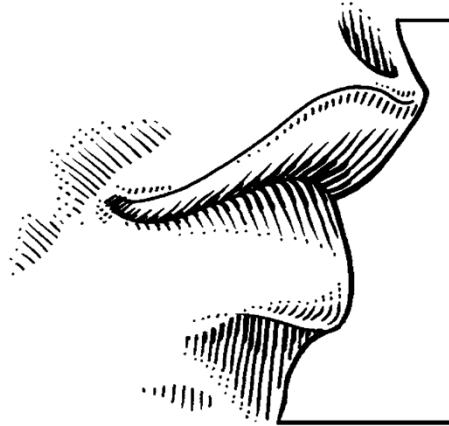


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

... the LORD said to me,

*“Now I have
put my words in
your mouth.”*



JEREMIAH 1:9, NRSV

AGENDA UNCOVERED:
WHAT MUST BE SAID,
NOT WHAT OTHERS WANT TO HEAR

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church | Wisconsin Rapids, WI

January 30, 2022



Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

Service Notes For This Sunday



Last week we saw that there can be a temptation to alter the message we proclaim to avoid apparent failure and rejection. This week we see that there is also a temptation to alter the message we proclaim because of apparent success. If a church makes its central focus things like personal improvement, healing for the sick, or social justice, that church may draw a crowd. It just fails to carry out the agenda Christ has given his Church. The gospel of forgiveness is to be the center of all our preaching and teaching. The agenda for Christ's Church is set. It's the same agenda that was followed by the Church's Christ.

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The Service: Setting One

Welcome

Hymn

759 When Training Up a Child

The Song Leaders will sing verse one. Please join in verses two and three.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Glory Be to God

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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 wor - ship you, we glorify you,



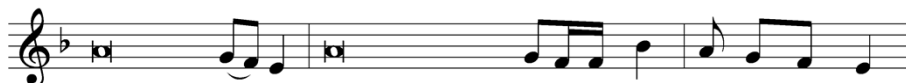
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



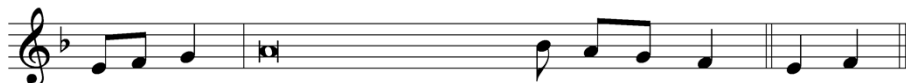
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4–10

God chose to give Jeremiah a narrow agenda: to share God's Word with the people of Judah, regardless of what they wanted to hear.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

71A God Is My Strong Salvation

The Song Leaders will sing verse 1. Congregation will sing the refrain and "Glory be..."

Refrain



God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?

Tone



In you, LORD, I have taken / refuge;
let me never be / put to shame.
In your righteousness, rescue me and de- / liver me;
turn your ear to me and / save me.
Be my rock of / refuge,
to which I can / always go. *Refrain*

Since my youth, God, you have / taught me,
and to this day I declare your / marv'lous deeds.
Even when I am / old and gray,
do not forsake / me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next gener- / ation,
your mighty acts to all who / are to come.
**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**

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Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

The temptation for the Lord's messengers will be to say what ears want to hear. Paul gives Timothy a different agenda, to preach the Word which makes us wise for salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Song by St. Paul's Students

Be Glorified

Stand

Gospel

Luke 4:38–44

The people wanted Jesus to stay with them permanently. But he had a different agenda, to proclaim the gospel to many others.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

895 Preach You the Word

Sermon

Continue Learning from the Word!

Stand

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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. Enable us to see Christ, the true Light and Word incarnate, from the beginning to the end of your holy book. **Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Work patience in all your people, especially in parents, to teach children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb.

Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

We thank you for enabling our congregation to provide education for children. Move us to be generous in our offerings so that teachers may teach and students may learn in fitting surroundings.

Lead us to provide Christian schools that reflect the immensity of your love.

Bless the schools and teachers who prepare public ministers of the gospel for service in our churches, schools, and around the world.

Send workers into your harvest fields.

Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Lord God, your Word is our great heritage. Use it to guide our way.

In death, it shall be our stay. Amen.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. 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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Hymn

908 Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

762 Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young



Take Home Questions

1. Imagine your life without knowing the Word of God. In what ways would life be different in the following situations?
 - a. When a death in the family occurs.
 - b. When looking for guidance on how to be a good spouse, parent, or child.
 - c. When deciding how to handle money and possessions.
 - d. When someone apologizes for something hurtful they've done to you.
 - e. Any other situation that comes to mind in which you found the Word of God (and your knowledge of it) incredibly valuable.
2. Timothy knew the people from whom he had learned the Word. Nearly everyone has one person come to mind when they think about their Christian education. Once you think of that person, pray a prayer of thanks for them; you might even give them a call or send them a card, letting them know that you are thankful for the part they played in your life.
3. We often say that children are the future of the church. In a way, that's true. But what from Jeremiah 1 shows us that we ought to view children as the "here and now" of the church?
4. In Luke 4:43, we get a glimpse into the scope of Jesus' ministry. Even though many of us live in one place for most of our lives, in what ways can we apply Jesus' words to our own lives? In other words, how can we avoid getting too comfortable and find "other towns" to tell about Jesus?

News & Announcements



This Sunday's Bible Study: Called to Serve

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.

Help Share Jesus with Children

Feb. 3 | 6:30 PM

The first planning meeting for Easter for Kids will take place on Thursday. If you are an organizer or like to plan events, this ministry would be a good fit for you. At the meeting, we will review the program for the event, plan advertising, and develop a list of possible volunteers. If you would like to participate but are busy on Thursday, please contact Kent Schroeder at knks@wctc.net or 715-421-4202.

Call Meeting Next Sunday

Feb. 6 | 9:15 AM

We will be extending another call for a 1st-2nd grade teacher on Sunday, Feb. 6. The meeting will be held between the services and start around 9:15 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Living in the Joy of Christ

Feb. 8 | 9:45-11:00 AM

Joy often eludes us, and we can become disappointed by our own lack of joy. How could the apostle Paul write about joy while chained to a Roman guard and facing a possible death sentence? If you want to know how to live with joy like Paul, come to Women Walking in the Word beginning February 8. They will be exploring Philippians using the book, *Philippians: Living in the Joy of Christ* by Naomi Schmidt. Books will be available of purchase. The group meets in the Resource Center 9:45-11:00 AM on Tuesdays.

Special Prayers This Week:

- Troy Raflik, nephew of Marvin Raasch, has covid-pneumonia and put into an induced coma to try to strengthen his lungs.
- Eric Mortenson, brother of Julie Reitz, is recovering after emergency surgery on his stomach. He also has covid.
- Peggy Mueller, Greg Machtan's mother, had surgery for blood clots in her stomach.
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Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class in the West Wing
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
	10:30 AM	Worship
Monday	6:00 PM	Men's Devotional Basketball in the gym
	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	Unified Board Meetings
Wednesday	8:55 AM	School Chapel Service
	6:30 PM	Bible Book Group in the Resource Center
Thursday	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	6:30 PM	Easter for Kids Planning Meeting
	6:30 PM	Foundations of the Christian Faith in the Cafeteria
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Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 186

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$437,900

Actual offerings YTD: \$423,520

YTD giving to the Organ Fund: \$ 91,182

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