

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 17, 2019**

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Friendship Pads. Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

Introduction to the day: Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Trusting in the mercy of almighty God,
 we gather in the name of the Father,
 and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us now confess our sins.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Almighty and ever-living God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
and against our neighbors
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.**

**In your mercy,
cleanse us and heal us,
renew us and refresh us,
that your holy light
might shine in us—and through us.
Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus who says,
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to proclaim release to the captives.”

Know that you are forgiven of your sins,
and are freed to love God
and serve your neighbor,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

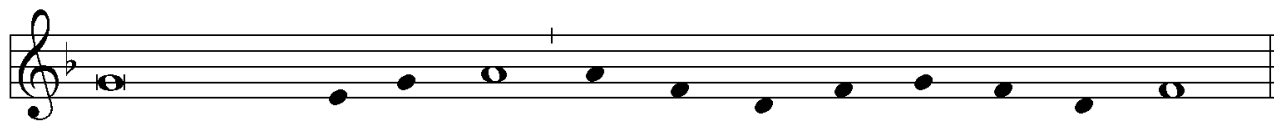
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



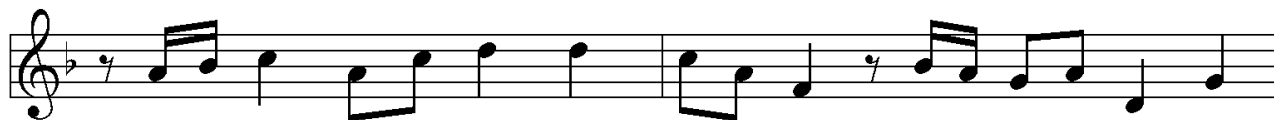
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Jeremiah

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings. (Jeremiah 17:5–10)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they

who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,**

and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;**

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,**

but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. (1 Corinthians 15:12–20)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.” (Luke 6:17–26)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” #769

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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(A brief silence.)

We pray for the church. Raise up faithful leaders to proclaim the gospel. Guide us in the ways of love. Teach us to love our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the earth. Bless deserts and canyons, farmlands and vineyards. Bring rain to lands parched by drought. Renew places scorched by wildfire. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the nations. Provide wisdom to our leaders. Give courage to those who speak truth to power. Grant perseverance to those who fight injustice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For your troubled people. For those who are hungry. For those who worry. For those who are angry or frustrated. For those who feel lost or grieve. Bring comfort and healing to all in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For our young people. For babies and children. For teens and young adults. Bless them with every spiritual gift and keep them safe from harm. Help the old to share their faith with the young and the young to strengthen and encourage the old through their witness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

With thanksgiving, O Lord, we remember those who have trusted in you in life and now rest peacefully in your care. Encourage us by their example and lead us until we are united as one at your unending feast. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE *(Please see note later in bulletin.)*

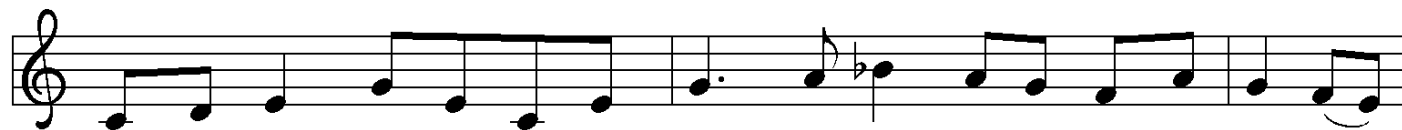
OFFERING

Ushers: Come immediately to the front and wait for the Communion Assistant. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

OFFERTORY (8:00)	“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”	D. Wells
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ANTHEM (10:30)	* “We Fall Down”	C. Tomlin/J. Schrader
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OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

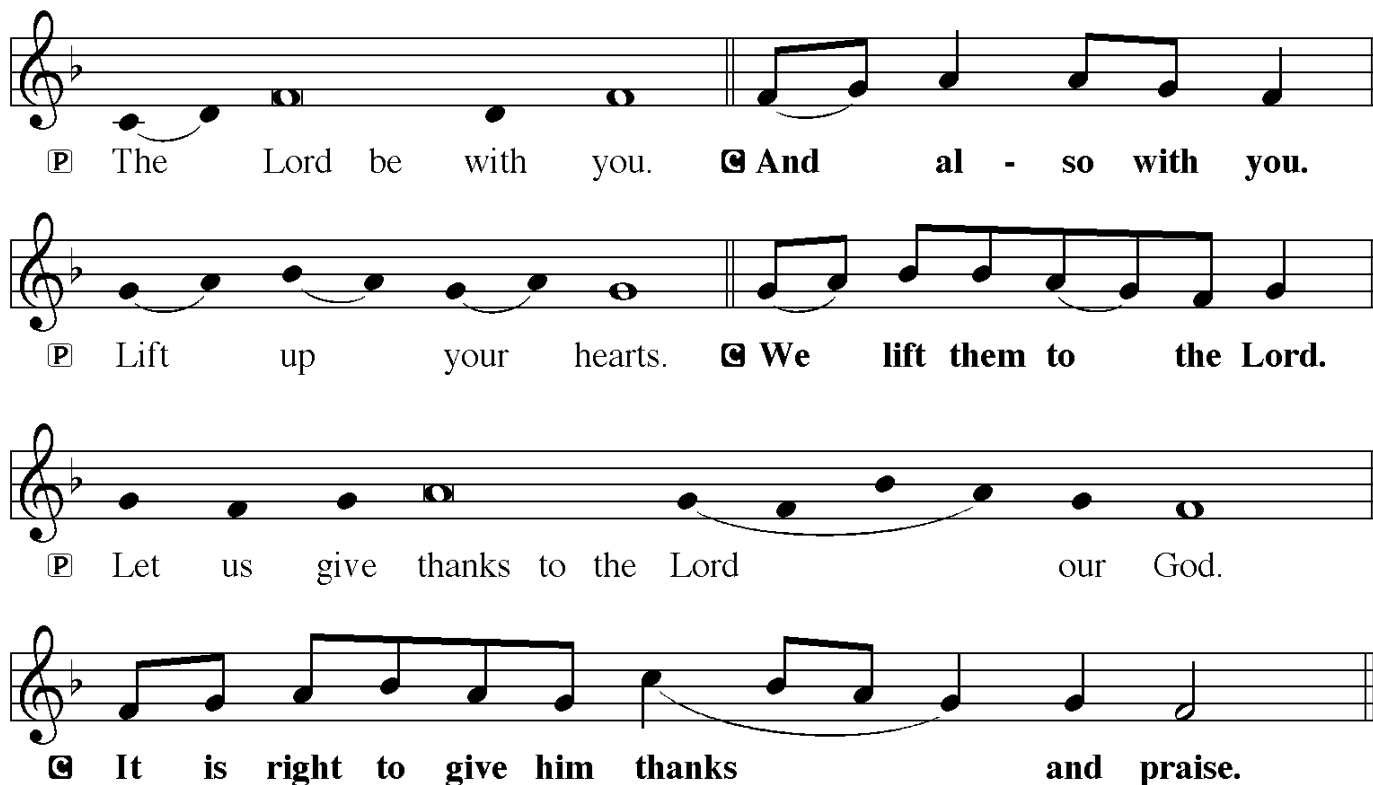
OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that your gracious presence might shine forth in us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

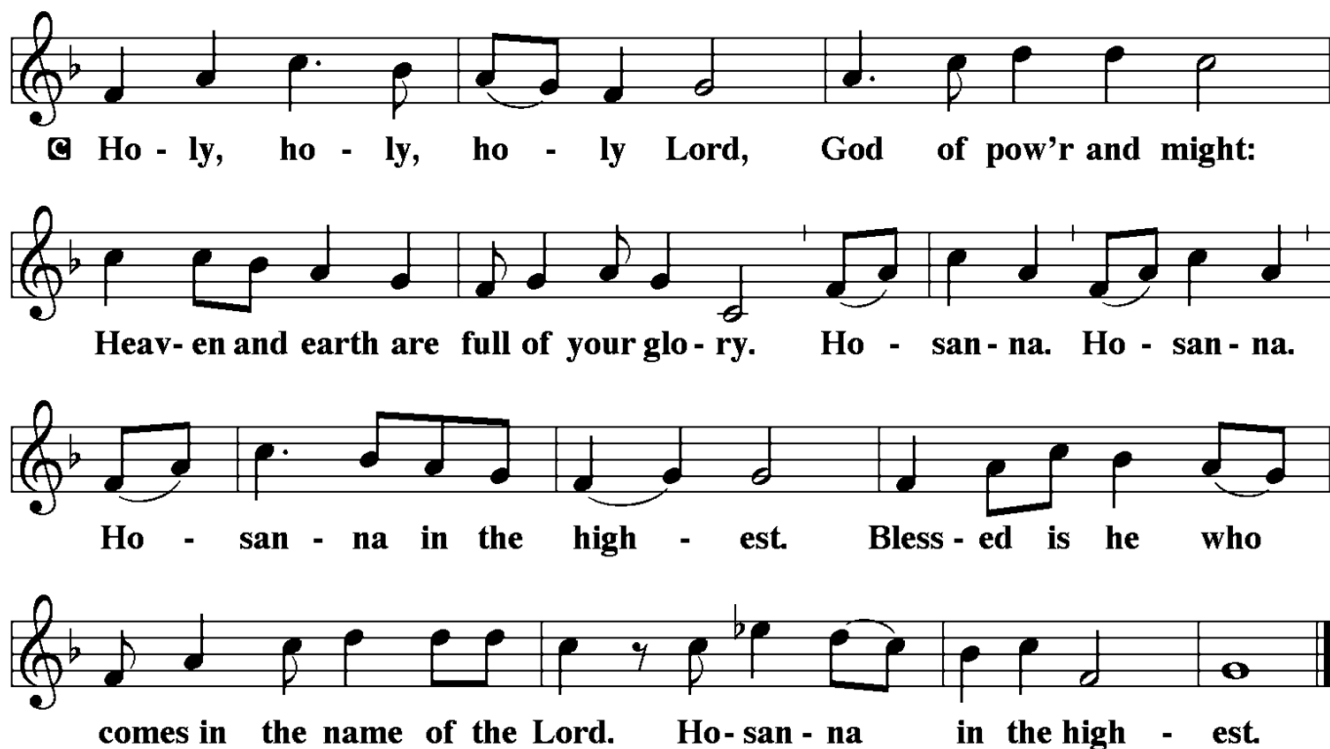
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.
 Share in the feast of God’s abundant life.

DISTRIBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward will receive the Sacrament in their pews.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Blest Are They”

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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banquet table with heavenly food beyond compare. Send your Spirit to us, that we may proclaim freedom to the captive, build one another up for service, and in all things reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of glory dwell in you, shine brightly upon you, and enlighten your pathway; and may our almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” #719

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “March in E Flat” J. Troutman

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Altar flowers are presented in memory of David Sterner by his wife, Barbara Sterner.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of Joy Wolfe’s birthday (January 19) by Wendy, Bob, and family and Scott, Marci, and family.

Today’s bulletins are presented in memory of Franklin Kamp by Tina and Scott Butler.

* **This anthem** is presented in honor of my husband Tom’s 77th birthday by Gwen Wehr.

SERVING TODAY:

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Kim Stramara; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick; USHERS: Kay Weidensaul & Kim Stramara; GREETER: Carl Heintzelman

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Hope Clarke; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Scott Butler; USHERS: Candice Felton & Barb Sterner; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: ; GREETERS: Brian Miller & Chris Long; COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter & Dana Jenkins; ALTAR GUILD: Chris Long & Tina Butler

SERVING NEXT WEEK (2/24/19)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Gail Rarick; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul; USHERS: Gail Rarick & Debbie Moyer; GREETER:

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Jeff Ritschel; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel; USHERS: Hope Clarke & Steve Zimmerman; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Emily Heydt; GREETERS: Jan Snyder & Chris Long; COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Jean Premich & Barbara Sterner; ALTAR GUILD: Chris Long & Tina Butler

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Tired of dull winter weekends? Why not join your church friends for an enjoyable evening of food and conversation. The Evangelism Committee has set the date of Saturday, March 9, for a progressive dinner beginning at 6:00 PM. We are looking for a volunteer host for the dessert course. Look for the sign-up sheet at the gathering place. If you attend Saturday night worship, you can still join us because we will not be rushing to the second host home and would love to have you join us. Pastor said he will not extend the Saturday night service on March 9!

CALENDAR

Saturday, Feb. 16	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, Feb. 17	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
Monday, Feb. 18	6:00 PM	Church Council
	6:30 PM	Financial Peace University
	7:00 PM	Worship & Music
Wednesday, Feb. 20	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, Feb. 23	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, Feb. 24	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
	5:00 PM–	Confirmation Class
	6:00 PM	

BECAUSE WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER

For the sake of those whose health is at risk, as well as for those assembled, their families and friends, our Pastor and our Council encourage us NOT to share the peace with hugs and handshakes at this time. Let us find “other ways” to acknowledge our unity in Christ Jesus—and still greet one another in true Christian love!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will be meeting for 1 hour, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM on certain Sunday evenings. Please let me (Jessica) know ASAP if this is a problem. Pastor Mike and I both felt that moving it up to a start time of 5:00 PM and having it last an hour would give us enough time to cover the material and still give families time for a Sunday evening together before the new school/work week begins.

Here is the schedule of dates. Please mark your calendars and let me know as soon as you are able, if there is a conflict.

Sunday from 5:00 PM–6:00 PM

February 24—Holy Spirit

March 10—Church & Saints

March 24—Forgiveness & Sins

April 7—Resurrection & Eternal Life

May 5—Ten Commandments 1 & 2

June 2—Life in the Church (after confirmation)/Prepare for Confirmation/What to expect for the Worship Service.

Confirmation is scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, June 9, at 9:30 AM. More details to come.

Please continue to sign bulletins and fill out the worship reflection sheets. Place both in the basket at the back of the church.

I look forward to growing in faith together with Pastor Mike and the confirmation class as they finish their 2-year commitment of learning and growing in their faith. It will be exciting to see what they will bring to the life of the church.

Many blessings,

Jessica Swick

CHURCH DIRECTORY

In 2019, St Paul's will be celebrating the 175th anniversary of the formation of our congregation, which formed in 1844. The Evangelism Committee would like to have a new church directory for the special occasion. Anyone interested in helping with the directory, please contact an Evangelism Committee member.

OSS OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8:30–12:30
Wednesday	8:30–12:30
Friday	8:30–12:30

From time to time, it is necessary for me to alter the day and/or time that I can be in the office. If possible, I will convey that information ahead of time.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Other Office Hours by Request

Please call before you come to visit.

Pastor Mike is in and out the church office on a regular basis. If you would like to meet with him at the church or invite him to talk with you at your home, please call him or leave a message on the church telephone (at extension #11).
