

Sunday, May 10, 2020

St. Paul's

Howards Grove, WI



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus as our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you and yours!

**We hope that you will worship with us again!**

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**Coronavirus situation:** Since we can't all gather in one room for worship this weekend, our service can be viewed online through links from our website, [stpaulshowardsgrove.org](http://stpaulshowardsgrove.org). There will also be a limited range radio broadcast throughout our church parking lot on Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:30 am on FM 88.3.

**Communion:** Each week there will be office hours for receiving communion, purchasing scrip, and dropping off offerings. These times will be posted in our weekly congregational announcements. Please contact the respective pastor ahead of time for scheduling a communion appointment.

**DVDs:** There will be a small number of DVDs of this weekend's worship service available to be picked up from the office. They will be ready by Monday afternoon. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you take one.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (pre K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.**

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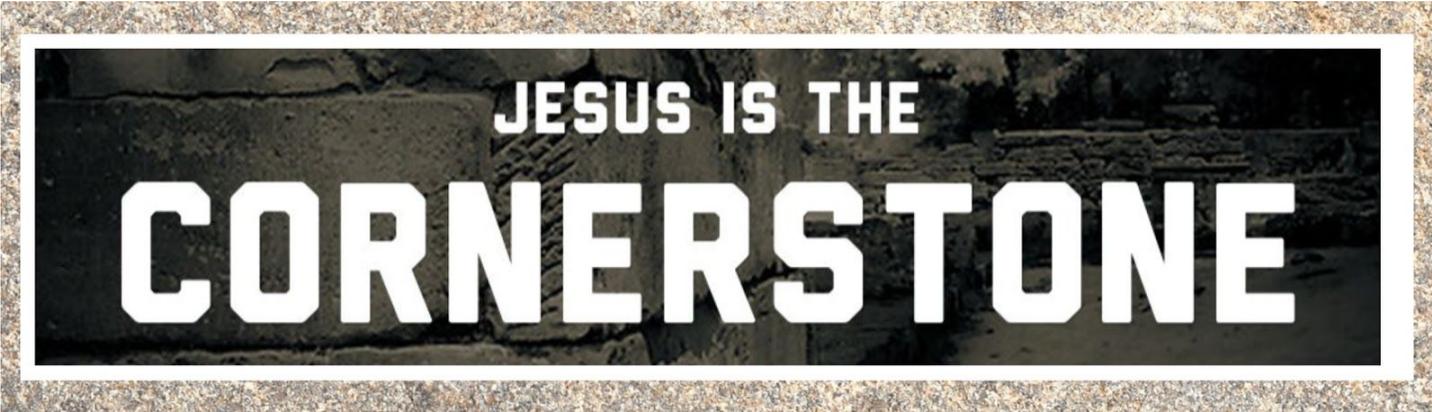
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# JESUS IS THE CORNERSTONE

*Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. The exclusivity of salvation resting in the person of Jesus Christ is a rock against which the unbelieving world crushes itself, but upon which God builds his Church.*

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## WELCOME

## HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* | 531 v. 1, 3, 4

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Zion's help forever  
And our confidence alone.**
  
- 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faithful  
All the gifts they ask to gain,  
What they gain from you forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in your glory  
Evermore with you to reign.**
  
- 4 Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run!**

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\oplus$  and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have sought my own way instead of relying on Christ alone. So often I have looked to the foolish ways of man and disregarded the truth of your Word. I have selfishly lived for myself instead of for Christ our Cornerstone and bringer of everlasting life. Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**HYMN**

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* | 389 v. 1, 2

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood  
From thy riven side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands.  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save and thou alone.

M: Our Heavenly Father sent his only Son, Christ Jesus, to rescue us from our unfaithfulness. We are God's own people and by the power of the Holy Spirit we have become the living stones of God's own spiritual house. Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

**HYMN**

*Alleluia! Jesus Lives* | 153 v. 2

*Sung to the tune of "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

**2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;  
Praise him, ransomed ones of earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song,  
Cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway  
Sin and death and hell obey.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Help us to be faithful to him to death and to receive life eternal. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Acts 4:8-12*

*Salvation is found in no name other than Jesus Christ.*

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, <sup>9</sup>if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from

the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.

<sup>12</sup> "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."

## ANTHEM

## Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Refrain:* Christ alone; cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found. Dressed in his righteousness alone; faultless stand before the throne. *Refrain*

## GOSPEL

## John 14:1-11

*No one comes to the Father except through Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life.*

<sup>1</sup> "Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know where I am going, and you know the way."

<sup>5</sup> "Lord, we don't know where you are going," Thomas replied, "so how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> "Lord," said Philip, "show us the Father, and that is enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> "Have I been with you so long," Jesus answered, "and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father

and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.”

## **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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

- 1 **Built on the Rock the Church shall stand**  
 Even when steeples are falling.  
 Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;  
 Bells still are chiming and calling,  
 Calling the young and old to rest,  
 But above all the soul distressed,  
 Longing for rest everlasting.
- 3 **We are God's house of living stones,**  
**Built for his own habitation.**  
 He through baptismal grace us owns  
 Heirs of his wondrous salvation.  
 Were we but two his name to tell,  
 Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
 With all his grace and his favor.
- 4 **Here stands the font before our eyes,**  
**Telling how God did receive us.**  
**Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice**  
**And what the sacrament gives us.**  
**Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim**  
**Christ yesterday, today, the same,**  
**And evermore, our Redeemer.**

SERMON

*1 Peter 2:4-10***Life from a Living Stone**

Approach \* Selection

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, <sup>5</sup>you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, <sup>8</sup> and, a stone over which they stumble and a rock over which they fall. Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

*Online giving options available*



In thanks for the victory Christ gives us over death, we bring him a generous portion of all we receive. Offerings may be dropped in the box under the canopy during “drive-in worship”, or brought to the office during the hours listed in our weekly congregational announcements. If you are looking for further office needs or requests, please call ahead to schedule so that we can appropriately follow room capacity guidelines.

### SPECIAL PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

M: 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.

C: Amen.

### **THE BENEDICTION**

M: 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.

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*In Christ Alone* | 752

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

**3 There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand:  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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