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An Epiphany Series

Today's Theme: Jesus Revealed As the Light of the World

Friendship Sunday
Siloah Lutheran School Black History Launch



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SILOAH CHURCH & SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 25, 2026
FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

ONLINE LOVE OFFERINGS January 16TH to January 23rd
Capital Improvements - \$50.00; CEA - \$20.00; Food Pantry - \$20.00
General Offering - \$175.00;

GRAND TOTAL OF ONLINE LOVE OFFERINGS - \$265.00.

All given for the Lord's work. Thank you!! Thank you!!

IN-PERSON LOVE OFFERINGS - January 18, 2026

Bereavement - \$40.00; Capital Improvements - \$150.00;
Expansion Funds - \$12.00; General Offerings - \$1,152.00;
Mens' Breakfast - \$51.00; Miscellaneous Fund - \$35.00;
Missions Fund - \$243.00; Pilgrims - \$20.00;

Prison Ministry - \$10.00; Reserve Funds - \$36.00;

Sunday Café - \$30.00 (Bereavement)

GRAND TOTAL OF IN-PERSON LOVE OFFERINGS \$1,779.00.

All given for the Lord's work. Thank you!! Thank you!!

Last Sunday Worship Service - In-Person Attendance - 65

Last Sunday The Lord's Supper - In-Person Attendance - 46

UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Siloah Friendship Sunday - TODAY*
- *Basketball Tournament - February 7, B Team - TBA*
- *Basketball Tournament - February 14, A Team - TBA*

The 2026 envelopes are located on the front left pew near the Sanctuary. If you need some envelopes, please call the church office or contact Mrs. Bennett, 414 873-5770.

The 2026 statements are being mailed and emailed. If you need a statement, please call the church office or contact Mrs. Bennett, 414 873-5770.

SILOAH'S MISSION STATEMENT

It is our God-given mission to witness to the full and free forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ, to learn more about God's grace, to live s examples of God's grace and to labor, lovingly, to share God's grace, all to the glory of God alone, until Jesus comes again.



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Please pray for:

Siloah Partners who are sick and shut-in:

*Hershel Adams, Denise Baker, Tyrone Carter, Carol Davis, Laviena Davis;
Ricky Davis, Lee Dora Gray, Marcia Gray, Dorothy Griffin, Ollie Hill,
Margie Jackson, Ken McGhee, Mae McMurtry, Marcia Perkins, Charmaine Perry,
Sharon Risiner, Bill Ross, Stanley Russell, Joseph Spence, Fallon Sims,
Katie Turner, Shaunte Wigley, and Willie Mae Williams.*

Please pray for:

Friends of Siloah Partners who are sick and shut-in: *Bethany Baldwin (daughter of Deborah Smith), Clarence Baldwin (Father-in-law of Deborah Smith), Gwendolyn Bell (sister of Shirley Dorsey), Jaquese Brister (daughter of Marcia Perkins), Reese Dangerfield (granddaughter of Charmaine Perry), Ronnie Hicks (brother of James Hicks), Justin Jackson (business partner of Marcia Perkins), Michael Jones (cousin of Rozwell Brown), Elijah Nunn (grandson of Marcia Perkins), Shirlean Pettis (mother of Ed Pettis), John Wigley, Jr. (brother of Joyce McGhee) and Barry Woodard (brother of Peggy Woodard)*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! Michael Ross – 1/26.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARIES!!! no anniversaries this week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY – Sunday Café – 8:30am; Bible Study – 9:00am
Worship Service – 10am**

Monday –

Tuesday – Northside Ministries Bible study – 11am

Tuesday – Food Pantry – 12pm – 2pm

Friday – School Chapel Service – 10am



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Order: Siloah's Service of Word and Prayer

Welcome

591 O Trinity, Most Blessed Light – Vss 2-3 words from CW '21

1 O Trin - i - ty, most bless - ed light, O U - ni -
 2 To you our morn - ing song of praise, to you our
 3 To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly light, to Christ re -

ty of sov - 'reign might, as now the fi - ery
 eve - ning prayer we raise; our hum - ble joy shall
 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Spir - it

sun de - parts, come shed your light with - in our hearts.
 ev - er be to praise your name e - ter - nal - ly.
 let us raise one heart and voice in cease - less praise.

Text (sts. 1-2): Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; (sts. 1-2): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt; (st. 3): Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; (st. 3): tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, alt.
 Tune: Nicolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561
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Stand

Black History Litany, Confession and Absolution

P: We praise you as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of all people.

C: You have raised us from death to life by Jesus' resurrection.

We remember the ones You gifted the world as dreamers, builders, and fighters for freedom..."

We rise, we rise, we rise.

We remember the ones You gifted the world as artists, musicians, and writers who shaped our souls...

We rise, we rise, we rise.

We remember the ones You called to proclaim Your gospel of equal love for all peoples...

We rise, we rise, we rise.

We pray for courage to continue the work...

Grant us faithfulness and wisdom.

We gather today as sinners who do not love others as You love them, as hypocrites who point out the sins of others but make excuses for our own, as ones who avoid speaking up for others or going the extra mile to walk in the shoes of others.

For these and all of our sins, we confess we deserve punishment now and forever. But we ask for forgiveness because of Jesus and to be raised up to life as Your children.

God the Father sent His Son Jesus to be the Lamb of God and take away the sins of the world. Your sins are forgiven. You have been transformed to be God's ambassadors of forgiveness, peace and unity to a broken and fractured world. Look forward to eternity where we will stand in perfection before God as one family of every nation, language and tribe.

Amen.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 8:19—9:4

The prophet foretold 700 years before Jesus that people walking in darkness would see a great light.

¹⁹When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²²Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

Children's Message

379 Amazing Grace

Vss 1-2

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, ed. Benjamin Shaw; ed. Charles H. Spelman

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Reading

1 John 2:3-11

God's children walk in the light of Christ by living in love for God and for all other people.

³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

⁴Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

379 Amazing Grace

Vss 3-4

3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (st. 3): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 4): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790

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Sermon: Only Light Can do That

Sermon Text:

Matthew 4:12-17

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

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Stand

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.**

Prayer

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;
in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of our conscience.
Comfort and save us in your patient compassion.
Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises.
Take away our confusion and doubt.
Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you
at your word and to follow you in faith.
Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with
your love, that we may love you and one another.
Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and
sanctified. Receive our prayers for all members of your holy Church, that in
their vocations and ministries they may truly serve and honor you; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Intercessory Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Sung by Ms. Adrienne Hicks

**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 ever. Amen.**

Announcements

- **Welcome Guests!**
- **School Recitations**
- **School Enrollment Opens February 2**

81 Arise and Shine in Splendor

Vss. 1,2,4

1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; let night to
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, the hea - then
4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness when from the

day sur - ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near.
na - tions dy - ing in hope - less gloom and night.
realms of sad - ness they come from near and far.

A - bove, the day is beam - ing, in match-less beau - ty
To you the Lord of heav - en— your life, your hope— has
Your eyes will wake from slum - ber as peo - ple with - out

gleam - ing; the glo - ry of the Lord is here.
giv - en great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
num - ber re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—
bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Siloah Lutheran Church Mission Statement

It is our God-given mission to **WITNESS** to the full and free forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ in our community.

Our Objectives are:

- To **LEARN** more and more about God's grace through his Word and Sacraments in worship, Bible study, and our Christian school for strengthening of our faith, fellowship, and families.
- To **LIVE** as examples of God's grace as we gather to encourage one another and to help the physically and spiritually needy in our congregation, our community, and the world.
- To **LABOR** in love to share God's grace, the sweet message of the gospel, with our diverse community and all with whom we come in contact.

Actions steps from today's worship:

Learn More and More: Pick up Sermon Study Guide / Activity Sheets and work through by self or with others

Live as Examples: Contact someone today who has become disconnected from you or church and talk or pray on phone or line up lunch etc.

Labor in Love: Share www.StreamSiloah.com via social media, direct message or text to someone who needs more Jesus

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WELS NEWS

Wisconsin Lutheran High School is excited to share preliminary expansion plans for the recently purchased Pick 'n Save property with our conference congregation members. WLHS will be hosting presentations at several area churches and attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback following each presentation via a QR code. No RSVP is needed—please join us to learn more! The presentation schedule with times and locations is as follows:

- **January 25 at 6:00 p.m.** - Star of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, 3700 S. Casper Drive, New Berlin
- **February 5 at 6:30 p.m.** - Christ Lutheran Church (Grand Hall), Pewaukee, W240N3103 Pewaukee Road, Pewaukee
- **February 10 at 10:00 a.m.** - Christ the Lord Lutheran Church (Sanctuary), 1650 N. Brookfield Road, Brookfield
- **February 10 at 1:00 p.m.** - Atonement Lutheran Church (Sanctuary), 4500 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee
- **February 11 at 7:00 p.m.** - Wisconsin Lutheran High School (Atrium – representative meeting, all are welcome), 330 N. Glenview Ave., Milwaukee
- **February 15 at 9:15 a.m.** - Pilgrim Lutheran Church (Sanctuary), Menomonee Falls, W156N5436 Bette Drive, Menomonee Falls
- **February 22 at 11:45 a.m.** - Grace Center, Downtown, 250 E. Juneau Ave., Milwaukee
- **February 22 at 11:30 a.m.** - St. John's, Wauwatosa (Fellowship Hall – basement), 7809 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa
- **March 8 at 10:15 a.m.** - Zion Lutheran Church, South Milwaukee, 3600 S. Chicago Ave., South Milwaukee

WLHS Trades Fair - January 21

Wisconsin Lutheran High School will host a **Trades Fair** on **Wednesday, January 21, from 6:00–7:30 p.m.** in the school atrium. Students in **grades 6–12** are invited to meet representatives from local companies and explore a variety of career pathways in the trades. WLHS staff from Student Services and the Trade, Technology, and Engineering departments will also be available to share information about academic and career planning opportunities.

WLHS String Fest – January 31-

Wisconsin Lutheran High School will host its inaugural String Fest on Saturday, January 31, an all-day celebration of string music and fellowship. String ensembles from across the region will gather for learning, collaboration, and inspiring performances, culminating in a festival concert at 4:00 p.m. This event offers a wonderful opportunity for students, educators, and performers to come together in shared appreciation of string music.

WELS NEWS

Northside Lutheran Ministries a place of worship for many of the members who come several days during the week because they find guidance for their faith and encouragement in their praise to God. Northside has been a blessing to many people in the area around 26th Street and North Avenue in Milwaukee which made a big difference in the lives of families living in the area since the building was dedicated in May of 1998.

Northside Lutheran Ministries
P. O. Box 13063
Milwaukee, WI 53213-0063
Address: 2533 W. North Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53205
Phone number: 414- 933-9700

WLHS "In the Image" Fashion Show –

Limited tickets are now available for the annual "In the Image" fashion show on January 18, 2026 in the WLHS Atrium from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The event, which celebrates women of all ages, presents fashions from a variety of vendors modeled by WLHS students. The show's culminating activity is awarding the Sharon A. Schoeneck ('79) In the Image Scholarship to a junior female student who has achieved academic success and demonstrated community and volunteer service. The tickets cost \$10 for front row seats and \$5 for general admission. Visit wlhs.org/image.

Daddy Daughter Dance (PK-8th Grade) - January 31

WLHS FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) invites dads and daughters (preschool-8th grade) to the 2nd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, January 31, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Enjoy a fun "Winter Wonderland" evening with dancing, games, crafts, refreshments, and more!

Cost: \$20 per family + \$5 each additional daughter. Register at <https://wisco.wufoo.com/forms/2026-wisco-daddydaughter-dance/> by January 24. Questions? Contact Mrs. Shakirah Cousins (shakirah.cousins@wlhs.org) or Mr. Jason Goede (jason.goede@wlhs.org).

Read it and share it today.

How can God forgive me for all the bad things I've done?



WELS

Christ's Love, Our Calling

February 2026 Outreach Newsletter
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I forgot Valentine's Day! I had no excuse. There were plenty of reminders. My wife asked, "Should we go out to eat or to a movie for Valentine's Day next week?" and "Wouldn't that make a good gift for Valentine's Day?" Still, I forgot Valentine's Day.

That was five years ago. Thankfully, my loving wife has forgiven me for my mistake.

My mistake was relatively minor. But sometimes, we are wronged by others in ways that are very difficult to forgive and impossible to forget. Have you been forsaken by a close friend? Is your connection to parents or children strained? Does your marriage have forbidden subjects, subjects that only reopen old wounds? Forgiveness was offered, but the hurt feelings don't just disappear. To forgive and forget is what you want, but sometimes the hurt is so deep that after forgiving, you still remember.

A friend once told me that every time I hurt or offend anyone, I also offend God. With the strain, my mistakes have placed on other relationships, what hope exists for a good relationship with God? If forgiveness from friends is uncertain, how can I hope for God's forgiveness?

I can have this hope because, thankfully, God thinks differently from the way you and I think. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD" (Isaiah 55:8). The forgiveness won by Jesus' death on the cross is different. "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12). "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more"

(Jeremiah 31:34). Through Jesus, God forgives, and God forgets!

That is the good news we are reminded of every week when we worship. It is the very best news. We hope you will join us in celebrating God's forgiveness!

This Sunday, we warmly invite you to join us for light refreshments at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School, and adult Bible study at 9:00 a.m., followed by our worship service at 10:00 A.M.

2026 Ash Wednesday, Lenten, and Resurrection Sunday Schedule

February 18th, 2026, Ash Wednesday Church Service at **6:30 P.M.** with communion.

Lent: February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th in Hoffmann Hall

- **Lent Suppers: 5:30 P.M.**
- **Lent Worship Service: 6:30 P.M.**

April 2nd, 2026, at **6:30 P.M.** Maundy-Thursday Church Service

April 3rd, 2026, at **6:30 P.M.** Good/Bittersweet Friday Service

April 5th, 2026, Resurrection Sunday Schedule

- Sunrise Service at **8:00 A.M.**
- Breakfast at **9:00 A.M.**
- Festival Service at **10:00 A.M.**