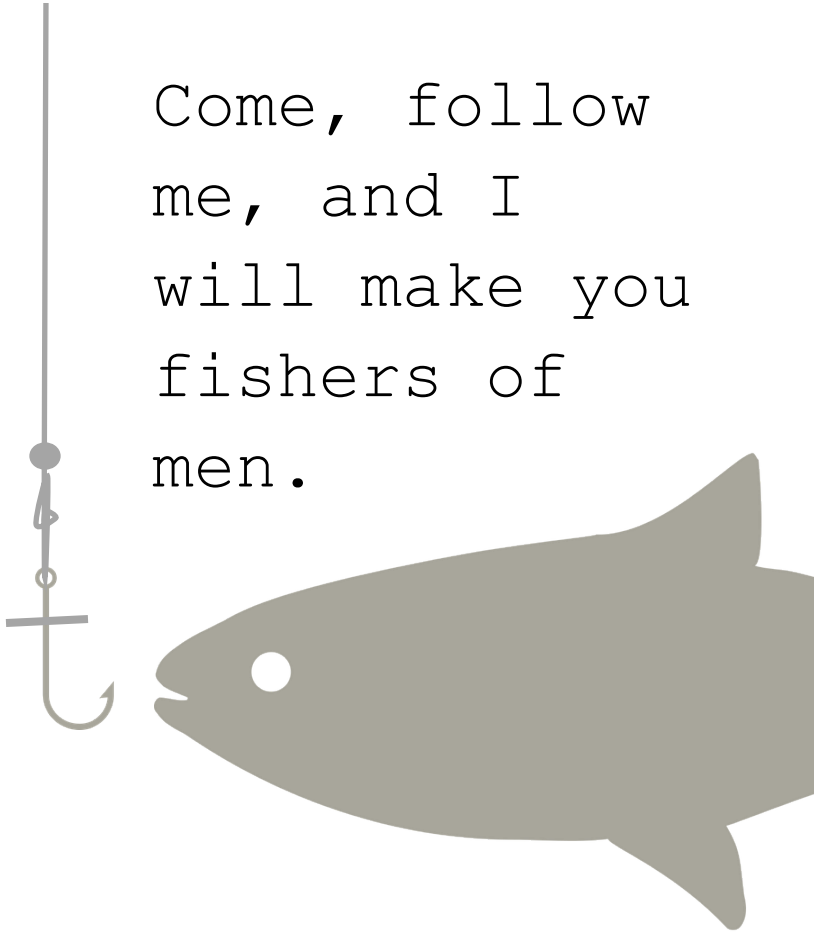


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Come, follow
me, and I
will make you
fishers of
men.



UNCOVERED MESSENGERS:
THE LEAST QUALIFIED ARE THE FIRST SENT

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

February 6, 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



It does not surprise us that from the beginning of his ministry Jesus demonstrated his commitment to proclaiming good news of the kingdom of God, regardless of whether people rejected his message or embraced it. That was Christ's agenda, and he was committed to it. What is surprising is that, also from the beginning, Jesus demonstrated his plan to carry out this proclamation by sending others to speak on his behalf. More surprising is whom he sends, not angels, but mere human beings. In many cases, it was individuals who seemed to lack the qualifications to speak on Christ's behalf. Yet, Christ equipped and prepared them. Do you feel unqualified to tell others the good news? Then be assured, Jesus plans to use you exactly for that purpose.

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The Service: Setting Five

Welcome

Hymn

483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 to God in the Highest

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, you call and appoint us to proclaim the good news of your Son despite our sins and weaknesses. Purify us by your grace, remove our uncertainties, and work through us to fill the nets of your kingdom with those lost in the darkness of death; 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

Isaiah 6:1–8

The Lord takes Isaiah's sin away and sends Isaiah out as a messenger of grace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

67E O God, Show Us Your Mercy



1 O God, show us your mer - cy and bless us with your grace;
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and right - eous - ness,



and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your face,
your rule of per - fect jus - tice all na - tions will con - fess.



that so your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be known,
Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;



and un - to ev - 'ry peo - ple your sav - ing grace be shown.
then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit shall bring.



Let all the peo - ples praise you, let all the na - tions sing;
The Lord our God will bless us, his rich - est bless - ing send,



in ev - 'ry land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.
and all cre - a - tion praise him to earth's re - mot - est end.

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Second Reading

Romans 10:12-17

God's plan is to send saved sinners to proclaim salvation to other sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 71:15

Alleluia! My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,
of your saving acts all day long. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus takes simple, sinful fishermen and makes them fishers of men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

745 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

Sermon

God Sends Sanctified Sinners

Stand

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 truly 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.

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Jesus Christ, 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, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

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, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

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

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and relentless unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. Bring healing and help, comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to provide help and support to those who need it.

Special prayers and intercessions

Here us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, 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.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: ANTHES



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN



- 1 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Christ, who takes a - way
- 2 Je - sus, in your mer - cy, make us pure with - in;
- 3 Let your end - less mer - cy ev - er - more in - crease;



all the world's trans - gres - sions, lis - ten as we pray:
cleans us by your per - fect sac - ri - fice for sin.
com - fort us with par - don, calm us with your peace.

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Be seated

QUESTIONS FOR EXAMINATION

- † Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?
- † Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?
- † Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?
- † Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens me to live a God-pleasing life?
- † Am I a member of a church that belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)?
- † If you answered "no" to any of these questions, please hold off on communing with us today. Following worship, one of the pastors would be happy to explain why we ask you to do this.

For further examination questions, see page 295 of the blue hymnal.

Distribution

Be seated and await the direction of the ushers.

Distribution Hymn

667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. 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 Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

932 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



Take Home Questions

1. Verses 1-5 of Isaiah 6 talk about the power, majesty, and holiness of God. For what reasons are those characteristics important for us to remember both as we pray and as we work to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)?
2. What are five things outlined in Romans 10:13-15 that happen for those who are saved? Where do you see each of those “steps” happening around us today? In what ways are you a part of each “step?”
3. In Luke 5:1-11, we often focus on the disciples' example of faith as they leave behind their livelihoods to follow Jesus. In what ways did they demonstrate faith even before they were called to be fishers of men?
4. In what ways is it hard for us to demonstrate that same type of faith in our own lives and live out what God has called us to do?

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.

Special Offering Today

Feb. 6 & 13

We are holding a special offering to send both of our pastors and their wives on a ministry retreat in April. The retreat is for all pastors who are three years past graduation from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. This is more than a reunion or a getaway with their wives; there will be presentations aimed at their specific season of ministry and looking at the challenges and opportunities they face both as a couple and individually. The goal for our special offering is to raise at least \$3,000 to cover retreat and travel expenses. The offering will be taken both this week and next. You can place your special gifts in the plates in the Welcome Center. Please consider supporting our pastors in this way.

Call Meeting Today

Feb. 6 | 9:15 AM

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

Annual Hygiene Drive

Feb. 13 - Mar. 6

We will be collecting new hygiene and cleaning items for our local food pantry beginning next Sunday, Feb. 13. Food Share (formerly Food Stamps) does not cover the cost of non-food items such as soap and diapers. The most urgently needed items are laundry soap, kitchen-size trash bags, shampoo, cleaning supplies, and toilet tissue. Your donations will remain in this community. This collection is part of the larger "Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive" taking place throughout eastern, northeastern, central and west-central Wisconsin. Please place your donations in collection box located in the Welcome Center by March 6.

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 using the book, *Philippians: Living in the Joy of Christ* by Naomi Schmidt. Books will be available for purchase. The group meets in the Resource Center 9:45-11:00 AM on Tuesdays.

Connecting Your Devotional Life to Sunday Worship

Did you know that the WELS devotions now tie in with the theme of the Sunday's service? The message you hear on Sunday can be reinforced and expanded upon every day by reading or listening to these devotions. You can subscribe at wels.net/subscribe. Family and teen devotions are also available to encourage Christians at every stage of life.

Office Help Needed

We continue to seek a replacement for Mrs. Brown in the church office. Training will be provided. Duties would include reception, light bookkeeping, word processing, and other office tasks. We can be flexible on days and hours. For more information, please contact Judy Stensberg at churchoffice@stpaulswr.org or 715-421-3634.

Office volunteers are also needed especially during the school year. We need people to help with things like filing, copying, and mailings. This could be a couple hours a week, or once a month – whatever works for you. Contact Judy Stensberg to discuss when you are available.

Paid Custodian Needed

We are also still seeking a part-time custodian. We currently have a couple of overworked volunteers who could use some relief. Although certain tasks must be accomplished each week, there is some flexibility on days and times. To learn more, contact Larry Wesenberg at lwes@wctc.net or 715-204-7685.

Retreat Deadlines

The **Men of His Word Conference** is just two weeks away on Feb. 19. The one-day event is held in Oshkosh. Visit www.menofhisword.org for more information.

Final registration for the **Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat** is Feb. 15. The retreat will be held March 4-6 in Oshkosh. Visit pathwaystochrist.org for more information.

The early bird discount for the **WELS Coulee Women's Retreat** expires Feb. 15. This one-day event will be held in West Salem on April 2. For more information visit www.facebook.com/groups/WCWRetreat.

Special Prayers This Week:

- Our call meeting
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Sunday	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Call Meeting /Bible Study in church
	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	Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center
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	Foundations of the Christian Faith in the Cafeteria
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

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week’s Attendance: 187
 Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 468,100
 Actual offerings YTD: \$ 446,354
 YTD giving to the Organ Fund: \$ 102,282





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