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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 27-28, 2018

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WELCOME We gather today to receive God's gifts and to praise His holy name. We welcome all guests and members to this service of the Word. **Please sign the friendship register located at the end of your pew.** If you are visiting with us today, we encourage you to introduce yourself to Pastor Gorte. As you prepare for the service today, please note:

- Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.
- Restrooms are located to the left and right of the main aisle double doors. Should you need it, there is a changing table in the women's restroom. There is also a parent's room and a second changing table located downstairs.
- Since this time is set apart as holy to the Lord, please turn your phone off.
- Holy Communion is celebrated in today's liturgy. Our congregation is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and believe and live according to the Holy Scriptures. Christ's love is our calling and in His Word God gives us a great responsibility to commune only those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that for their spiritual welfare we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs or any teaching of the Bible are asked to speak with one of our pastors. Peace be with you!

Hymns: 479, 489, 481(vs 2), 538, 311, 477 (vs. 3-4).

Psalm: 33, page 79

Order of Service: Common Service with Communion (p. 15)

Choir: Grades 3-4 - “How Great Thou Art”

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Sermon Theme: Abundance vs. Scarcity

Today's Readings

First Lesson:

1 Kings 17:7-16

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him: “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’ ” She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

Second Lesson:**2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Gospel Lesson:**Luke 18:18-25**

A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’” “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

SUGGESTED NOURISHMENT FOR THE WEEK

27-Jan	Psalm 55, Genesis 37-39	31-Jan	Luke 1:68-79, Genesis 49-50
28-Jan	Psalm 56, Genesis 40-42	1-Feb	Luke 2:29-32, Exodus 1-3
29-Jan	Psalm 57, Genesis 43-45	2-Feb	Psalm 59, Exodus 4-6
30-Jan	Psalm 58, Genesis 46-48	3-Feb	Psalm 60, Exodus 7-9

Friedens Announcements

Friedens Lutheran School and ECDP Open House: Help spread the word about Friedens! On Tuesday, February 27th, from 5:30-7:30 pm, the school and ECDP will be hosting an Open House. Please inform anyone who would be interested in touring our facilities, meeting our staff, and observing what makes Friedens a great place!

School Choice Applications! Beginning on February 1, Friedens will be accepting School Choice applications for the 2018-2019 school year. All applicants (existing and new), must apply or reapply on-line at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications>. The open enrollment period runs until April 20th. If you or someone you know would be interested, we encourage you to apply, or call the office with your questions.

EXPO Volunteers needed: The Kenosha Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Expo at Parkside on March 3-4. Friedens is looking for volunteers to tell visitors about our school. If you could help for an hour or two, please let the office or Mr. Babler know.

Lent Wednesday Night Supper Sign-up – February 14th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The sign-up sheet is now available for groups to volunteers to host the 5 pm supper before the church service. The theme and/or choice of menu is your choice. Sign up in the narthex or church office for Wednesdays between 2/14/18-3/18/18.

Before/After School Care is hiring. This is a paid position. The job will be about 5-10 hrs. a week. Please contact Mr. Babler if you are interested and would like to apply at bruce.babler@friedenswels.org



PARENTS OF EIGHTH GRADERS

Shoreland is accepting admission applications for the 2018-2019 school year. If you would like to apply, the online application can be found at <http://mytads.com/a/shoreland> or on Shoreland's website, www.slhs.us, under the Admissions tab. Parents of current Shoreland students are able to complete the enrollment application through a link that has been emailed to them directly.

SHORELAND CHORALE

The Shoreland Chorale will begin rehearsals on February 4th for a very special Palm Sunday Concert that will be held on March 25. Because of the Super Bowl, the first rehearsal will be held at Shoreland from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Thereafter, rehearsals will be held until March 25 on Sundays from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

You are welcome to join us on our musical journey! Our numbers grew from the teens to the 20's this year. It is a wonderful way to enjoy music and good fellowship. Please join us!

Bus Drivers Wanted – SLHS is in need of bus drivers for before/after school routes, and to and from extra-curricular activities. For more information about bus drivers, please contact Scott Zondag at zondags@slhs.us.

NIGHT TO SHINE

SLHS is proud to once again host the The Tim Tebow Foundation Night to Shine on Friday, February 9, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. This is an incredible prom night experience centered on God's love for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. It provides a red carpet entrance complete with a friendly welcome, limousine rides, a dance floor, and royalty treatment. For more information and to register, please contact SLHS at 262.859.2595 or visit www.tinyurl.com/slhs-shine.

Taste of Shoreland Dinner and Live Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018. This is an important fundraiser to raise tuition assistance money for families that might not otherwise be able to afford a premier Christian education. We are in need of volunteers. If you would like to help with planning this night or if you have items to donate for the live auction and raffles, please contact the office at 262.859.2595.

This Week at Friedens

January 27- Feb 4, 2018

- Saturday** **Worship Service w/ communion– 5:00 pm**
- Sunday** **Worship Service w/ communion– 8:00 am and 10:30 am**
Sunday School – 9:15 am
Groth Long Range Planning Presentation - 9:15 am
Volleyball – 3:30 pm
- Monday** New Member Class – 6:30 pm
- Tuesday** Senior Bowling @ Sheridan Lanes – 1:00 pm
- Wednesday** **Chapel – 8:00 am**
Bible Study – 9:00 am
- Thursday** Ladies Aid – 1 pm
Choir Practice– 6:30
- Saturday** **Worship Service w/comm. 5:00 pm**
FPO – Movie Night 6 pm- 8 pm
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School Choice
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Nurturing a Faithful Future!*

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Early Childhood, K3, School Choice K4 - 8th Grade

Attendance Last Week:

Sat (5 pm) **Sun** (8 am) **131** **Sun** (10:30am) **95** **Total:** **226**

Our Lord's Treasury of last weekend Gifts of love received in the name of the Lord

Offering Report	Last Week	Needed to Date (Per Week)			Received to date
General Offering	\$5,970.00	\$278,845.00	(\$9,615.00)	\$229,366.71	-\$84,245.29
SLHS	\$253.00	\$21,930.00	(\$731.00)	\$11,955.00	-\$7,604.00
Synod	\$306.00	\$21,630.00	(\$721.00)	\$15,257.00	-\$4,959.00
Capital Improvement	\$183.00				
Legacy	\$88.50				
Total:	\$6,800.50				

Special thank you to . . .

- † Our Preacher: Pastor Michael Gorte
- † Our Organist: Becky Gorte
- † Communion Asst. Doug Pagel, and Phil Kruse
- † Ushers: Marty Moskopf*, Chris Anderson, Don Peden, Ken Look
- † Flower Sponsors: Ladies Aid
- † Greeters: Kelley Fox, and Don Peden
- † Choir: Grades 3-4

**Ushers if you are available please assist with greeting
Lent sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.**

– Thank you

Greeters are needed.

Please consider signing up to be a greeter. *Your smiling face welcoming someone to church may be just what they need to start their day off right!* **Contact Mary Leys for more info or the office for sign-up information.**