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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!

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We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!

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Today's Worship Focus: *Some estimates place the damage inflicted by hurricane Ian at over \$60 billion. That won't be repaired and resolved in a week. And it won't be the last hurricane to hit Florida. This will take persistence, day after day, for residents to rebuild and people to rally together. Jesus teaches us today that it is the same when it comes to prayer. You can't give up. Amid disaster and difficulty, you have a God who listens, who saves, and who blesses his people who hold tightly to him and to his promises. God's people Pray Persistently.*

Day by Day

CW 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

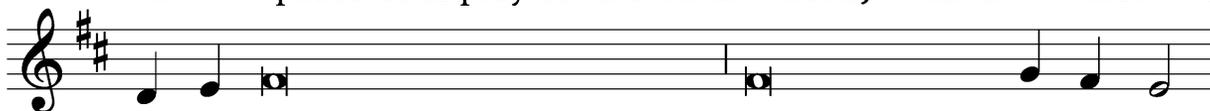
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



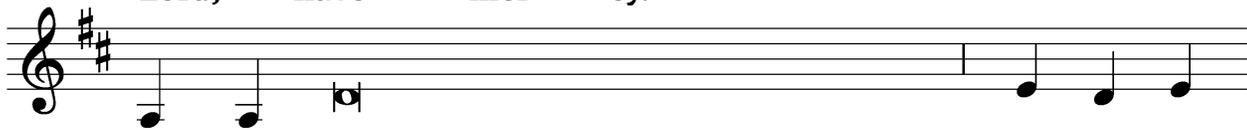
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



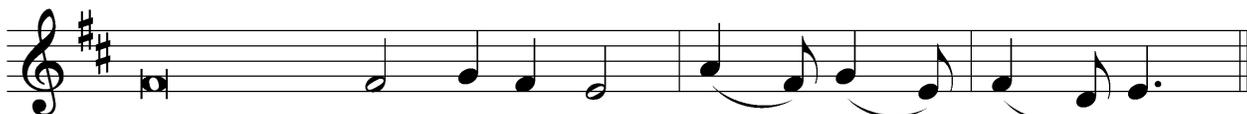
and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



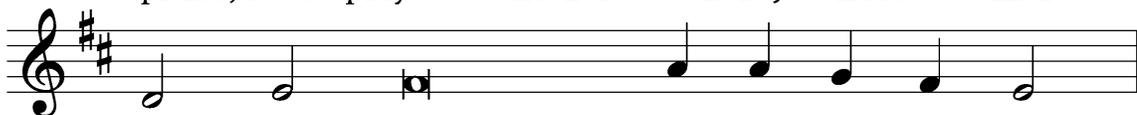
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

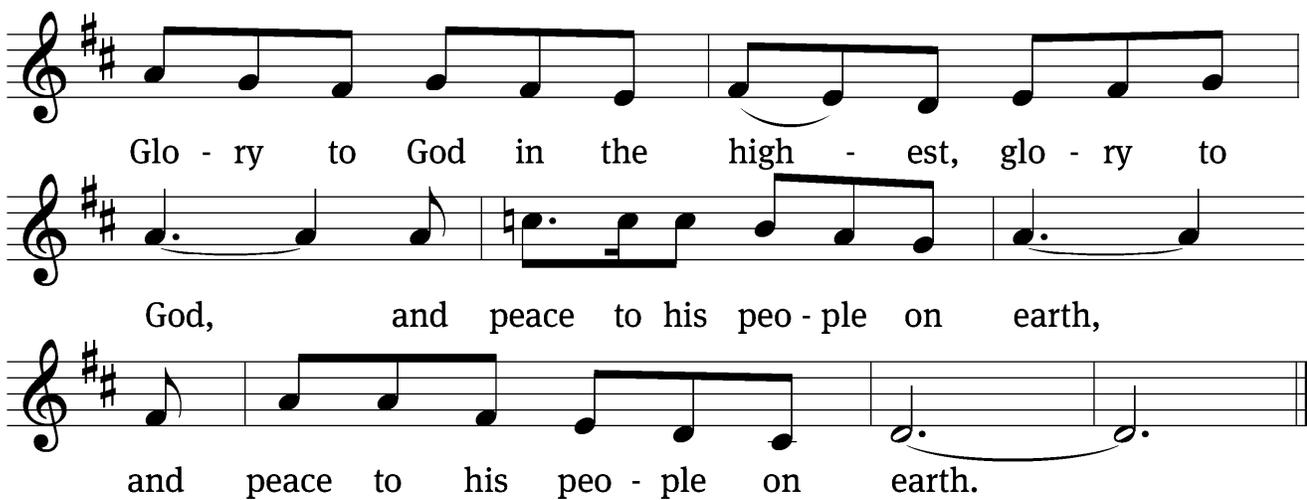


God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

Jacob wrestled with the LORD through the night and would not him go without a blessing.

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Duet

Psalm 121

Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, to whom we pray.

Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 5:13–15

The Lord hears and grants the requests of us who ask according to his will.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719 sts. 1,4



1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

God will bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night.

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723



1	When	in	the	hour	of	ut -	most	need	we	know	not
2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this	a -	lone	that	we	may
3	For	you	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,	to	heed	your	chil -	dren’s
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,	to -	day	and	all	our
5	So	that	with	all	our	hearts	we	may	to	you	our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

Luke 18

*Don't Give Up on Prayer!
 Serious Adversary – Swift Justice*

Please 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

In Holy Conversation

CW 722



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,



and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears



and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Please stand.

Prayer

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

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ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Baumann, Jean Porter, Rachel Rehbein.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Randy Wehrmann, Jim Eick, Craig Thiel, Niel Pahl, Zach/Matthew Prem.

10:30 a.m. Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



OFFERINGS: 10/9 & 10/10 - \$14,470 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$1,004 GROWING FORWARD. \$500 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE 10/9 & 10/10 8:00 A.M. – 243. 10:30 A.M. – 176. 6:30 P.M. – 43.

In our prayers this week...

1. Family of Rachel Rehbein, whose mother died last week.
2. Carl Toepel, who was in a car accident in Milwaukee last week yet only had bruises.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 16	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Voters’ Meeting
Monday, October 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 18	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 19	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study

	NO Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, October 20	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Saturday, October 22	6:00 p.m. Youth Night
Sunday, October 22	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the Divine call. Today we look at *how does someone become a called worker* and if there is time *how does the WELS call process work?* The study takes place in the gymnasium.
- Child Care** is offered between services in the Kindergarten room for young children so that their parents can attend Bible study.
- Voters Meeting** - On Sunday, October 2nd, the School Board gave an update on current enrollment numbers, as well as projected enrollment for upcoming years. In conjunction with this update, they shared rationale for the need to call a 2nd grade teacher so that the current 1st/2nd grade classroom can be split due to the expected larger enrollment in 2023. Mrs. Johnson would continue to teach 1st grade. The fall voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, following the late church service. The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be to seek approval from the voters to call for a 3k teacher, as well as a 1st or 2nd grade teacher for the start of the 2023 school year. If the voters approve to call for one, or both of these positions, we are planning to place calls at the end of the meeting.
- The Living Nativity Breakfast** is on Sunday, October 16th right after first service. Breakfast will include egg bakes, fruit, muffins, and coffee cakes. There will be a free will offering basket for the Living Nativity. This is our **ONLY** way we raise money for Living Nativity. Everyone is welcome. See you there!
- Conference** - Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, and Luther Curia will all be at a conference on Tuesday, October 18, and Wednesday morning, October 19. There will be presentations on the current situation between our Wisconsin Synod (WELS) and the Missouri Synod (LC-

MS), which had been in Scriptural unity until about 60 years ago. This week we will not hold the Wednesday morning Bible class in the Commons.

6. Fall Festival - This year's Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-8:30.

4:00-6:00 Petting Zoo & Wagon Rides

4:00-6:00 Chili Cookoff (as well as hotdogs)

4:55 Devotion

5:00-7:00 Trunk or Treat

7:00-8:30 Outdoor Movie (weather permitting)

An email went out last week requesting decorated trunks, chili cookoff competitors, and some donations as well. Thank you for considering how you may be able to help! This event is open to the community, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

6. Youth Night - A new fun event was launched from this year's WELS International Youth Rally called "WELS Youth Night". This event is like a small Youth Rally, designed to get teens together from a number of area churches to spend an evening together playing games, enjoying music and God's Word, sharing in small group discussions and just having fun and fellowship together. St. Paul's will be hosting this event on Saturday, October 22nd. There are posters around the building with more details, and small informational sheets available in the member room or church office. If you plan to attend, please register online at <https://forms.gle/ASuDuxMjL9jgixRb8> - or scan the QR Code on the poster. Contact Mike Leahy or Luther Curia for any questions.

7. Mindful Moms - St. Paul's has a moms group and all moms are invited! Mindful Moms is a group designed to enrich and encourage moms at St. Paul's and the surrounding community with a friendly space to make and reconnect with friends walking through the same stages of motherhood. Every Wednesday Moms get together for playdates with creative play for littles or Bible studies with encouragement specifically for moms. Evening Mom's Night Out gatherings also provide fun social opportunities to connect. Pick up a postcard for the current meetup schedule or contact the office for more info on how to get connected.



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Day by Day

CW 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
 your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
 ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

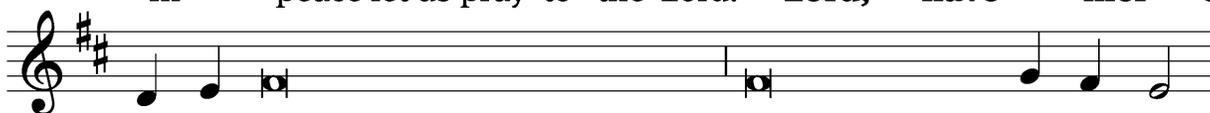
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



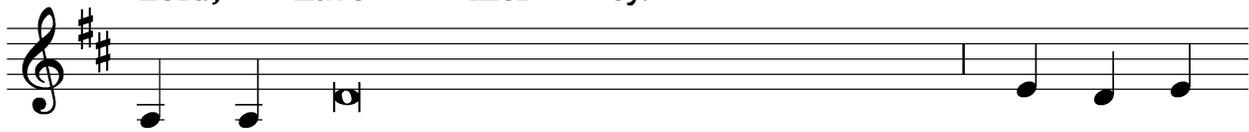
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



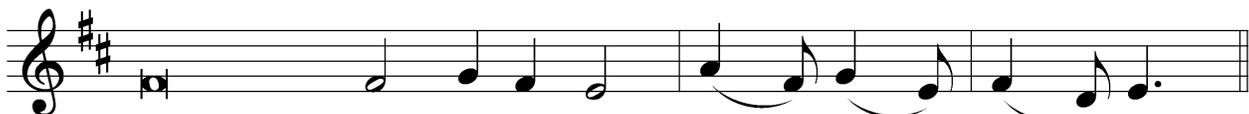
and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



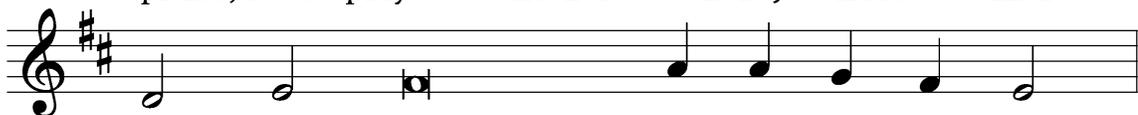
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

Jacob wrestled with the LORD through the night and would not him go without a blessing.

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Duet

Psalm 121

Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, to whom we pray.

Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 5:13–15

The Lord hears and grants the requests of us who ask according to his will.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719 sts. 1,4



1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

God will bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night.

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723



1	When	in	the	hour	of	ut -	most	need	we	know	not
2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this	a -	lone	that	we	may
3	For	you	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,	to	heed	your	chil -	dren’s
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,	to -	day	and	all	our
5	So	that	with	all	our	hearts	we	may	to	you	our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

Luke 18

Don't Give Up on Prayer!
Serious Adversary – Swift Justice

Please 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

In Holy Conversation

CW 722



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,



and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears



and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Please stand.

Prayer

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

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ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Baumann, Jean Porter, Rachel Rehbein.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Randy Wehrmann, Jim Eick, Craig Thiel, Niel Pahl, Zach/Matthew Prem.

10:30 a.m. Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



OFFERINGS: 10/9 & 10/10 - \$14,470 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$1,004 GROWING FORWARD. \$500 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE 10/9 & 10/10 8:00 A.M. – 243. 10:30 A.M. – 176. 6:30 P.M. – 43.

In our prayers this week...

1. Family of Rachel Rehbein, whose mother died last week.
2. Carl Toepel, who was in a car accident in Milwaukee last week yet only had bruises.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 16	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Voters’ Meeting
Monday, October 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 18	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 19	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study

	NO Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, October 20	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Saturday, October 22	6:00 p.m. Youth Night
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	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the Divine call. Today we look at *how does someone become a called worker* and if there is time *how does the WELS call process work?* The study takes place in the gymnasium.
- Child Care** is offered between services in the Kindergarten room for young children so that their parents can attend Bible study.
- Voters Meeting** - On Sunday, October 2nd, the School Board gave an update on current enrollment numbers, as well as projected enrollment for upcoming years. In conjunction with this update, they shared rationale for the need to call a 2nd grade teacher so that the current 1st/2nd grade classroom can be split due to the expected larger enrollment in 2023. Mrs. Johnson would continue to teach 1st grade. The fall voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, following the late church service. The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be to seek approval from the voters to call for a 3k teacher, as well as a 1st or 2nd grade teacher for the start of the 2023 school year. If the voters approve to call for one, or both of these positions, we are planning to place calls at the end of the meeting.
- The Living Nativity Breakfast** is on Sunday, October 16th right after first service. Breakfast will include egg bakes, fruit, muffins, and coffee cakes. There will be a free will offering basket for the Living Nativity. This is our **ONLY** way we raise money for Living Nativity. Everyone is welcome. See you there!
- Conference** - Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, and Luther Curia will all be at a conference on Tuesday, October 18, and Wednesday morning, October 19. There will be presentations on the current situation between our Wisconsin Synod (WELS) and the Missouri Synod (LC-

MS), which had been in Scriptural unity until about 60 years ago. This week we will not hold the Wednesday morning Bible class in the Commons.

6. Fall Festival - This year's Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-8:30.

4:00-6:00 Petting Zoo & Wagon Rides

4:00-6:00 Chili Cookoff (as well as hotdogs)

4:55 Devotion

5:00-7:00 Trunk or Treat

7:00-8:30 Outdoor Movie (weather permitting)

An email went out last week requesting decorated trunks, chili cookoff competitors, and some donations as well. Thank you for considering how you may be able to help! This event is open to the community, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

6. Youth Night - A new fun event was launched from this year's WELS International Youth Rally called "WELS Youth Night". This event is like a small Youth Rally, designed to get teens together from a number of area churches to spend an evening together playing games, enjoying music and God's Word, sharing in small group discussions and just having fun and fellowship together. St. Paul's will be hosting this event on Saturday, October 22nd. There are posters around the building with more details, and small informational sheets available in the member room or church office. If you plan to attend, please register online at <https://forms.gle/ASuDuxMjL9jgixRb8> - or scan the QR Code on the poster. Contact Mike Leahy or Luther Curia for any questions.

7. Mindful Moms - St. Paul's has a moms group and all moms are invited! Mindful Moms is a group designed to enrich and encourage moms at St. Paul's and the surrounding community with a friendly space to make and reconnect with friends walking through the same stages of motherhood. Every Wednesday Moms get together for playdates with creative play for littles or Bible studies with encouragement specifically for moms. Evening Mom's Night Out gatherings also provide fun social opportunities to connect. Pick up a postcard for the current meetup schedule or contact the office for more info on how to get connected.



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table . Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



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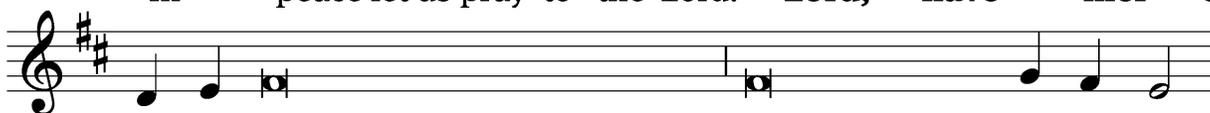
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Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



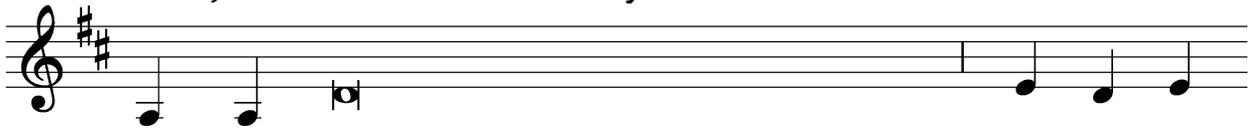
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



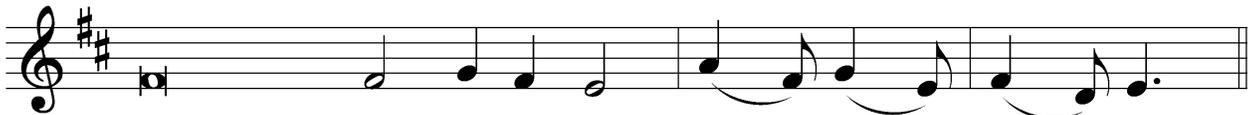
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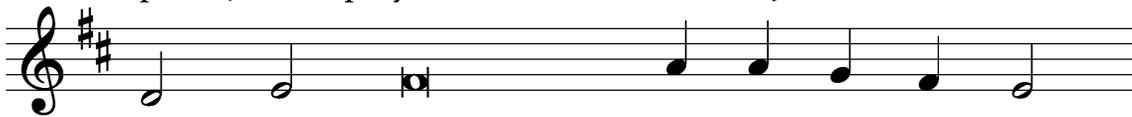
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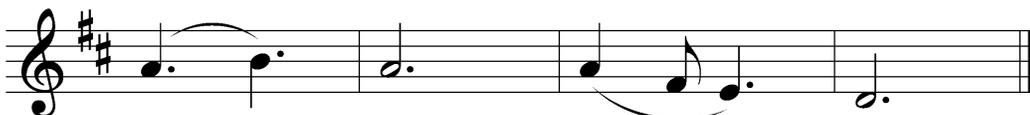
For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



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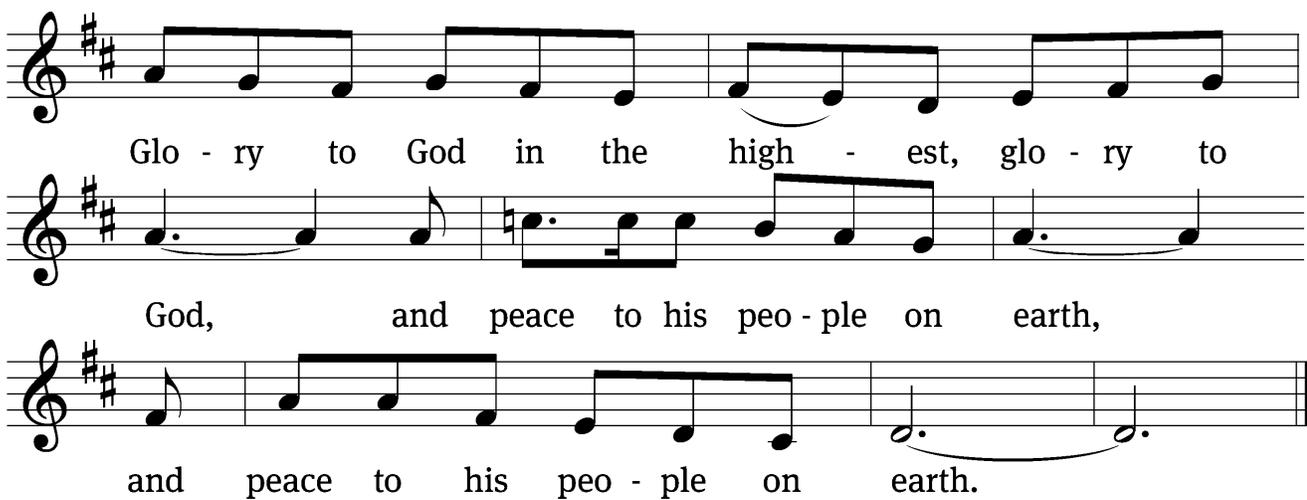


God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

Jacob wrestled with the LORD through the night and would not him go without a blessing.

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Duet

Psalm 121

Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, to whom we pray.

Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 5:13–15

The Lord hears and grants the requests of us who ask according to his will.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719 sts. 1,4



1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

God will bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night.

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723



1	When	in	the	hour	of	ut -	most	need	we	know	not
2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this	a -	lone	that	we	may
3	For	you	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,	to	heed	your	chil -	dren’s
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,	to -	day	and	all	our
5	So	that	with	all	our	hearts	we	may	to	you	our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

Luke 18

Don't Give Up on Prayer!
Serious Adversary – Swift Justice

Please 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

In Holy Conversation

CW 722



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,



and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears



and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Please stand.

Prayer

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

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USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Randy Wehrmann, Jim Eick, Craig Thiel, Niel Pahl, Zach/Matthew Prem.

10:30 a.m. Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



OFFERINGS: 10/9 & 10/10 - \$14,470 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$1,004 GROWING FORWARD. \$500 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE 10/9 & 10/10 8:00 A.M. – 243. 10:30 A.M. – 176. 6:30 P.M. – 43.

In our prayers this week...

1. Family of Rachel Rehbein, whose mother died last week.
2. Carl Toepel, who was in a car accident in Milwaukee last week yet only had bruises.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 16	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Voters’ Meeting
Monday, October 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 18	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 19	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study

	NO Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, October 20	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Saturday, October 22	6:00 p.m. Youth Night
Sunday, October 22	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the Divine call. Today we look at *how does someone become a called worker* and if there is time *how does the WELS call process work?* The study takes place in the gymnasium.
- Child Care** is offered between services in the Kindergarten room for young children so that their parents can attend Bible study.
- Voters Meeting** - On Sunday, October 2nd, the School Board gave an update on current enrollment numbers, as well as projected enrollment for upcoming years. In conjunction with this update, they shared rationale for the need to call a 2nd grade teacher so that the current 1st/2nd grade classroom can be split due to the expected larger enrollment in 2023. Mrs. Johnson would continue to teach 1st grade. The fall voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, following the late church service. The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be to seek approval from the voters to call for a 3k teacher, as well as a 1st or 2nd grade teacher for the start of the 2023 school year. If the voters approve to call for one, or both of these positions, we are planning to place calls at the end of the meeting.
- The Living Nativity Breakfast** is on Sunday, October 16th right after first service. Breakfast will include egg bakes, fruit, muffins, and coffee cakes. There will be a free will offering basket for the Living Nativity. This is our **ONLY** way we raise money for Living Nativity. Everyone is welcome. See you there!
- Conference** - Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, and Luther Curia will all be at a conference on Tuesday, October 18, and Wednesday morning, October 19. There will be presentations on the current situation between our Wisconsin Synod (WELS) and the Missouri Synod (LC-

MS), which had been in Scriptural unity until about 60 years ago. This week we will not hold the Wednesday morning Bible class in the Commons.

6. Fall Festival - This year's Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-8:30.

4:00-6:00 Petting Zoo & Wagon Rides

4:00-6:00 Chili Cookoff (as well as hotdogs)

4:55 Devotion

5:00-7:00 Trunk or Treat

7:00-8:30 Outdoor Movie (weather permitting)

An email went out last week requesting decorated trunks, chili cookoff competitors, and some donations as well. Thank you for considering how you may be able to help! This event is open to the community, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

6. Youth Night - A new fun event was launched from this year's WELS International Youth Rally called "WELS Youth Night". This event is like a small Youth Rally, designed to get teens together from a number of area churches to spend an evening together playing games, enjoying music and God's Word, sharing in small group discussions and just having fun and fellowship together. St. Paul's will be hosting this event on Saturday, October 22nd. There are posters around the building with more details, and small informational sheets available in the member room or church office. If you plan to attend, please register online at <https://forms.gle/ASuDuxMjL9jgixRb8> - or scan the QR Code on the poster. Contact Mike Leahy or Luther Curia for any questions.

7. Mindful Moms - St. Paul's has a moms group and all moms are invited! Mindful Moms is a group designed to enrich and encourage moms at St. Paul's and the surrounding community with a friendly space to make and reconnect with friends walking through the same stages of motherhood. Every Wednesday Moms get together for playdates with creative play for littles or Bible studies with encouragement specifically for moms. Evening Mom's Night Out gatherings also provide fun social opportunities to connect. Pick up a postcard for the current meetup schedule or contact the office for more info on how to get connected.



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!

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We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!

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COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table . Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.

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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 (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Today's Worship Focus: *Some estimates place the damage inflicted by hurricane Ian at over \$60 billion. That won't be repaired and resolved in a week. And it won't be the last hurricane to hit Florida. This will take persistence, day after day, for residents to rebuild and people to rally together. Jesus teaches us today that it is the same when it comes to prayer. You can't give up. Amid disaster and difficulty, you have a God who listens, who saves, and who blesses his people who hold tightly to him and to his promises. God's people Pray Persistently.*

Day by Day

CW 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
 your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
 ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

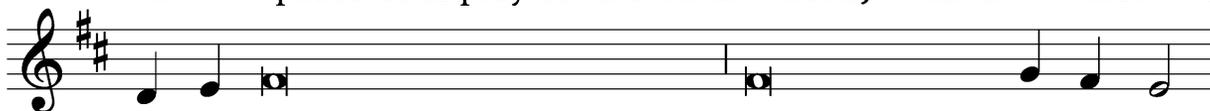
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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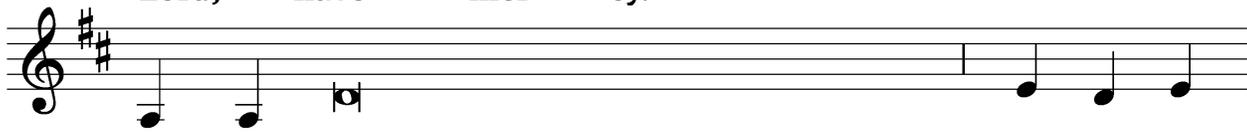
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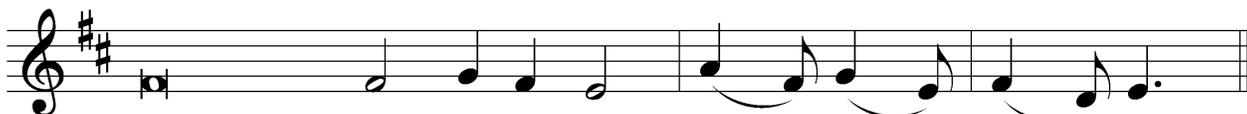
and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



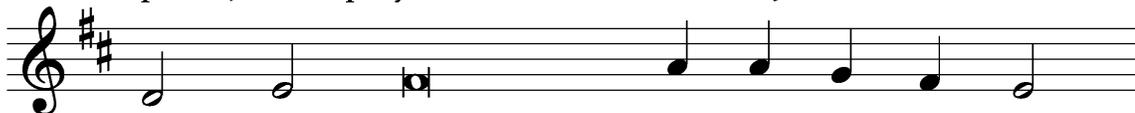
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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

Jacob wrestled with the LORD through the night and would not him go without a blessing.

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Duet

Psalm 121

Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, to whom we pray.

Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 5:13–15

The Lord hears and grants the requests of us who ask according to his will.

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Stand

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719 sts. 1,4



1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

God will bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night.

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723



1	When	in	the	hour	of	ut -	most	need	we	know	not
2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this	a -	lone	that	we	may
3	For	you	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,	to	heed	your	chil -	dren’s
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,	to -	day	and	all	our
5	So	that	with	all	our	hearts	we	may	to	you	our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

Luke 18

Don't Give Up on Prayer!
Serious Adversary – Swift Justice

Please 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

In Holy Conversation

CW 722



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,



and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears



and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Please stand.

Prayer

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

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10:30 a.m. Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



OFFERINGS: 10/9 & 10/10 - \$14,470 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$1,004 GROWING FORWARD. \$500 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE 10/9 & 10/10 8:00 A.M. – 243. 10:30 A.M. – 176. 6:30 P.M. – 43.

In our prayers this week...

1. Family of Rachel Rehbein, whose mother died last week.
2. Carl Toepel, who was in a car accident in Milwaukee last week yet only had bruises.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 16	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Voters’ Meeting
Monday, October 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 18	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 19	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study

	NO Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, October 20	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Saturday, October 22	6:00 p.m. Youth Night
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	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the Divine call. Today we look at *how does someone become a called worker* and if there is time *how does the WELS call process work?* The study takes place in the gymnasium.
- Child Care** is offered between services in the Kindergarten room for young children so that their parents can attend Bible study.
- Voters Meeting** - On Sunday, October 2nd, the School Board gave an update on current enrollment numbers, as well as projected enrollment for upcoming years. In conjunction with this update, they shared rationale for the need to call a 2nd grade teacher so that the current 1st/2nd grade classroom can be split due to the expected larger enrollment in 2023. Mrs. Johnson would continue to teach 1st grade. The fall voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, following the late church service. The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be to seek approval from the voters to call for a 3k teacher, as well as a 1st or 2nd grade teacher for the start of the 2023 school year. If the voters approve to call for one, or both of these positions, we are planning to place calls at the end of the meeting.
- The Living Nativity Breakfast** is on Sunday, October 16th right after first service. Breakfast will include egg bakes, fruit, muffins, and coffee cakes. There will be a free will offering basket for the Living Nativity. This is our ONLY way we raise money for Living Nativity. Everyone is welcome. See you there!
- Conference** - Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, and Luther Curia will all be at a conference on Tuesday, October 18, and Wednesday morning, October 19. There will be presentations on the current situation between our Wisconsin Synod (WELS) and the Missouri Synod (LC-

MS), which had been in Scriptural unity until about 60 years ago. This week we will not hold the Wednesday morning Bible class in the Commons.

6. Fall Festival - This year's Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-8:30.

4:00-6:00 Petting Zoo & Wagon Rides

4:00-6:00 Chili Cookoff (as well as hotdogs)

4:55 Devotion

5:00-7:00 Trunk or Treat

7:00-8:30 Outdoor Movie (weather permitting)

An email went out last week requesting decorated trunks, chili cookoff competitors, and some donations as well. Thank you for considering how you may be able to help! This event is open to the community, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

6. Youth Night - A new fun event was launched from this year's WELS International Youth Rally called "WELS Youth Night". This event is like a small Youth Rally, designed to get teens together from a number of area churches to spend an evening together playing games, enjoying music and God's Word, sharing in small group discussions and just having fun and fellowship together. St. Paul's will be hosting this event on Saturday, October 22nd. There are posters around the building with more details, and small informational sheets available in the member room or church office. If you plan to attend, please register online at <https://forms.gle/ASuDuxMjL9jgixRb8> - or scan the QR Code on the poster. Contact Mike Leahy or Luther Curia for any questions.

7. Mindful Moms - St. Paul's has a moms group and all moms are invited! Mindful Moms is a group designed to enrich and encourage moms at St. Paul's and the surrounding community with a friendly space to make and reconnect with friends walking through the same stages of motherhood. Every Wednesday Moms get together for playdates with creative play for littles or Bible studies with encouragement specifically for moms. Evening Mom's Night Out gatherings also provide fun social opportunities to connect. Pick up a postcard for the current meetup schedule or contact the office for more info on how to get connected.



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table . Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



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 (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Today's Worship Focus: *Some estimates place the damage inflicted by hurricane Ian at over \$60 billion. That won't be repaired and resolved in a week. And it won't be the last hurricane to hit Florida. This will take persistence, day after day, for residents to rebuild and people to rally together. Jesus teaches us today that it is the same when it comes to prayer. You can't give up. Amid disaster and difficulty, you have a God who listens, who saves, and who blesses his people who hold tightly to him and to his promises. God's people Pray Persistently.*

Day by Day

CW 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

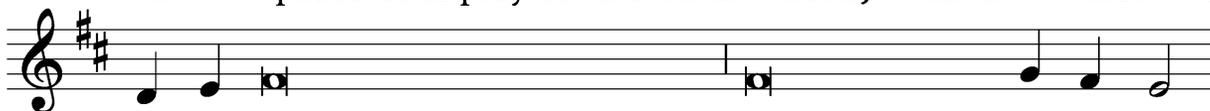
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



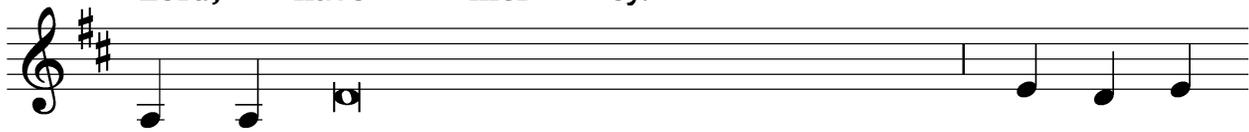
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



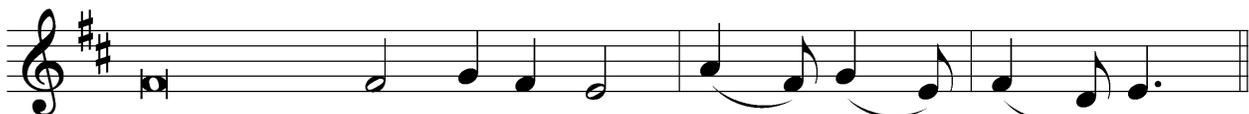
and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



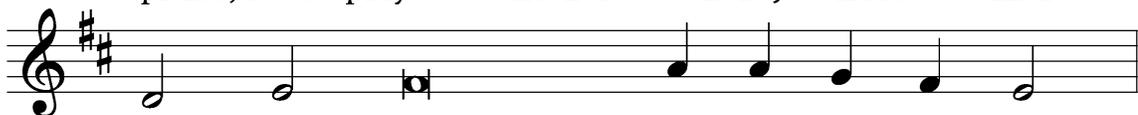
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



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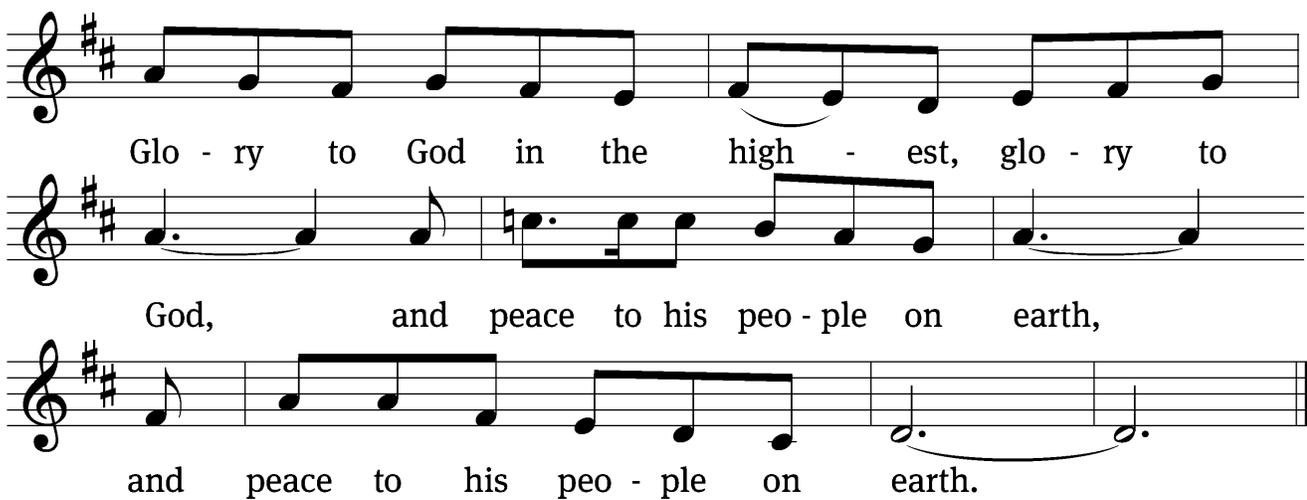


God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
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Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

God will bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night.

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723



1	When	in	the	hour	of	ut -	most	need	we	know	not
2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this	a -	lone	that	we	may
3	For	you	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,	to	heed	your	chil -	dren’s
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,	to -	day	and	all	our
5	So	that	with	all	our	hearts	we	may	to	you	our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

Luke 18

*Don't Give Up on Prayer!
 Serious Adversary – Swift Justice*

Please 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

In Holy Conversation

CW 722



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,



and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears



and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Please stand.

Prayer

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

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10:30 a.m. Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



OFFERINGS: 10/9 & 10/10 - \$14,470 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$1,004 GROWING FORWARD. \$500 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE 10/9 & 10/10 8:00 A.M. – 243. 10:30 A.M. – 176. 6:30 P.M. – 43.

In our prayers this week...

1. Family of Rachel Rehbein, whose mother died last week.
2. Carl Toepel, who was in a car accident in Milwaukee last week yet only had bruises.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 16	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Voters’ Meeting
Monday, October 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 18	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 19	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study

	NO Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, October 20	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Saturday, October 22	6:00 p.m. Youth Night
Sunday, October 22	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the Divine call. Today we look at *how does someone become a called worker* and if there is time *how does the WELS call process work?* The study takes place in the gymnasium.
- Child Care** is offered between services in the Kindergarten room for young children so that their parents can attend Bible study.
- Voters Meeting** - On Sunday, October 2nd, the School Board gave an update on current enrollment numbers, as well as projected enrollment for upcoming years. In conjunction with this update, they shared rationale for the need to call a 2nd grade teacher so that the current 1st/2nd grade classroom can be split due to the expected larger enrollment in 2023. Mrs. Johnson would continue to teach 1st grade. The fall voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, following the late church service. The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be to seek approval from the voters to call for a 3k teacher, as well as a 1st or 2nd grade teacher for the start of the 2023 school year. If the voters approve to call for one, or both of these positions, we are planning to place calls at the end of the meeting.
- The Living Nativity Breakfast** is on Sunday, October 16th right after first service. Breakfast will include egg bakes, fruit, muffins, and coffee cakes. There will be a free will offering basket for the Living Nativity. This is our ONLY way we raise money for Living Nativity. Everyone is welcome. See you there!
- Conference** - Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, and Luther Curia will all be at a conference on Tuesday, October 18, and Wednesday morning, October 19. There will be presentations on the current situation between our Wisconsin Synod (WELS) and the Missouri Synod (LC-

MS), which had been in Scriptural unity until about 60 years ago. This week we will not hold the Wednesday morning Bible class in the Commons.

6. Fall Festival - This year's Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-8:30.

4:00-6:00 Petting Zoo & Wagon Rides

4:00-6:00 Chili Cookoff (as well as hotdogs)

4:55 Devotion

5:00-7:00 Trunk or Treat

7:00-8:30 Outdoor Movie (weather permitting)

An email went out last week requesting decorated trunks, chili cookoff competitors, and some donations as well. Thank you for considering how you may be able to help! This event is open to the community, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

6. Youth Night - A new fun event was launched from this year's WELS International Youth Rally called "WELS Youth Night". This event is like a small Youth Rally, designed to get teens together from a number of area churches to spend an evening together playing games, enjoying music and God's Word, sharing in small group discussions and just having fun and fellowship together. St. Paul's will be hosting this event on Saturday, October 22nd. There are posters around the building with more details, and small informational sheets available in the member room or church office. If you plan to attend, please register online at <https://forms.gle/ASuDuxMjL9jgixRb8> - or scan the QR Code on the poster. Contact Mike Leahy or Luther Curia for any questions.

7. Mindful Moms - St. Paul's has a moms group and all moms are invited! Mindful Moms is a group designed to enrich and encourage moms at St. Paul's and the surrounding community with a friendly space to make and reconnect with friends walking through the same stages of motherhood. Every Wednesday Moms get together for playdates with creative play for littles or Bible studies with encouragement specifically for moms. Evening Mom's Night Out gatherings also provide fun social opportunities to connect. Pick up a postcard for the current meetup schedule or contact the office for more info on how to get connected.



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table . Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



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 (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Today's Worship Focus: *Some estimates place the damage inflicted by hurricane Ian at over \$60 billion. That won't be repaired and resolved in a week. And it won't be the last hurricane to hit Florida. This will take persistence, day after day, for residents to rebuild and people to rally together. Jesus teaches us today that it is the same when it comes to prayer. You can't give up. Amid disaster and difficulty, you have a God who listens, who saves, and who blesses his people who hold tightly to him and to his promises. God's people Pray Persistently.*

Day by Day

CW 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



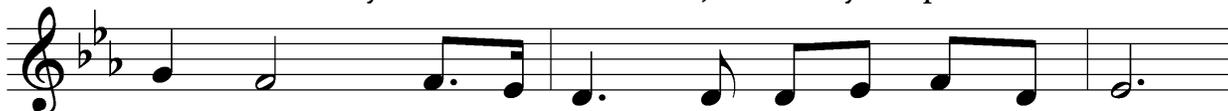
send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

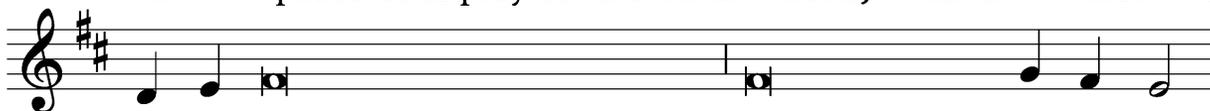
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



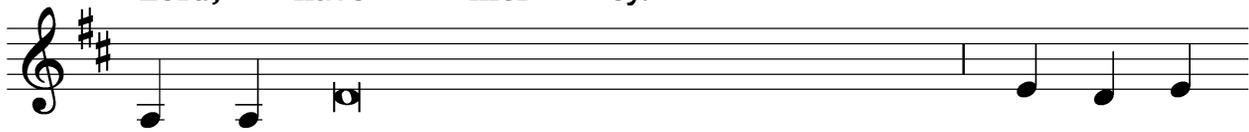
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



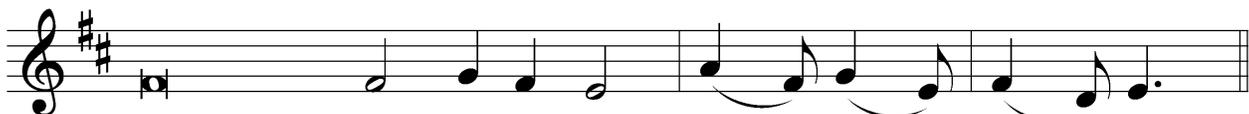
and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



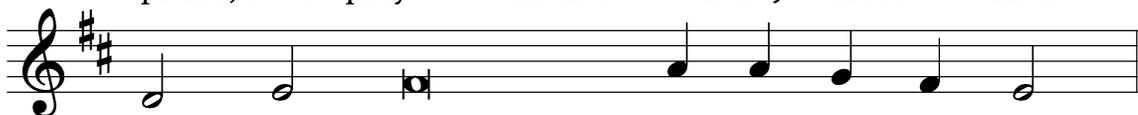
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



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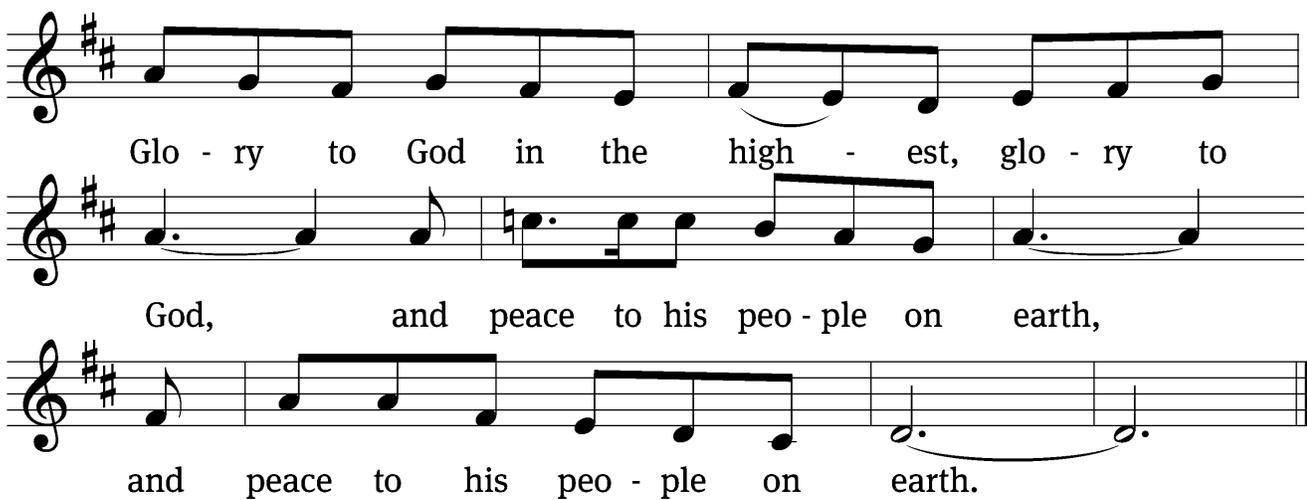


God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

Jacob wrestled with the LORD through the night and would not him go without a blessing.

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Duet

Psalm 121

Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, to whom we pray.

Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 5:13–15

The Lord hears and grants the requests of us who ask according to his will.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719 sts. 1,4



1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
 that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

God will bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night.

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Be seated

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723



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2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this	a -	lone	that	we	may
3	For	you	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,	to	heed	your	chil -	dren’s
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,	to -	day	and	all	our
5	So	that	with	all	our	hearts	we	may	to	you	our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need through him whose name a -
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anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
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 lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

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**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

In Holy Conversation

CW 722



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
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3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,



and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears



and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Please stand.

Prayer

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

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10:30 a.m. Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



OFFERINGS: 10/9 & 10/10 - \$14,470 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$1,004 GROWING FORWARD. \$500 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE 10/9 & 10/10 8:00 A.M. – 243. 10:30 A.M. – 176. 6:30 P.M. – 43.

In our prayers this week...

1. Family of Rachel Rehbein, whose mother died last week.
2. Carl Toepel, who was in a car accident in Milwaukee last week yet only had bruises.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 16	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Voters’ Meeting
Monday, October 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 18	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 19	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study

	NO Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, October 20	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Saturday, October 22	6:00 p.m. Youth Night
Sunday, October 22	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the Divine call. Today we look at *how does someone become a called worker* and if there is time *how does the WELS call process work?* The study takes place in the gymnasium.
- Child Care** is offered between services in the Kindergarten room for young children so that their parents can attend Bible study.
- Voters Meeting** - On Sunday, October 2nd, the School Board gave an update on current enrollment numbers, as well as projected enrollment for upcoming years. In conjunction with this update, they shared rationale for the need to call a 2nd grade teacher so that the current 1st/2nd grade classroom can be split due to the expected larger enrollment in 2023. Mrs. Johnson would continue to teach 1st grade. The fall voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, following the late church service. The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be to seek approval from the voters to call for a 3k teacher, as well as a 1st or 2nd grade teacher for the start of the 2023 school year. If the voters approve to call for one, or both of these positions, we are planning to place calls at the end of the meeting.
- The Living Nativity Breakfast** is on Sunday, October 16th right after first service. Breakfast will include egg bakes, fruit, muffins, and coffee cakes. There will be a free will offering basket for the Living Nativity. This is our ONLY way we raise money for Living Nativity. Everyone is welcome. See you there!
- Conference** - Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, and Luther Curia will all be at a conference on Tuesday, October 18, and Wednesday morning, October 19. There will be presentations on the current situation between our Wisconsin Synod (WELS) and the Missouri Synod (LC-

MS), which had been in Scriptural unity until about 60 years ago. This week we will not hold the Wednesday morning Bible class in the Commons.

6. Fall Festival - This year's Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-8:30.

4:00-6:00 Petting Zoo & Wagon Rides

4:00-6:00 Chili Cookoff (as well as hotdogs)

4:55 Devotion

5:00-7:00 Trunk or Treat

7:00-8:30 Outdoor Movie (weather permitting)

An email went out last week requesting decorated trunks, chili cookoff competitors, and some donations as well. Thank you for considering how you may be able to help! This event is open to the community, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

6. Youth Night - A new fun event was launched from this year's WELS International Youth Rally called "WELS Youth Night". This event is like a small Youth Rally, designed to get teens together from a number of area churches to spend an evening together playing games, enjoying music and God's Word, sharing in small group discussions and just having fun and fellowship together. St. Paul's will be hosting this event on Saturday, October 22nd. There are posters around the building with more details, and small informational sheets available in the member room or church office. If you plan to attend, please register online at <https://forms.gle/ASuDuxMjL9jgixRb8> - or scan the QR Code on the poster. Contact Mike Leahy or Luther Curia for any questions.

7. Mindful Moms - St. Paul's has a moms group and all moms are invited! Mindful Moms is a group designed to enrich and encourage moms at St. Paul's and the surrounding community with a friendly space to make and reconnect with friends walking through the same stages of motherhood. Every Wednesday Moms get together for playdates with creative play for littles or Bible studies with encouragement specifically for moms. Evening Mom's Night Out gatherings also provide fun social opportunities to connect. Pick up a postcard for the current meetup schedule or contact the office for more info on how to get connected.



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table . Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



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 (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Today's Worship Focus: *Some estimates place the damage inflicted by hurricane Ian at over \$60 billion. That won't be repaired and resolved in a week. And it won't be the last hurricane to hit Florida. This will take persistence, day after day, for residents to rebuild and people to rally together. Jesus teaches us today that it is the same when it comes to prayer. You can't give up. Amid disaster and difficulty, you have a God who listens, who saves, and who blesses his people who hold tightly to him and to his promises. God's people Pray Persistently.*

Day by Day

CW 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

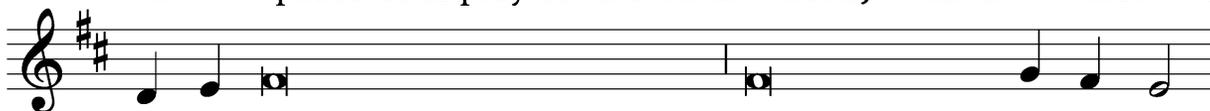
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



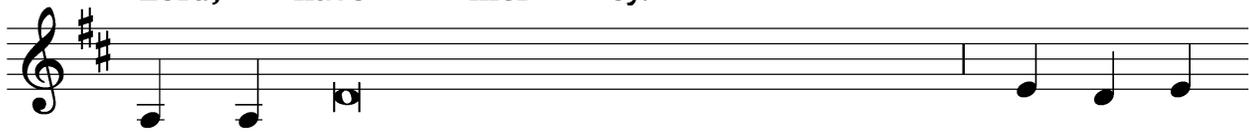
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



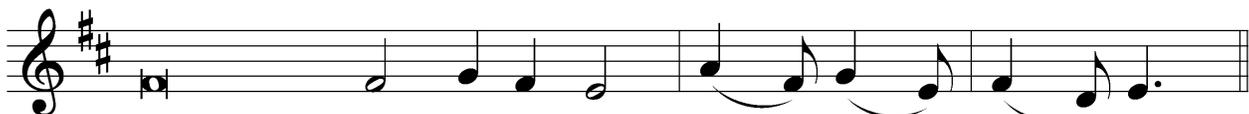
and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



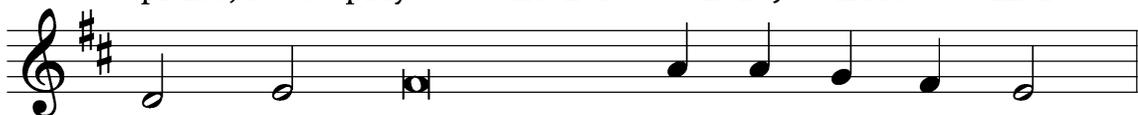
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
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Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
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THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

Jacob wrestled with the LORD through the night and would not him go without a blessing.

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Duet

Psalm 121

Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, to whom we pray.

Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 5:13–15

The Lord hears and grants the requests of us who ask according to his will.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719 sts. 1,4



1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

God will bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night.

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723



1	When	in	the	hour	of	ut -	most	need	we	know	not
2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this	a -	lone	that	we	may
3	For	you	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,	to	heed	your	chil -	dren’s
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,	to -	day	and	all	our
5	So	that	with	all	our	hearts	we	may	to	you	our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
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 God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
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 an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

Luke 18

*Don't Give Up on Prayer!
 Serious Adversary – Swift Justice*

Please 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.

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Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

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1. Family of Rachel Rehbein, whose mother died last week.
2. Carl Toepel, who was in a car accident in Milwaukee last week yet only had bruises.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 16	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Voters’ Meeting
Monday, October 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 18	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 19	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study

	NO Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, October 20	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
Saturday, October 22	6:00 p.m. Youth Night
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	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the Divine call. Today we look at *how does someone become a called worker* and if there is time *how does the WELS call process work?* The study takes place in the gymnasium.
- Child Care** is offered between services in the Kindergarten room for young children so that their parents can attend Bible study.
- Voters Meeting** - On Sunday, October 2nd, the School Board gave an update on current enrollment numbers, as well as projected enrollment for upcoming years. In conjunction with this update, they shared rationale for the need to call a 2nd grade teacher so that the current 1st/2nd grade classroom can be split due to the expected larger enrollment in 2023. Mrs. Johnson would continue to teach 1st grade. The fall voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, following the late church service. The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be to seek approval from the voters to call for a 3k teacher, as well as a 1st or 2nd grade teacher for the start of the 2023 school year. If the voters approve to call for one, or both of these positions, we are planning to place calls at the end of the meeting.
- The Living Nativity Breakfast** is on Sunday, October 16th right after first service. Breakfast will include egg bakes, fruit, muffins, and coffee cakes. There will be a free will offering basket for the Living Nativity. This is our ONLY way we raise money for Living Nativity. Everyone is welcome. See you there!
- Conference** - Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, and Luther Curia will all be at a conference on Tuesday, October 18, and Wednesday morning, October 19. There will be presentations on the current situation between our Wisconsin Synod (WELS) and the Missouri Synod (LC-

MS), which had been in Scriptural unity until about 60 years ago. This week we will not hold the Wednesday morning Bible class in the Commons.

6. Fall Festival - This year's Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-8:30.

4:00-6:00 Petting Zoo & Wagon Rides

4:00-6:00 Chili Cookoff (as well as hotdogs)

4:55 Devotion

5:00-7:00 Trunk or Treat

7:00-8:30 Outdoor Movie (weather permitting)

An email went out last week requesting decorated trunks, chili cookoff competitors, and some donations as well. Thank you for considering how you may be able to help! This event is open to the community, so invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

6. Youth Night - A new fun event was launched from this year's WELS International Youth Rally called "WELS Youth Night". This event is like a small Youth Rally, designed to get teens together from a number of area churches to spend an evening together playing games, enjoying music and God's Word, sharing in small group discussions and just having fun and fellowship together. St. Paul's will be hosting this event on Saturday, October 22nd. There are posters around the building with more details, and small informational sheets available in the member room or church office. If you plan to attend, please register online at <https://forms.gle/ASuDuxMjL9jgixRb8> - or scan the QR Code on the poster. Contact Mike Leahy or Luther Curia for any questions.

7. Mindful Moms - St. Paul's has a moms group and all moms are invited! Mindful Moms is a group designed to enrich and encourage moms at St. Paul's and the surrounding community with a friendly space to make and reconnect with friends walking through the same stages of motherhood. Every Wednesday Moms get together for playdates with creative play for littles or Bible studies with encouragement specifically for moms. Evening Mom's Night Out gatherings also provide fun social opportunities to connect. Pick up a postcard for the current meetup schedule or contact the office for more info on how to get connected.



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!

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We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!

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COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table . Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.

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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 (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Today's Worship Focus: *Some estimates place the damage inflicted by hurricane Ian at over \$60 billion. That won't be repaired and resolved in a week. And it won't be the last hurricane to hit Florida. This will take persistence, day after day, for residents to rebuild and people to rally together. Jesus teaches us today that it is the same when it comes to prayer. You can't give up. Amid disaster and difficulty, you have a God who listens, who saves, and who blesses his people who hold tightly to him and to his promises. God's people Pray Persistently.*

Day by Day

CW 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

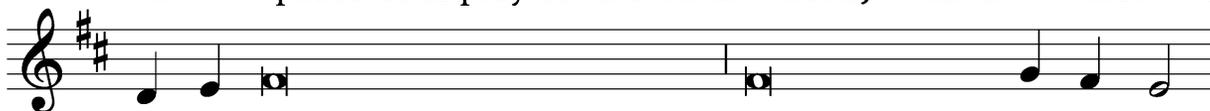
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



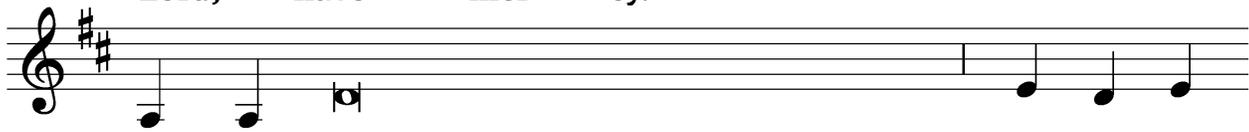
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



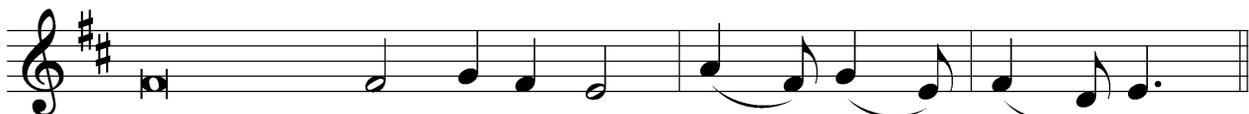
and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



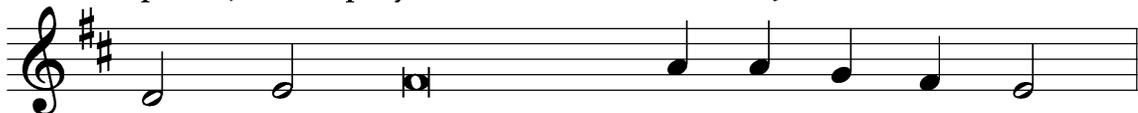
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
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THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

Jacob wrestled with the LORD through the night and would not him go without a blessing.

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Duet

Psalm 121

Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, to whom we pray.

Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 5:13–15

The Lord hears and grants the requests of us who ask according to his will.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719 sts. 1,4



1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

God will bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night.

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723



1	When	in	the	hour	of	ut -	most	need	we	know	not
2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this	a -	lone	that	we	may
3	For	you	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,	to	heed	your	chil -	dren’s
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,	to -	day	and	all	our
5	So	that	with	all	our	hearts	we	may	to	you	our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

Luke 18

*Don't Give Up on Prayer!
 Serious Adversary – Swift Justice*

Please 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

In Holy Conversation

CW 722



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,



and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears



and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Please stand.

Prayer

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.

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3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



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Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!

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We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!

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COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table . Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.

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Today's Worship Focus: *Some estimates place the damage inflicted by hurricane Ian at over \$60 billion. That won't be repaired and resolved in a week. And it won't be the last hurricane to hit Florida. This will take persistence, day after day, for residents to rebuild and people to rally together. Jesus teaches us today that it is the same when it comes to prayer. You can't give up. Amid disaster and difficulty, you have a God who listens, who saves, and who blesses his people who hold tightly to him and to his promises. God's people Pray Persistently.*

Day by Day

CW 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
 your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
 ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

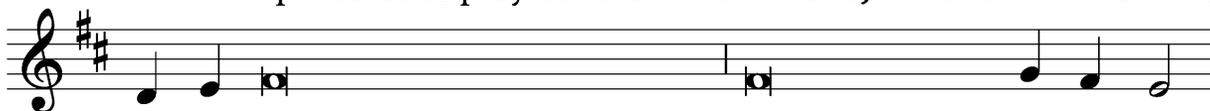
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



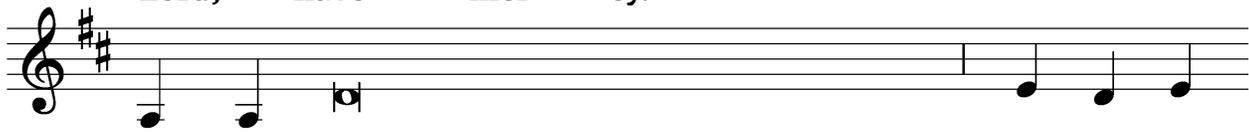
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



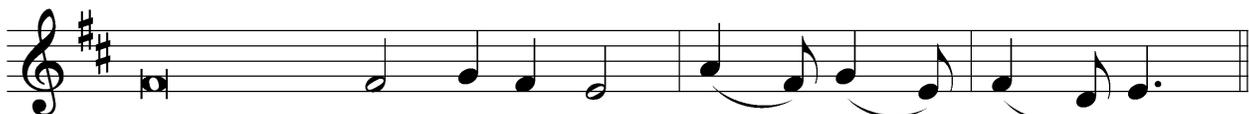
and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



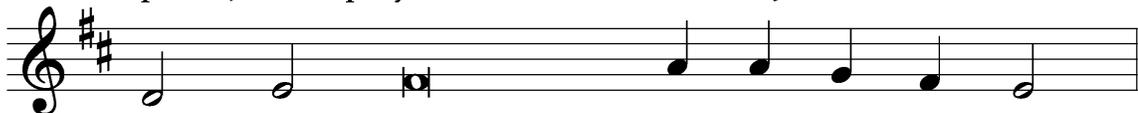
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

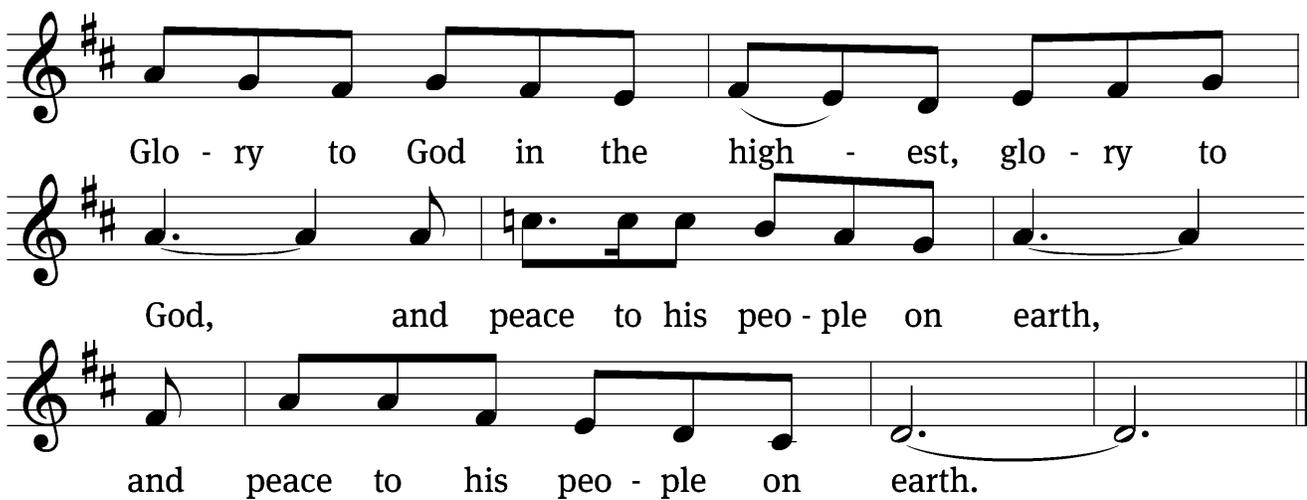


God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



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THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

Jacob wrestled with the LORD through the night and would not him go without a blessing.

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Duet

Psalm 121

Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, to whom we pray.

Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 5:13–15

The Lord hears and grants the requests of us who ask according to his will.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

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Stand

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719 sts. 1,4



1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

God will bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night.

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723



1 When in the hour of ut - most need we know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone that we may
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed your chil-dren’s
4 And so we come, O God, to - day and all our
5 So that with all our hearts we may to you our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

Luke 18

*Don't Give Up on Prayer!
 Serious Adversary – Swift Justice*

Please 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

In Holy Conversation

CW 722



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,



and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears



and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Please stand.

Prayer

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

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Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



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Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table . Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.



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 (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Today's Worship Focus: *Some estimates place the damage inflicted by hurricane Ian at over \$60 billion. That won't be repaired and resolved in a week. And it won't be the last hurricane to hit Florida. This will take persistence, day after day, for residents to rebuild and people to rally together. Jesus teaches us today that it is the same when it comes to prayer. You can't give up. Amid disaster and difficulty, you have a God who listens, who saves, and who blesses his people who hold tightly to him and to his promises. God's people Pray Persistently.*

Day by Day

CW 803



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



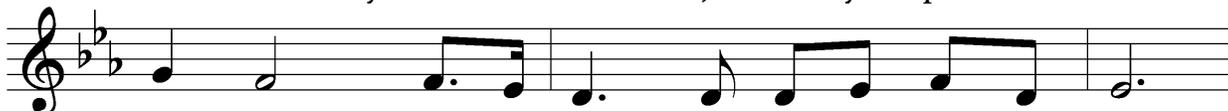
send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
 your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
 ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

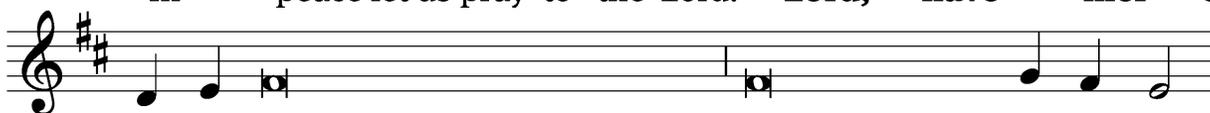
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



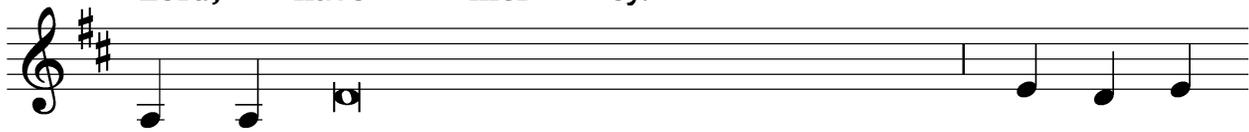
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



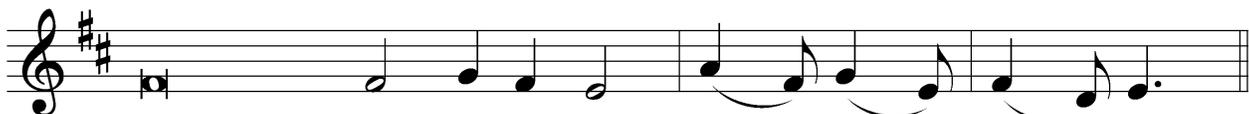
and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



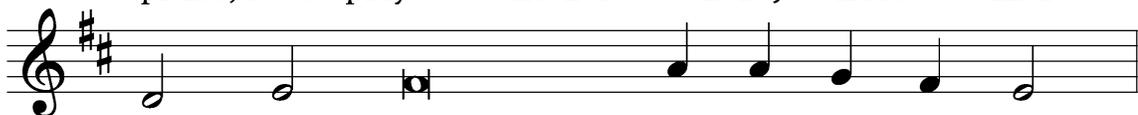
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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THE WORD

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

Jacob wrestled with the LORD through the night and would not him go without a blessing.

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for it is daybreak.”

But Jacob replied, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷The man asked him, “What is your name?”

“Jacob,” he answered.

²⁸Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

²⁹Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.”

But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Duet

Psalm 121

Our help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth, to whom we pray.

Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 John 5:13–15

The Lord hears and grants the requests of us who ask according to his will.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719 sts. 1,4



1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

God will bring about justice for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night.

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 723



1	When	in	the	hour	of	ut -	most	need	we	know	not
2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this	a -	lone	that	we	may
3	For	you	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,	to	heed	your	chil -	dren’s
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,	to -	day	and	all	our
5	So	that	with	all	our	hearts	we	may	to	you	our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

Luke 18

*Don't Give Up on Prayer!
 Serious Adversary – Swift Justice*

Please 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

In Holy Conversation

CW 722



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,



and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.



We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears



and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Please stand.

Prayer

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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

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ALTAR GUILD: Bonnie Baumann, Jean Porter, Rachel Rehbein.

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10:30 a.m. Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald.

Online giving options available

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord’s work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



OFFERINGS: 10/9 & 10/10 - \$14,470 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$1,004 GROWING FORWARD. \$500 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE 10/9 & 10/10 8:00 A.M. – 243. 10:30 A.M. – 176. 6:30 P.M. – 43.

In our prayers this week...

1. Family of Rachel Rehbein, whose mother died last week.
2. Carl Toepel, who was in a car accident in Milwaukee last week yet only had bruises.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 16	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:00 a.m. Living Nativity Breakfast
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:30 a.m. Voters’ Meeting
Monday, October 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 18	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 19	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study

	NO Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, October 20	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting
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- Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the Divine call. Today we look at *how does someone become a called worker* and if there is time *how does the WELS call process work?* The study takes place in the gymnasium.
- Child Care** is offered between services in the Kindergarten room for young children so that their parents can attend Bible study.
- Voters Meeting** - On Sunday, October 2nd, the School Board gave an update on current enrollment numbers, as well as projected enrollment for upcoming years. In conjunction with this update, they shared rationale for the need to call a 2nd grade teacher so that the current 1st/2nd grade classroom can be split due to the expected larger enrollment in 2023. Mrs. Johnson would continue to teach 1st grade. The fall voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th, following the late church service. The main item on the agenda for this meeting will be to seek approval from the voters to call for a 3k teacher, as well as a 1st or 2nd grade teacher for the start of the 2023 school year. If the voters approve to call for one, or both of these positions, we are planning to place calls at the end of the meeting.
- The Living Nativity Breakfast** is on Sunday, October 16th right after first service. Breakfast will include egg bakes, fruit, muffins, and coffee cakes. There will be a free will offering basket for the Living Nativity. This is our ONLY way we raise money for Living Nativity. Everyone is welcome. See you there!
- Conference** - Pastor Mueller, Pastor Bode, and Luther Curia will all be at a conference on Tuesday, October 18, and Wednesday morning, October 19. There will be presentations on the current situation between our Wisconsin Synod (WELS) and the Missouri Synod (LC-

MS), which had been in Scriptural unity until about 60 years ago. This week we will not hold the Wednesday morning Bible class in the Commons.

6. Fall Festival - This year's Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 29 from 4:00-8:30.

4:00-6:00 Petting Zoo & Wagon Rides

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