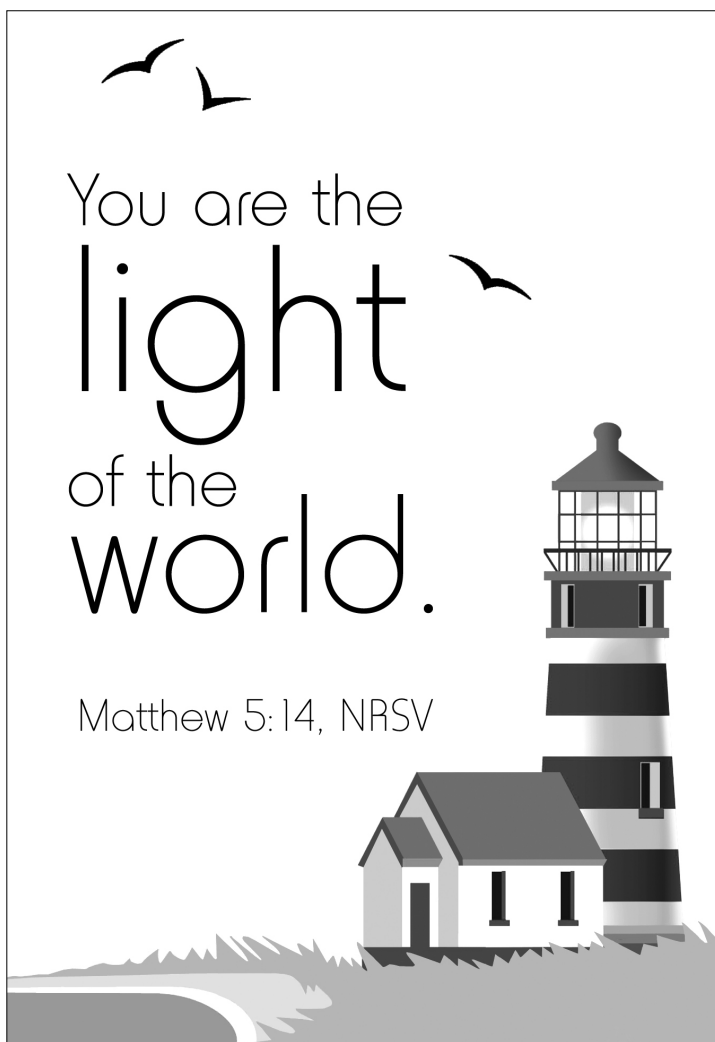


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



THE SAVIOR'S SERMON:
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2020

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 tells us: You are...so be. You are the light of the world, so be light for the earth. You are the salt of the earth, so be salt for it. Our calling as sons of God means our lives will reflect our new status, and the world around us will be blessed by us. We pray that God would help us believe and then do the things that are pleasing in his sight.

The liturgical color¹ for this Sunday is green, which signifies how our faith grows as we hear what God tells us from his Word.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Service of the Word draws the believer's attention to the proclamation of the Gospel in the Word of God.

This hymn might not be as familiar as other hymns. Feel free to open up the red hymnal to where the upper left corner says 523 to follow along with the music and match the syllables with the right notes.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory | CW 523

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister (M): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation (C): And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.

M: 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 the strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



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

Refrain



Ho - ly One.
Hope for sin - ners slain. Thank you, O my
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

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:14-24

Look to God's promises and serve him.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 111 | CW p.106

Refrain: ♪ Sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvelous things. ♪

Great are the works 'of the LORD;*
They are pondered by all who de'light in them.

Glorious and majestic 'are his deeds,*
And his righteousness endures for'ever.
He has caused his wonders to be re'membered;*
The LORD is gracious and com'passionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faith'ful and just,*
All his precepts are trust'worthy.
He provided redemption for his 'people;*
He ordained his covenant for'ever.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of 'wisdom;*
All who follow his precepts have good under'standing.

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

1 Peter 2:9-12

God's people live as chosen, special, and holy in order to show God's mercy.

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 said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,

C: **but will have the light of life." Alleluia.** (John 8:12)

Jesus says here that he is the Light of the world. In the Gospel, he calls us the light of the world. How can both be true?

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Be the blessing to others that God has called you to be.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

HYMN

Speak, O Lord | CW 735



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.

This hymn speaks beautifully to the theme of striving to be what God has called us to be.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will
 fash - ion us in your like - - - - - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by
 light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll
 love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your
 fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your
 Last time
 glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

SERMON - YOU ARE CALLED TO BE...

Please stand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

Confessing our faith is a way to show unity in the true and eternal doctrines of God's Word. The purpose of Christian Education is to help solidify these truths in the hearts of children and families in our communities.

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.

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

10:30 Northwinds

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.
- C:** **Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.**
- M:** Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.
- C:** **Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.**

M: As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, colleges, and seminaries to train those who proclaim your presence among us in Word and sacrament.

C: Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.

M: God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

C: Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

C: May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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.

Be seated.

HYMN

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep | CW 436

At the 10:30 service, this song will be sung by the school children & the Northwinds.

Please stand.

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Let us pray together.

C: 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. Amen.

Notice how we ask God to continue educating us through our entire lives, focused on his Word.

BLESSING

M: 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: Amen.

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage | CW 293



TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

1. The words of Joshua 24:15 are familiar; you might see them in frames on someone's wall or as an ornament outside a Christian's house. There are some shocking things surrounding these words, though. What things jump out to you in the rest of the verses of Joshua 24? How would they prove to be true?
2. Looking at 1 Peter 2:11-12, what are some common phrases that could be used to summarize what Peter is urging Christians to do? Example: "Don't just talk the talk, walk the walk!"
3. What would be the difference between Jesus destroying the Law and Prophets and fulfilling them? The fact that he said he did one instead of the other gives you a start in answering.
4. Unsalty salt or dark light are oxymorons; things that simply can't exist because one of the words contradicts the other. Come up with four other pictures or descriptors of Christians that are equally oxymoronic. Example: selfish servant

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY

WELS & Other Christians: Episcopalians

Join cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

IT IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Jan. 26- Feb 2

- **The Northwinds choir** from Northland Lutheran High School are singing during our 10:30 service today. Students from our school are joining them on one song.
- The Pioneers are hosting a **Junk Car Derby and a Pinecar Derby** this afternoon. Racing gets underway at noon. You are welcome to join in the fun.
- **A Book Fair** will be held this Sunday, Jan. 26 through Sunday, Feb. 2. Proceeds from the book sales will support the school library. The sale is open on Sundays from 9:00AM to 12:30PM and on weekdays after school.
- There are **Special Dress Up Days** all week. See posters throughout the building.
- Our **school chapel service** is on Wednesday at 9:00AM. Congregation members are always welcome to join in the worship.
- **Jungle Safari Story Time** is open to all children ages 2 years thru 2nd grade. (older siblings and parents are welcome to stay.) Come on Thursday at 6:00 PM.
- **Home basketball games** are scheduled for Friday, Jan. 31 starting at 5:00PM. It is also "parents Night" and the school band will be playing. We are hoping for a large crowd to cheer on our Panther basketball players. An expanded menu of food will be offered at the concession stand.

CALL MEETING ON MONDAY

Jan. 27 | 7:30PM

On Monday, we will meet after the evening worship service to call an associate pastor. Everyone is invited to attend. If you cannot, please keep our calling process in your prayers.

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

Feb. 10 | 7:45 PM

Our quarterly voters meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 10 following the evening worship service. Catch up on what ministry has taken place and plans for furthering the kingdom of God.

FREE CHRISTIAN CONCERT IN POINT

Feb. 1 | 6:30 PM

Mike Westendorf will be in concert at The Word, 1009 Clark Street in Stevens Point, on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 PM. Mike Westendorf is a member of the ministry team at St. Paul's Muskego and has a passion for sharing the life changing power of God's grace through music. All are welcome to attend this free concert. Mike will also play in the morning worship service the following day at 10:30 AM.

MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Feb. 8 & 9

At the Healthy Marriage Seminar, you will be encouraged and equipped with habits and practices that make a marriage as healthy as it could be. This event will be held at Eron's Event Barn (near Stevens Point) all day on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10:00-5:00 and Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9. Lunch on both days will be catered by Great Expectations; there will also be snacks and refreshments throughout the day. For more information, look under Events on our website (www.stpaulswr.org) or our facebook page.

SHOE BOXES NEEDED

The 1st-2nd grade class is in need of empty shoe boxes for a project they are doing. You can drop off your donations in the church office.

HYGIENE PRODUCTS NEEDED

Feb. 9-16

Willing Workers will be conducting a hygiene products drive in February for SWEPS, our local food pantry, which services hundreds of families each month. Large boxes will be placed in the welcome center for collection from February 9-16. Please consider giving from the heart this Valentine's Day by donating any of the following: dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry soap, feminine products, and toilet paper.

HELP NEEDED FOR DISTRICT DERBIES

Feb. 8

On Feb 8th St Paul's Pioneer group will be hosting the Tall Pine Girl Pioneer District & Whitetail Boy Pioneer District Pinecar Derbies. We are in need of help. We can use donations of food and supplies for the concession stand. Also we need help with concessions and help running the Derbies. Signup sheets for both of these are on the Ministry Table. We are also in need of a couple of people to help with judging the cars for craft. If interested please talk to Kent or Kristie Schroeder. Your help is greatly appreciated.

ANOTHER WELS SKI TRIP!

Feb. 15

Everyone, please join members of Trinity, Marshfield on Saturday, February 15th for a morning of cross country (CC) skiing, snowshoeing, tubing, or downhill skiing (or even snow biking!?) at Powers Bluff County Park (6990 Bluff Drive in Arpin). The day begins at 10:30 AM with a devotion with area WELS members in the shelter and then outdoor fun! Daily CC trail fee is \$5. Please visit the Powers Bluff Wood County Park website for tubing or downhill fees. FYI: The only rentals available are for tubing, downhill skiing, or snowboarding. CC ski or snowshoe rentals are available at The Sports Den in Marshfield. Please RSVP by calling or texting 920-655-8017 or email office@trinitymarshfield.org by Monday, Feb. 10.

SUNDAY SCRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of more volunteers to sell St. Paul's scrip cards on Sunday mornings. We recently lost three volunteers and will be losing another for the summer. The commitment on Sunday involves selling cards for roughly 15 minutes before and after each service. Please give Deb DeWilde a call at 715-323-4028 if you can help. It is well worth the time. Our scrip rebates help to fund our school and offset tuition costs for families.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) needs a regular dependable driver for their Wisconsin Rapids route. This is a PAID position, and your training and testing will be paid for by NLHS. For more information, please contact the principal, Ryan Weichmann, at 715-297-4427 or the NLHS office at 715-359-3400.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last Week's Attendance: 241

YTD Average attendance: 237

From July 1, 2019 to January 17, 2020

Actual ministry income: \$601,999

Actual cost of ministry: \$626,572

Mortgage balance: \$1,422,587

Family Fun Night

Wednesday, Feb. 19
5:00-8:00PM

Games, Open Gym, Snacks
FREE pizza served at 6:00PM



CALENDAR

January 26-February 2

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Sunday School for grades 4K-6 in Room 106
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Youth Group Outing to Powers Bluff
	12:00 PM	Junk Car & Pinecar Derbies
	2:00 PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball
MONDAY	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:30 PM	Call Meeting
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
	5:30 PM	Handbell Choir in the balcony
	6:30 PM	Bible Book Group in the Dining Room
	6:30 PM	Catechism Class in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice in the Balcony
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	6:00 PM	Men's Devotional Basketball in the gym
	6:00 PM	Jungle Safari Story Time in the Welcome Center
	6:30 PM	A People Close to God in the Bible Study Room
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Feb. 8 District Pioneer Pinecar Derbies at St. Paul's
- Feb. 10 Quarterly Voters Meeting



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