

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



JOHN 2:16, NRSV

JESUS CHRIST: ZEALOUS FOR HIS FATHER'S WILL  
*Third Sunday in Lent*

*March 7, 2021*

### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. For worshippers joining us in person, we are happy you are here. If you have any questions, just ask an usher or other volunteer.

We would love to see just what kind of impact our worship services are making. Please fill out our online Connect Card to let us know where you're worshipping from and how we might continue to serve you. You can find a link at [www.stpaulswr.org/watch](http://www.stpaulswr.org/watch). You can also contact us via email or phone ([churchoffice@stpaulswr.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulswr.org) or 715-421-3634) with any questions or prayer requests.

### **SPECIAL GUIDELINES DURING THE PANDEMIC**

- † **Please practice social distancing whenever possible.** Feel free to worship from the Welcome Center, if you feel uncomfortable with the number of people in the sanctuary.
- † **Please practice good hygiene.** Masks, hand sanitizer, and kleenex are available in the Welcome Center. Our restrooms are located along the hallway on the west side of the worship space.
- † **Large print service folders, hearing devices, and printouts of the Bible readings and hymns** are available on the Information Booth in the Welcome Center, if you need them.
- † **Your offering and connect card** can be placed in the slots on the top of the Information Booth in the Welcome Center. If you have a smartphone, you can fill out the online connect card. Empty offering plates will be brought forward and placed on the altar to symbolize our sacrifice to God.
- † **Children's bulletins** can be picked up at the Information Booth in the Welcome Center. If your children become fussy, you can quiet them in the Welcome Center. Children are welcome to come forward during the Children's Message, but feel free to keep them in the pew if that makes you are more comfortable.

† **Please wait for the ushers to dismiss you.** Following post-service announcements, pastor(s) will leave down the side aisles and head outside to greet you. Ushers will dismiss worshipers from the back moving forward; and down the center aisle, as well as the side aisles. This is to minimize personal contact. Please take this service folder with you and dispose of it properly.

## SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY



God has made his will and wishes clear for mankind—perfection is necessary in order to be saved! He even lays out what is good and evil in his commands for us to follow (First Reading)! We know we fall short. But that demand is not the full picture of God’s will. He has given his Son through whom he accomplishes his will and through whom he makes his will known to the world. Come hear how Jesus was zealous for his Father’s will and what that means for you today.

The liturgical color\* for this Sunday is purple, which indicates our somber repentance over the many times we go against our Father’s will.

Today’s service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the questions on page 10.

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

# THE COMMON SERVICE

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

## WELCOME

## OPENING SONG

*The Law Commands and Makes Us Know | CW 286  
Verse 1-All; 2-Men-3, Women; 4-All*

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

Minister (M): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C): Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.**

M: 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

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

**C: ♪ Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus 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; receive our prayer.  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
Are most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen. 🎵

*Anything in the service that is labeled "...of the Day" serves to summarize the worship theme in various ways.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated.*

## *The Word*

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### FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 20:1-17*

*The Father's will is shared through the commandments.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 19 | CW p.70*

*Pastors will sing the verses; All sing the refrain and the "Glory be to the Father..."*

**All: 🎵 Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. 🎵**

Pastors: 🎵 The heavens declare the glo'ry of God;\*  
The skies proclaim the work 'of his hands.  
Their voice goes out into 'all the earth,\*  
Their words to the ends 'of the world.

**All: ♪ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. ♪**

Pastors: ♪ The law of the LORD is 'perfect,\*  
Giving joy 'to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are 'radiant,\*  
Giving light 'to the eyes.  
They are more pre'cious than gold;\*  
They are sweeter than 'honey.  
By them is your 'servant taught;\*  
In keeping them there is 'great reward.

*While we often think of the law as burdensome, it actually brings joy to our hearts because it ultimately leads us to Jesus!*

**All: ♪ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. ♪**

Pastors: ♪ May the words of my mouth and the meditation 'of my heart\*  
Be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Re'deemer.

**All: ♪ 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.**

**All: ♪ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. ♪**

## SECOND LESSON

*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

*The Father's will causes us to think differently about wisdom and foolishness.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** His disciples remembered that it was written,

**C:** **"Zeal for your house will consume me."** (*John 2:17 EHV*)

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL LESSON

*John 2:13-22*

*Jesus is troubled when his Father's house--and his will--are cast aside.*

*After the Gospel, the announcement is made:*

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The 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 fully 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.**

*Be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Salvation unto Us Has Come | CW 390*

*Verse 1-All; 2-Pastors; 3-Women; 4-Men; 5-All; 6-All*

## SERMON

**What is Jesus Passionate About?**

*Please stand.*

## 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.** ♪

*With the good news of the gospel  
freshly in our ears and minds,  
we ask the Holy Spirit's help in  
letting the Word create new  
hearts in us so that we might  
joyfully respond to God's grace.*

*Be seated.*

## 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. 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

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

*Please remain seated.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Heavenly Father, because of our sins, we justly deserve to suffer both your curse during our time on earth and your condemnation eternally in hell. But we plead for your mercy, because your Son, Jesus, suffered the punishment our sin deserved.
- C: For his sake you have forgiven our sins and cleansed us from all unrighteousness.**
- M: Now, trusting that he will intercede for us, we dare to ask for your blessing. Mercifully provide whatever each of us may need for body and life.
- C: Protect us and those we love from all harm and danger.**
- M: Maintain good government among us, and bless all those in authority with wisdom and integrity. Defend us from the devil and the world, which would lure us back into the way that leads to eternal death.
- C: Destroy in us the desires that are contrary to your will.**

M: Comfort the persecuted, the depressed, the sick, and the dying with the assurance that nothing can separate us from your love. Strengthen our faith by the Word of your forgiveness and by the sacrament of our Savior's own body and blood.

**C: Grant that we may praise you, our merciful God, by showing mercy to others in all their needs.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

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

*Silent prayer*

M: We commit to your care our bodies and souls and all things, because you have purchased us to be your own with the sacrifice of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand.*

### **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.**

## *The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

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### **PREFACE**

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M: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And also with you.**

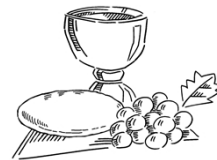
M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

M: 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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: ♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. ♪**

| CW p. 22

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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 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 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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C: ♪ **Amen.**

C: ♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.  
Amen. ♪**

*Please be seated and await the direction of the ushers.*

### 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.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*If you are in need of gluten free wafers or grape juice, please ask for directions from an usher.*

*Please stand.*

## THANKSGIVING

| CW p.24

**C: ♪ Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before  
the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of your people Israel. ♪**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: ♪ And his mercy endures forever.**

M: Let us pray together.

**C: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your  
Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us  
pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us  
but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly  
serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

M: 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. Amen. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*When O'er My Sins I Sorrow | CW 109  
Verse 1-All; 2-Men; 3-Women; 4-All*

*When confronted by God's  
Law, we sorrow over our  
many sins; but we also look to  
Jesus and know that our guilt  
has been taken away!*

## *TAKE HOME QUESTIONS*

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1. Looking at 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, in what ways is Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God? In what ways has God shown these things to be true in your life?
2. In Exodus 20:2, why does the LORD tell the Israelites that he brought them out of Egypt? Think about what that would accomplish in the hearts of the people. In what ways does God do a similar thing when he speaks to us through his Word?
3. It's pretty obvious that Jesus got angry in the Gospel. However, we know that he didn't sin. Why is that a difficult thing for us to understand and come to grips with?
4. Jesus wasn't getting angry about funding gospel ministry; still, in what ways could funding gospel ministry become a stumbling block to the ministry itself? How are those stumbling blocks avoided?

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY**

### **The Theology of the Cross**

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



## **NLHS SOCK DRIVE**

The National Honor Society at Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) is holding a Sock Drive through March 15. The socks will be distributed through the Wausau Warming House and the Wausau Dime & Dollar. Women's socks are in high demand, but all socks are welcome. Place your donations in the basket in the Welcome Center.

## **LENTEN SUPPERS CONTINUE**

*March 10 | 4:45-6:00 PM*

Last Wednesdays pulled pork was a big hit. Thank you to the Willing Workers for serving. This week, Kent Schroeder is putting together a batch of his chili. Be sure to stay after the 4:00 service, or come early for the 6:30 service, this Wednesday for a bowlful.

## **ST. PAUL'S SERVING AT THE FOOD PANTRY**

*March 8-12*

A team from our church will be serving at the South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf (SWEPS) this week. Although we have all of our volunteers lined up, this is a great time make a donation as well. You can drop off your donations at SWEPS (331 12<sup>th</sup> Ave S) or at St. Paul's. At this time, they are especially in need of jelly, ramen, canned soups, spaghetti sauce, crackers, and oatmeal, but other items are always appreciated.

## **MEN OF HIS WORD VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

*April 17*

Are you feeling disconnected, isolated, alone, separated from others? Social distancing can take a toll on our mental and spiritual health. You are invited to join the Men of His Word Conference via Zoom on Saturday, April 17. The keynote speaker (Mike Novotny from Time of Grace) and two presenters will remind you that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35), which also binds us to one another. Though we may be separated, we remain united. Additional details and online registration (\$15) are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org).

## **PURCHASE FLOWERS FOR EASTER**

You can help with our annual decorating for Easter by purchasing a potted plant, which is then yours to take home and enjoy or to give to a friend or loved one. A list of flowers and plants along with their costs is on display in the Welcome Center. Take an envelope from the display and note what plant you would like. Then place the payment inside the envelope and drop it in the offering slots in the Information Booth. If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Klish at 715-421-3607. Orders are due by March 28.

## **CHECK OUT THE ONLINE AUCTION**

Northland Lutheran High School began their online auction on Saturday, March 6. The auction is a fundraiser for the school. Featured items include a Packers helmet signed by Aaron Jones, a grill with a gift certificate for meat, and a handmade quilt. Check it out on the website, NLHS.org. Bidding concludes on Saturday, March 13 at noon.

## **HYGIENE DRIVE WRAPS UP**

There is a huge pile of cleaning and personal care items in the Welcome Center for the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. Thank you to everyone for your tremendous response. Your donations will be delivered to local charities later this week. If you drop off any items after that time, they will be donated to the SWEPS Food Pantry. A special thank you goes to Mike & Judy Anderson for keeping everything neat and organized.

## **2 STEPS FORWARD WITH JAMES AND ADE**

James Hein serves as a pastor at St. Marcus, Milwaukee, Wis., and his wife, Ade, is a healthcare worker. Together they are walking through the Bible 1 chapter at a time, 1 day at a time, with 3 daily devotional thoughts. You can join them by listening to their podcast or watching a video of the study on St. Marcus Church YouTube channel. It's relaxed and comfortable, but it's filled with biblical insights. Ade keeps James from lapsing into "pastor talk" and brings her own life experiences to the discussion. Why not check it out? You can subscribe to their podcast at [stmarcus.org/message-podcast-subscribe](http://stmarcus.org/message-podcast-subscribe).

Mark Your Calendars  
Church in the Park - June 13 at 10:30AM  
at Robinson Park

# CALENDAR

March 7-14

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class in the Resource Center
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball
<b>MONDAY</b>	11:00 AM	Worship for at-risk individuals
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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
	4:00 PM	Contemporary Choir Practice
	4:30 PM	Choir Practice in the Balcony
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:55 AM	Chapel Service
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Midweek Lent Service</b>
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Fellowship Meal in the cafeteria</b>
	5:30 PM	Handbells in the balcony
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Midweek Lent Service</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	6:00 PM	Men's Devotional Basketball in the gym
	6:30 PM	Foundations of the Christian Faith in the Resource Center
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## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last Week's Attendance: 159

From July 1, 2020 to March 4, 2021

Actual ministry income: \$ 700,591

Actual cost of ministry: \$ 696,434

Mortgage balance: \$1,294,710



*Spring Ahead*

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS  
NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 14



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