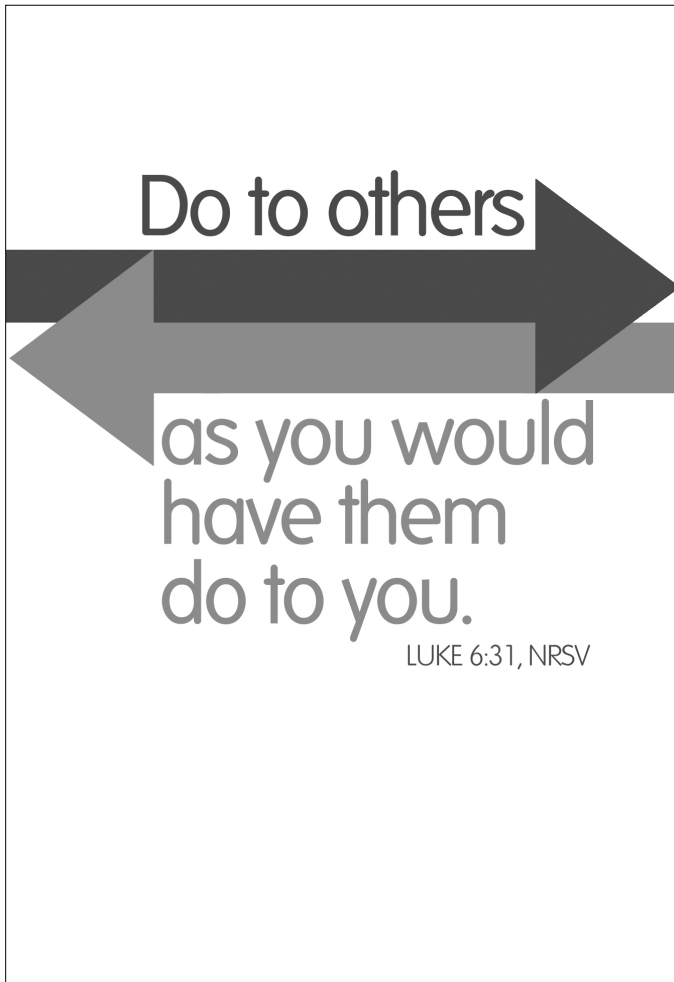


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



REPAYING EVIL WITH GOOD

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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

February 24, 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

Love is a word that gets tossed around too often. It's used in situations that are comfortable and easy. Love is easy when it's meant for friends and family. But think about people who have mistreated you: maybe it's a coworker; maybe it's an ex; maybe it's a former pastor. Do you love them? Jesus gives us reason to love everyone, even those who mistreat us. We love the unlovable, just like Christ did for us.

The liturgical color* for this Sunday is green. It represents the love of God which causes our faith and love to spring out of our hearts to others.

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THE COMMON SERVICE

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

WELCOME

10:30 – SONG BY SCHOOLCHILDREN

God Loves Me Dearly

8:00 & 6:30 – OPENING SONG

Shout to the Lord

My Je - sus my Sav - ior Lord, there is none like You;

— All of my days — I want to praise — the won - ders of Your might - y love.

My Com - fort, my Shel - ter, Tow - er of ref - uge and strength,

— Let ev-'ry breath, all that I am, — nev-er cease to wor - ship You.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, — let us sing Pow-er and maj-es-ty praise — to the King!

Moun-tains bow down and the seas — will roar at the sound — of Your name. —

I sing for joy at the work — of Your hands, For - ev-er I'll love You, for ev - er I'll stand;

Noth-ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in You!

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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

Congregation (C): Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: 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.

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.**

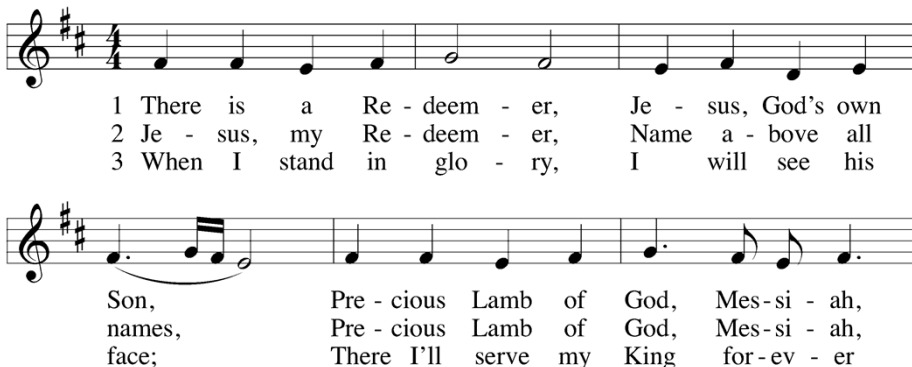
P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

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

C: *There Is A Redeemer*



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his

Son,
names,
face;
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er

Refrain

Ho - ly One. Thank you, O my
 Hope for sin - ners slain. In that ho - ly place.
 Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and
 leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; 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

Genesis 45:3-15

Joseph repays his brothers with love and forgiveness.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 103 | CW p.105

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:14-21

Overcome evil with good.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Be merciful,

C: just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia. *(Luke 6:36)*

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus loves us to love others.

After the Gospel, the announcement is made:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostle's 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace | 521 (1-5)

Tune CW 404

SERMON - LOVE IN A WAY THAT SHOWS YOU'RE DIFFERENT

RESPONSE:

CW p.20

♪ 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

Shout to the Lord

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Lord Jesus, you called ordinary men to do extraordinary things as your disciples and apostles.
- C: **You also call us confidently to follow you, diligently to learn from you, and lovingly to imitate you.**
- P: Equip and empower us to serve you and our neighbor faithfully.
- C: **Use us as your witnesses to bring many throughout the world to the light of your gospel.**
- P: Savior of all, you commanded us to love all—even our enemies—and to pray for them.
- C: **Deliver us from prejudice, hatred, and cruelty.**

P: Help us endure unjust treatment without seeking revenge.

C: Fill our hearts with the forgiving love that we learn only from Christ.

P: And may that love so move the hearts of our enemies that one day they and we may stand before you, reconciled to you and to one another, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Special intercessions

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.

HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior | 492 (1-4)

Please stand.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Let us pray together.

C: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P: 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.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen. ♪

SONG

They'll Know We Are Christians
After final verse, repeat chorus twice.

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, We are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, We will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. We will
 4. All ____ praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come. And all

5
 one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll
 work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each man's
 praise to Christ Je - sus his on - ly ____ Son, And all praise to the

10
 u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 spread the news that God is in the land. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 dig - ni - ty and in ____ love a - bide. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 Spir ____ it who makes us ____ one. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our

15
 love, by our love; Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. ____
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TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

1. If you're unfamiliar with the entire background of today's first reading, go back and read Genesis 37. It would be best to read chapters 38-44 as well, but 37 will give you the basic background. If there were a movie made today about Genesis 37, would it end the way Genesis 45 did? How would most people envision the ending after all that Joseph's brothers did to him?
2. Take all of today's readings into consideration—what is the only way to overcome evil? What dominates more: law or gospel? How does that run against how the devil, the world, and the sinful flesh operate?
3. I don't think someone is going to slap you in the face or take your coat and expect your shirt. What are some modern-day, perhaps even personal, applications you can make of Jesus' words in Luke 6:29? One example: If someone calls you an idiot for being a Christian, how can you respond in love, rather than with sarcasm or mirrored hate?
4. What is your basis for showing this kind of love? Think of/find at least four bible passages that remind you of your motivation for loving the unlovable.

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: Freedom, Not a Blueprint
Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

LAST CHANCE AT A HUDDLE

This is the last week for Huddles with Pastor Proeber. These are very worthwhile for both you and the pastor. Please sign up at the Ministry Table or look for the link on our website.

HYGIENE DRIVE

Feb. 17-Mar. 10

Hygiene and cleaning products can be expensive, and they are not covered by Food Share (formerly Food Stamps). Our community is collecting these items for local crisis agencies, so they can use their limited funds to provide qualified staff, counseling, food and shelter to those they serve. A collection box can be found in our Welcome Center. The most urgently needed items are laundry soap, kitchen size trash bags (shelters go thru LOTS of these), shampoo, cleaning supplies, diapers, toilet tissue, and feminine care. Many other items are needed as well. A complete list is posted by the donation bin.

NO MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP DURING LENT

February 25 is the last Monday night service until after Easter. We hope you will take advantage of our Midweek Lenten Services, which begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Those services are held at 3:35 & 6:30 p.m., and we hold a fellowship supper between the services, - from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. Hope you can attend.

CALL RETURNED

As it was announced in church last Sunday, Pastor Naumann returned the call to serve as our associate pastor. We will be holding an open forum regarding the call on Sunday March 17 after each worship service – at 9:15 & 11:45 a.m.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

March 9 | 10:00 a.m.

If you have a child entering kindergarten next year, please plan to attend the Kindergarten Roundup on Saturday, March 9. You will meet the teacher and other parents, see the classroom, and find out more about kindergarten at St. Paul's.

SUNDAY STUDIES

March 3 & 10 | 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Our principal, Mr. John Melso, will lead the first two Sunday Morning Bible Studies in March. On March 3, the topic will be “I’m Just A Sheep.” Very often, the Bible refers to believers as sheep. This Bible class will explore how wonderful it is to be a sheep. At the March 10 study, “What’s It Worth?”, we will explore our status before God and the comforting words God has to say about that status. We hope you will join us in the cafeteria. The studies will take a break for the open forum on March 17. Then pastor Proeber will lead a series of studies on the book of 1 John. Please join us in the cafeteria.

MLC CHOIR IN WAUSAU

March 22

The Choir from Martin Luther College of New Ulm, MN is on tour this March. On March 22, they will have two performances in the Wausau area. At 12:45 p.m. they will be at Northland Lutheran High School. That evening at 7:00 p.m., they will be at St. Peter Lutheran Church – their Schofield campus. You are welcome to attend either performance.

ARE YOU EXPECTING?

Space is now available for infants in our Little Lambs Child Development Center. If your due date is approaching, you can secure a spot ahead of time by contacting our director, Mrs. Carole Melso (715-421-3634 ext. 15 or littlelambs@stpaulswr.org). If you know of someone in need of childcare please pass this on.

GOOD SHEPHERD SEEKS AIDE

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is looking for an energetic WELS member who would like to work with young children for two mornings a week during 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested in the preschool teacher’s aide position or would just like more information please talk to: Donna Tullberg 715-325-3355; Amanda Irwin 715-459-7024; or Gary Heiman 414-331-9943. Good Shepherd is located at 10611 State Hwy 13 S.

CHRISTMAS DVDS

We still have lots of unclaimed DVDs of the Children’s Christmas Service. If you ordered one, please be sure to pick it up in the office after worship today or sometime during the school week.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- Romans 12:21

OPERA FOR THE YOUNG

March 5 | 9:30 a.m.

Come see the students of our school sing along-side professional Opera for the Young performers in the production, *Super Storm*. The children will appear onstage in chorus and cameo roles. There will be plenty of seating for all who want to attend, so join us for an entertaining morning.

IRONMEN CONFERENCE

March 23

Strengthen your faith at the Ironmen of God Conference at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ixonia, WI. Topics will include Your Church Needs You, What It Means To Be A Man, The Secret Life of Men, and Confident. More information at www.ironmenofgodwi.org.

PART-TIME DRIVER NEEDED THIS SPRING

Northland Lutheran High School provides a bus and pays a driver to transport our teens to their school. However, this spring they need a driver for the evening route. On some days this could be a van driver. If you are interested, please contact NLHS at 715-359-3400.

TOGETHER WE SHINE

March 3 | 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Northland Lutheran High School's (NLHS) annual Together We Shine event has a new twist this year: Each congregation is preparing a large roaster of soup to serve at the buffet, and diners will vote on the best soup. A Golden Ladle Award will go to the best soup, and an Empty Bowl Award will go to the first soup gone. The rest of the afternoon will include presentations, performances, a silent auction, and many displays. If you are able to donate items for the auction, please contact NLHS as soon as possible. Please call or email to let them know you will attend (715-359-3400 or nlhsoffice@nlhs.org).

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last week's attendance: 244

Year-to-date average attendance: 259

Livestream & Facebook Live worshippers: 15

From July 1, 2018 to February 15, 2019

Actual gifts to ministry: \$ 624,092

Actual cost of ministry: \$ 643,371

Mortgage Balance \$ 1,558,159



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES
Wednesdays
March 6 - April 10
3:35 & 6:30 PM

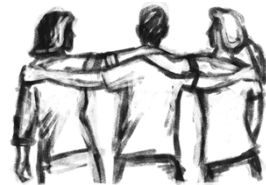
CALENDAR

February 24-March 3

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	4:00 PM	Children's Outreach Ministry Task Force
	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
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
	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
	2:00 PM	Lutheran Pioneers in the Dining Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 3 Together We Shine Event at NLHS
- Mar. 4-8 St. Paul's Serving at the Food Pantry
- Mar. 6 Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 17 Open Forum on the Call



Live in harmony with one another.

- Romans 12:16



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