

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Who is this man? Jesus sends us to serve.



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As Christians united in common faith, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to nurture believers and bring the lost to faith in Jesus through God's Holy Word and Sacraments.

Welcome!

- All worshipers are asked to complete an online 'Connection Card' on our website www.stpaulappletonwi.com.
- Restrooms are in the church basement located just at the bottom of the front stairs. Changing tables are available to parents.
- An elevator is available on the north side of the church entrance.
- The basement is available to parents needing to quiet small children. The area is equipped with closed circuit TV.
- Out of respect for all who worship today, please silence all electronic devices.



If you choose to take a hard-copy bulletin:

please either take it with you or dispose of it after the service. They will not be re-used. Thank you!

Who is this man? Jesus sends us to serve.

In Epiphany, we want to get to know Jesus. Through faith we have come to know that this world is temporary. Jesus calls on us to work for things that have lasting value and benefit others eternally.

HYMN

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening – **CW 283**

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: 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.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven you 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 strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

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

C: ♪ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord is eternal;

it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 🙏 Amen.

FIRST LESSON & SERMON TEXT

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah preached in Nineveh

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." ³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

PSALM OF THE DAY *(To be spoken responsively)*

Psalm 62

We find rest in God

P: My soul finds rest in God alone;

C: my salvation comes from him.

P: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

C: he is my fortress; I will never be shaken.

P: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

C: My hope comes from him.

P: Though your riches increase,

C: do not set your heart on them.

P: My salvation and my honor depend on God;

C: he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

P: Trust in him at all times, O people;

C: pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

This world is passing away

What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**C: 🌿 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we
may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus' calls disciples

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" ¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

C: 🌿 Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN

O God from God, O Light from Light – **CW 85**

SERMON

Pastor Kenneth Frey

God's Word produces real change

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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

HYMN

Take my Life and Let It Be – **CW 469**

P: 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.

C: ♪ Amen.

P: 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. Amen. Amen.

HYMN

Savior, I Follow On – **CW 473 v. 1 & 4**

Worship Notes

Presiding Minister: Matthew Holtz
Organist: Philip Machkovech

Service Teams:

8:00 a.m.	R. Hoh (Head Usher), G. Petermann, B. Hopfensperger, T. Luehring, C./M. Krueger
10:30 a.m.	B. Holz (Head Usher), J./M. Holz, T. Abitz, B. Casey, A. Malueg, G. Fredericks, M. Fay
6:00 p.m.	C. Waack (Head Usher), J. Ings, C. Feidt, P. Rooyakkers, J. Kaepernick, J. Eckstein

Welcome

In an age of anxiety we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In an age of confusion we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

In an age of doubt we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

In an age of reason we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

In an age of change we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.



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