
We Gather in God's Name

As We Prepare for Worship

The claim that if [one] observes His word [they] shall be freed from death is the claim of a fanatic or lunatic – unless it is true.

– *William Temple*

Prelude

“When I Can Read My Title Clear”

Shackley

***Gathering Words** *John 1:1-5 (CEB)*

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.

The Word was with God in the beginning.

Everything came into being through the Word,
and without the Word
nothing came into being.

What came into being
through the Word was life,

and the life was the light for all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't
extinguish the light.

We come, seeking both light and life.

Let us worship the Lord.

***Gathering Hymn #152**

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

Call to Prayer

God's light makes us aware of God's glory while at the same time, making our sin more visible. In the light of both, let us come to the Lord in prayer.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession – with John 1:10-14

Jesus Christ, Light for all people, we are thankful that your light continues to shine in our world. In times of darkness, we are reminded that darkness cannot overcome your light.

Your light is life.

But we are also reminded that we don't always recognize your light. Instead, we believe the lies of this world. In times of uncertainty, we rely on money or our own abilities to find our way. We want something we can hold onto. Your light seems elusive.

Jesus, help us to recognize your light.

We are reminded that we don't always welcome your light. Instead, we turn away from cries of injustice. We pretend we don't hear suffering and need. It makes us uncomfortable. Your light becomes unwelcome.

Jesus, help us to welcome your light.

Lord, we want to believe.

Help our unbelief.

We want you to make your home in us.

Heal us of our fear.

We want to be your children.

Gather us to you.

silent confession

May we see and welcome the glory of Jesus, full of grace and truth.

Amen.

Words of Light *John 8:12 (CEB)*

Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Our Response #134 “Joy to the World” *verse 4*

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

God’s Word Comes Alive

Prayer for Illumination – *from Psalm 43:3*

Holy Spirit, send out your light – that it would lead us. Send out your truth – that it would bring us to your holy dwelling. May Your Word be glorified in us. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospels *Mark 3:31-35 (NRSV)*

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³ And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Gospels John 8:31-59 (CEB)

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teaching. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³ They responded, “We are Abraham’s children; we’ve never been anyone’s slaves. How can you say that we will be set free?”

³⁴ Jesus answered, “I assure you that everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ A slave isn’t a permanent member of the household, but a son is. ³⁶ Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you really will be free. ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham’s children, yet you want to kill me because you don’t welcome my teaching. ³⁸ I’m telling you what I’ve seen when I am with the Father, but you are doing what you’ve heard from your father.”

³⁹ They replied, “Our father is Abraham.”

Jesus responded, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do Abraham’s works. ⁴⁰ Instead, you want to kill me, though I am the one who has spoken the truth I heard from God. Abraham didn’t do this. ⁴¹ You are doing your father’s works.”

They said, “Our ancestry isn’t in question! The only Father we have is God!”

⁴² Jesus replied, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God. Here I am. I haven’t come on my own. God sent me. ⁴³ Why don’t you understand what I’m saying? It’s because you can’t really hear my words. ⁴⁴ Your father is the devil. You are his children, and you want to do what your father wants. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has never stood for the truth, because there’s no truth in him. Whenever that liar speaks, he speaks according to his own nature, because he’s a liar and the father of liars. ⁴⁵ Because I speak the truth, you don’t believe me. ⁴⁶ Who among you can show I’m guilty of sin? Since I speak the truth, why don’t you believe me? ⁴⁷ God’s children listen to God’s words. You don’t listen to me because you aren’t God’s children.”

⁴⁸ The Jewish opposition answered, “We were right to say that you are a Samaritan and have a demon, weren’t we?”

⁴⁹ “I don’t have a demon,” Jesus replied. “But I honor my Father and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ I’m not trying to bring glory to myself. There’s one who is seeking to glorify me, and he’s the judge. ⁵¹ I assure you that whoever keeps my word will never die.”

⁵² The Jewish opposition said to Jesus, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham and the prophets died, yet you say, ‘Whoever keeps my word will never die.’ ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died and the prophets died, so who do you make yourself out to be?”

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is meaningless. My Father, who you say is your God, is the one who glorifies me. ⁵⁵ You don’t know him, but I do. If I said I didn’t know him, I would be like you, a liar. But I do know him, and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham was overjoyed that he would see my day. He saw it and was happy.”

⁵⁷ “You aren’t even 50 years old!” the Jewish opposition replied. “How can you say that you have seen Abraham?”

⁵⁸ “I assure you,” Jesus replied, “before Abraham was, I Am.” ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and left the temple.

Message “Light and Life (III)” Rev. Michelle Henrichs

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

(Please use whichever words are most familiar to you.)

God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

Call to Offering

To the glory of God, let us bring our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

“Rock of Ages”

Krieger

***Doxology #606** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Good and faithful God, with thanksgiving for all you are and all you provide, we offer these gifts. May they be a good and faithful witness to you in the world. Amen.

***Sending Song #137** “He Came Down”

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Praise to the Almighty God”

Paxton



You may wish to be seated for the postlude and then stay for coffee and fellowship.

Today and This Week at Heritage
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m.	Worship:	Rev. Michelle Henrichs
	Liturgist:	Sam Henrichs
	Ushers/Greeters:	Glenn & Gigi Sheridan
	Set-up / Take-down:	Ron Kohler & helpers
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time	
	Refreshments:	Jane Arloszynski
11:15 a.m.	The Wired Word	

Tuesday

- 4:00 p.m. Mission meeting, Health Center Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Session meeting, Health Center Conference Room

Saturday

- 12:30 p.m. Jazz Service rehearsal, Olive Wood Theater
- 1:00 p.m. Shelter Service rehearsal, Olive Wood Theater

Next Sunday, Feb. 3
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Jazz/Gospel Service

- 8:45 a.m. Jazz rehearsal
- 9:25 a.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: Rev. Michelle Henrichs
 Liturgist: Brandy Bohman
 Communion: Glenn & Gigi Sheridan
 Ushers/Greeters: Glenn & Gigi Sheridan
 Set-up / Take-down: Ron Kohler & helpers
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship time
 Refreshments: Congregational Conversation
 and lunch

A Visit with the Pastor

Pastor Michelle is in the office on Tuesday afternoons (except the 3rd Tuesday) from 2:00 - 4:30. If you would like a visit with Pastor Michelle at another time, please contact her at 262-488-5100 or mahenrichs@gmail.com. You may also leave a message with the church office at 414-425-2050.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Each week, we remember two families in prayer. We thank God for them, ask God’s blessing upon them and God’s presence with them. Please keep these highlighted families and the other listed people and places in your personal prayers throughout the week.

Highlighted Families:

Guy & Louise Osborn
Dale & Barbara Pforr

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

Presbytery of Sheppards &
Lapsley, AL
The people of Vanatu

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Malaysia

In Our Prayers

This week's prayer list:

Lauren Giuliani is in the last weeks of pregnancy and feeling uncomfortable.

Healing prayers for Tudor Oaks residents suffering from the respiratory virus going around.

Tudor Oaks resident Ken Snyder is out of the hospital and worshipped with us last Sunday.

Jerry Zebrick died peacefully Thursday evening, surrounded by family. Please keep Pat, Sherry (Ron), and Craig (Linda) in your prayers. More information will be available regarding a memorial service.

Prayers for Tudor Oaks resident Estella Gilgenbach, who is in the final days of her life.

Our on-going prayer list:

Karen Anderson, Roxanne Lawrence, Jean Ripple, Gerry Kohl, Pat Zebrick, and Jane Arlozynski's brother, Earl Duckwall.

Announcements

In case a Tudor Oaks resident needs assistance, please notify the Nursing Station in the Health Center or the Front Desk or call 1-414-529-0100.

The Wired Word Update

The Wired Word will meet today at 11:15 in the Olive Wood Theater. Due to next Sunday's Congregational Conversation and Lunch and the Feb. 10 Shelter Service, the Word Word's next meeting date will be Feb. 17.

Pastor's Bible Study Update

The Bible Study group meets at 1:00 p.m. every Tuesday of the month except the third Tuesday. Join us as we reflect on the texts for the following Sunday. For more information, please contact Pastor Michelle at mahenrichs@gmail.com.

Blood Drive at Forest Park, Monday, Feb. 4

Be a Hero! Visit Forest Park's Blood Drive on Monday, February 4! The event will take place at Forest Park Presbyterian Church (2300 S. Sunny Slope Road in New Berlin) in the lower level Fellowship Hall from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are always welcome! Please make your appointment online at:

https://donor.bcw.edu/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/171032 or contact [Denine Dulde](mailto:DenineDulde) at 262-786-8390 or ddulde@hotmail.com.

The Blood Center is giving a cute pair of socks to all donors. The bottom of one sock says, "R U My Type?" The other has the Blood Center logo on it.

Congregational Conversation and Lunch

Please save the date for a Congregational Conversation and lunch following worship on Sunday, Feb. 3.

The 2019 Shelter Service

The 2019 Shelter Service will support The Waukesha Women's Center. Helping to provide safe shelter for those in very trying times will be our focus. TWC does so much! They really have no limits to what they are willing to do for their clients to make their lives seem as normal as possible and help guide them through their healing and eventual independence. That's why we decided to support the Client Resource Fund through our Shelter Service. There are so many stories and examples of how that fund has changed a life or saved a life!

If you'd like to help out with the Shelter Service, please let Connie Fellows know ASAP of your availability for the following dates: Feb. 10, Feb. 24, March 3, and March 10.

S.O.S. (Share Our Suppers)

Heritage is again making and serving meals at Tippecanoe this winter. We are committed to every Monday in February. We join in conversation with guests before and during dinners as we sit with them sharing the meal. If you think you can join us in this ministry, contact Jan Tesch or any member of the Mission council. Here are some ways you could help:

1. Donate money to defray costs of purchasing food.
2. Offer to make part of a meal; salad, bread or dessert or side dish.
3. Delivery of food/meal to Tippe if needed.

For those who have done this in the past, some of the guidelines have changed this year.

1. On the night you serve the meal, you can arrive as early as 5:30 p.m. to warm food if needed. The doors open at 6 p.m. for guests. Servers, guests, hosts, and pastors gather at 6:30 for prayer, and dinner is served at 6:45 p.m. *These times are changed from the previous year.*

2. Clean up items you are taking home; the kitchen is cleaned by the guests.
3. While we encourage large groups to join in making meals, *please send only 2 – 4 people to serve*. With our limited space, we want servers to be able to sit with guests to eat.
4. Plan for serving 30-35 people. Dinner is buffet-style with all serving themselves.
5. Focus the meal on proteins. Brats, burgers, chicken, casseroles with meat. Include a side dish, salad, vegetables and dessert. *Please no nuts*. And bring 2 gallons of milk.
6. Many of the guests have dental issues, so soft breads and fruits are the best choice.
7. For extras the next day, you could add things like granola bars, pop tarts, peanut butter & jelly, cereal, packaged chips and crackers, hard boiled eggs, oranges, apples and bananas. *New This Year*: After dinner, you are invited upstairs for a time of reflection on your experience.

And if you would like to be “on call” for making lunch on the very frigid days when guests are allowed to stay till noon, please email Crystal at sosmealsdi@gmail.com with any questions.