to work, look for a WELS Annual Report in the tract rack by the mail slots or visit wels.net/annualreport.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE LWMS CONVENTION

June 27-30

Join the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) in the heart of Iowa for their next convention. There will be worship services, presentations by missionaries, breakout sessions, and displays. You can also take one of the optional tours of area attractions. For more information, visit www.lwms.org.

BEFRIEND A MISSIONARY

Through the LWMS, our congregation has been assigned a home mission to pray for and encourage during the next two years. Our mission is Light of Life Lutheran Church in Greenwood, IN, who just launched a new outreach in a city 30 miles away. For now, the new group is meeting just once a month for bible study. You can find out more about Light of Life at facebook.com/LOLGreenwood. If you would like to send an encouraging card or email, please contact us for an address.

PAPER DONATIONS NEEDED

Our supply of paper is 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 REMINDER

Pastor Proeber still has many openings for his getting-to-know-you huddles. Many of the time slots allow you to stay after church, stop after work, or come before another church activity. You can sign up at the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center, on our website, or on facebook.

MILK MOOLA ENDING

Bring in your Kwik Trip milk caps before March 31, so we can receive credit. Thanks!

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last week's attendance: 255 Year-to-date average attendance: 267

Livestream & Facebook Live worshippers:

From July 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019

Actual gifts to ministry: \$ 590,976

Actual cost of ministry: \$ 606,731 Mortgage Balance \$ 1,558,159

St. Paul's Scrip - January: \$93.84 for Tuition and \$612.69 for School Operation.

CALENDAR

February 10-17

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	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Board of Outreach in the Resource Center
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
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
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	1:00 PM	Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom
	2:00 PM	Hafermann Singers at the Atrium Care Center
	5:30 PM	Handbell Practice in the balcony
	6:30 PM	A People Close to God in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Men's Devotionals Basketball in the gym
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
	6:30 PM	Leadership Council in the Bible Study Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 10	Book Fair in the Library
Feb. 16	School of Outreach in Stoddard, WI
Feb. 17	Community Hygiene Drive Begins
Feb. 22-24	With This Ring Marriage Retreat at Hotel Mead



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