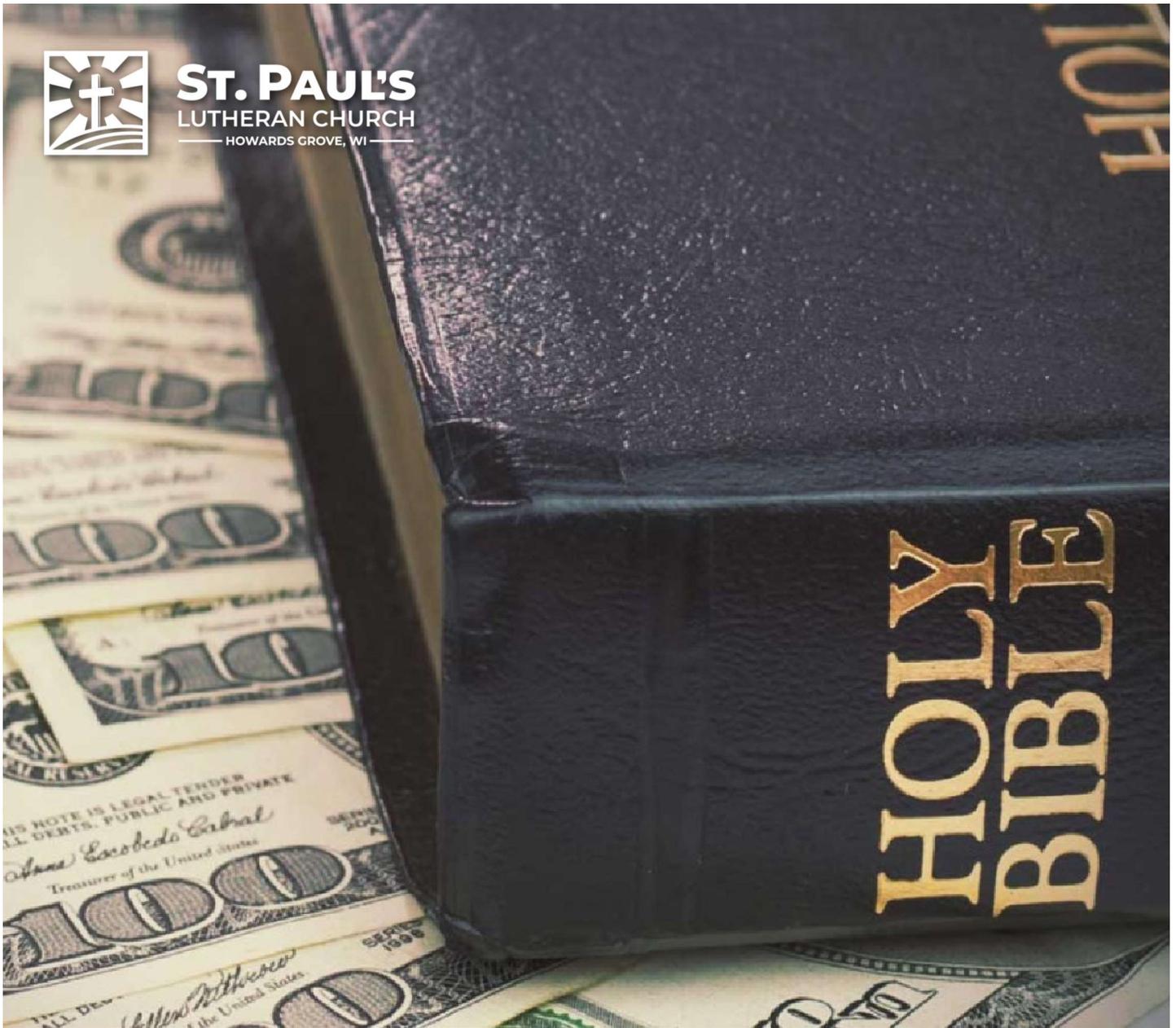




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Welcome to St. Paul's!

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: *What do you love most? That question requires some serious soul searching. In today's Gospel, Jesus uncovered the deepest desires of a man's heart, and he does the same for ours. We can't even keep the first commandment to love the Lord with all our heart. It's impossible! But the Lord did in our place. Today, he redirects our hearts to him who did all things perfectly so that we will inherit eternal life: "Love the Lord More than Wealth".*

Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.*

Anthem

You Are My All in All

Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School's Preschool & Kindergarten

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, help me trust you through and through. You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I praise your Name. You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

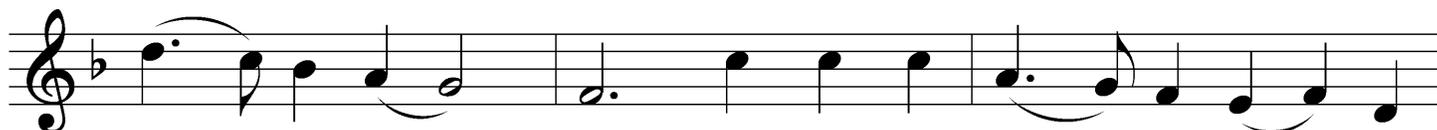
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All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CW 603 sts. 1, 5



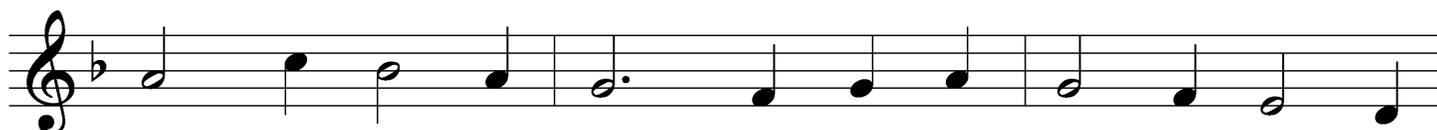
1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is

stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul; love others as he does.

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and

Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Word of the Lord.

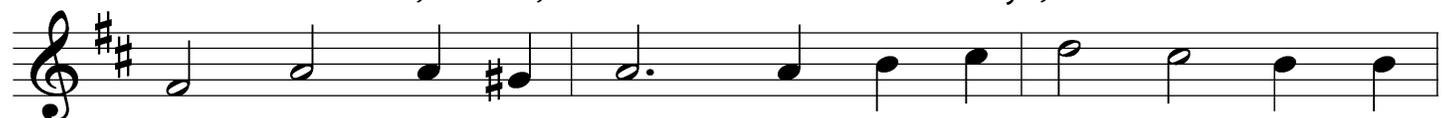
Thanks be to God.

We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

Psalm 90C sts. 1-5



1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have
 2 A thou - sand years with - in your sight pass like a
 3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to
 4 The fu - ry of your wrath dis - may! Your light our
 5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our



been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to
 watch with - in the night, like yes - ter - day when it is
 dust, which gave you birth!" We grow like grass be - neath the
 se - cret sin dis - plays! Our years are mea - sured by our
 hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -



be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.
 through, the brief - est blink in all you view.
 sun, but with - er when our day is done.
 strength, yet toil and trou - ble is their length!
 turn? How much, O LORD, for you we yearn!

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Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

Love for this dying world is not compatible with love for the Father; whoever does God's will lives forever.

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

The rich ruler's love for the world prevented him from entering God's kingdom; yet God can overcome our misplaced love.

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.
²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

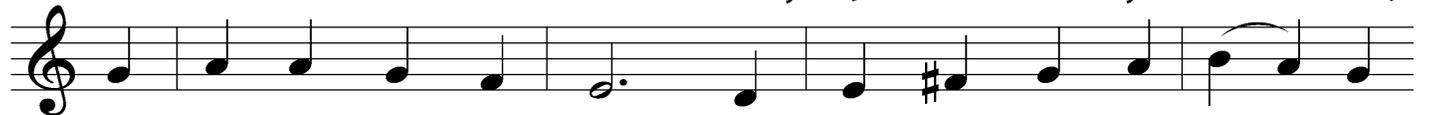
Be seated

What Is the World to Me

CW 717



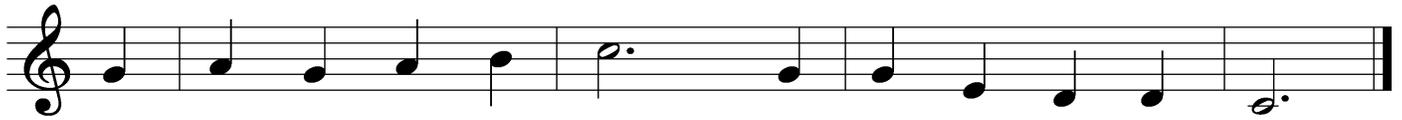
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
 3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
 my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Luke 18

Thread the Needle!

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when
he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take
and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from
it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out
for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in
remembrance of me."**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this
brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924 sts. 1, 4-6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

SOLOIST: Sage Hess

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 A.M. – Dave Wehrmann, Mike Austreng.

10:30 A.M. Eric Vant Hul, Chad Marohn.

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: 10/16 & 10/17 - \$15,300 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,060 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$500 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE 10/16 & 10/17 8:00 A.M. – 171. 10:30 A.M. – 136. 6:30 P.M. – N/A.

In our prayers:

1. Glenn and Darcy Mueller. Glenn's brother Carl passed last week.
2. Kathleen and Eric Eickhoff celebrating 30 years of marriage on Oct. 24!



3. D'Ann Schaefer (husband Pat, boys Buck and Brody sing today). D'Ann has struggled with cancer and recently had an experimental treatment. Is in recovery for some time and can't be here today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 23	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. *Pre-K & K sing both services*
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. MLHS Fall Concert
Monday, October 24	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 26	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, October 27	NO SCHOOL - Office Closed
	6:00 p.m. BIC
Friday, October 28	NO SCHOOL - Office closed

Saturday, October 29	4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fall Fun Festival
Sunday, October 30	Reformation Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the *Divine call*. Today we look at *how does the WELS call process work* when we need to call for either a pastor or teacher? 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.
- 2. Office Hours** - Erin Radue is on vacation from October 22nd - October 30th. If you need any assistance during that time, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!
- 3. 3K Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Amanda Ofstie to serve as our 3K teacher. Mrs. Ofstie currently serves at Little Lambs Learning center in Mandan, ND. She and her husband, Joshua, have two young children. Please pray for her and consider sending a word of encouragement to her at a.ofstie@littlelambsmandan.com.
- 4. 2nd Grade Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Kelly Heldman to serve as our 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Heldman currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford, WI. She and her husband Paul have four children between the ages of 4 and 17. Please keep Mrs. Heldman in your prayers as she begins her deliberations. You can send greetings and encouragement her way at kellyheldman@yahoo.com.
- 5. Living Nativity** - Thank you to everyone that joined us and supported us last Sunday at the breakfast. Your generosity in support of this event is greatly appreciated. Posters and Postcards will be available in the member room next Sunday October 30th. Please take some postcards to give or send to your friends and relatives. Poster delivery people-your posters will be on the pew in the member room.
- 6. Living Nativity Shirts** - To celebrate our 20th anniversary of presenting the Living Nativity, we are offering shirts and sweatshirts for sale. An order form was sent out this past week via email. You can also order shirts by calling the office or stopping at the Living Nativity table in between services. Payments can be made in the office, at the Living Nativity table on Sundays, or in the drawer marked LIVING

NATIVITY SHIRT PAYMENTS in the member room. Exact cash or check only. If paying by check, please make out to Living Nativity with shirts in the memo line.

7. Forward in Christ Subscriptions - It's time to renew your subscription! There are half sheets in the member room to renew your Forward in Christ subscription. Please place your payment of \$15.00 and the completed half sheet in an envelope. Drop the sealed envelope in the drawer, in the member room, marked FORWARD IN CHRIST PAYMENTS. Forms and payments are due by November 13th.

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

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

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

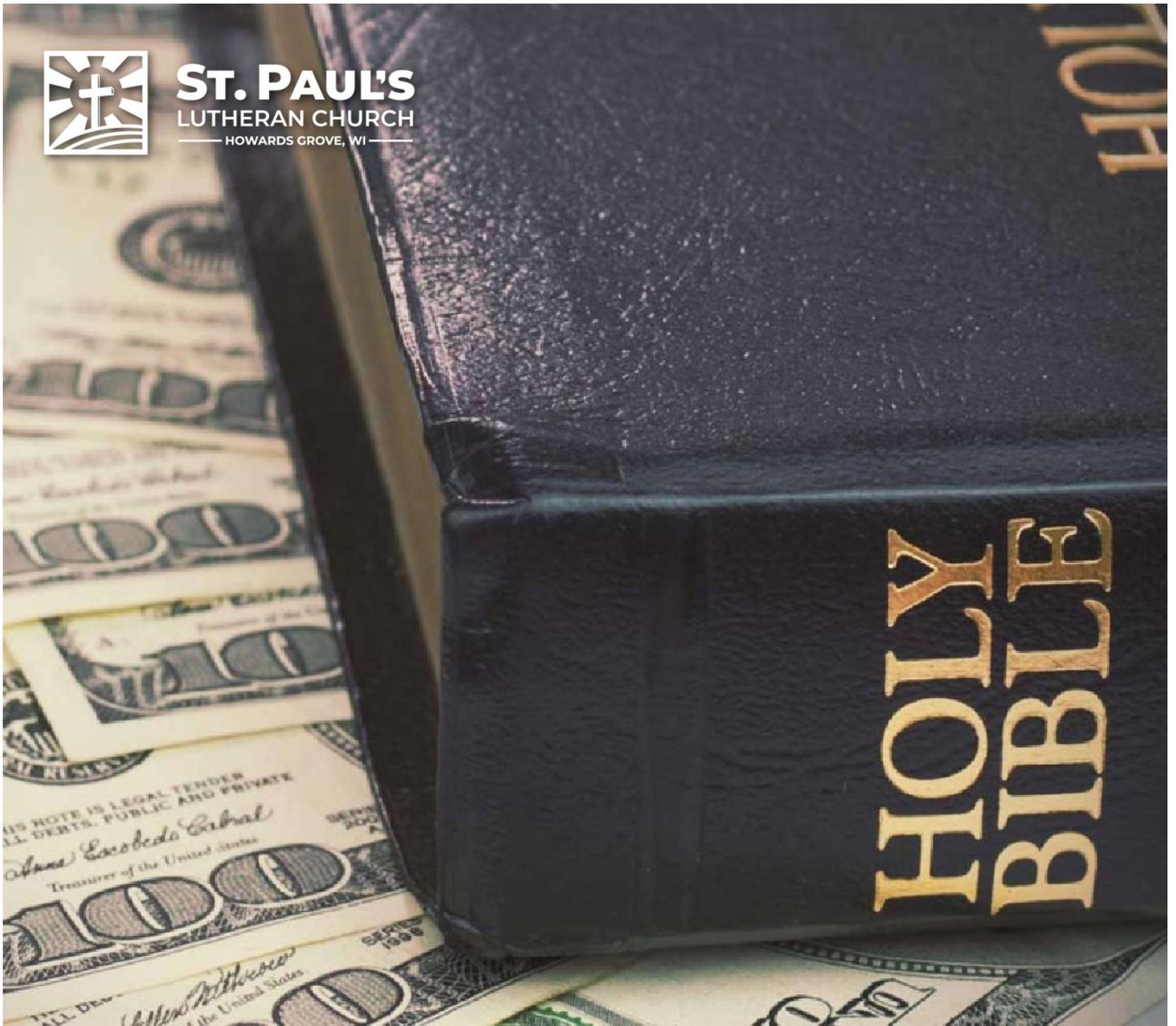
We are in need of more decorated trunks. (We currently have 8 signed up.) Please contact the church office or Luther Curia (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) if you are able to help in this way.

9. 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.

10. Women's Advent Tea - We are hosting a Women's Advent Tea at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 19, 9-10:30am. This special event will include a devotion, Bible study, connection time, and plenty of tasty treats. We encourage you to bring along a friend to prepare your hearts with God's Word as the busy holiday season begins. Babysitting available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/SPwat22>, contact the office, or Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) so we know how many to expect.



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Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.*

Anthem

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Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School's Preschool & Kindergarten

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, help me trust you through and through. You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I praise your Name. You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

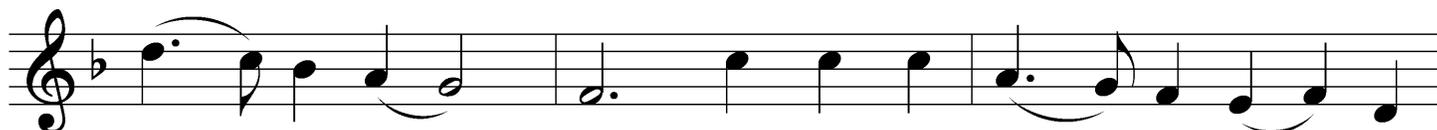
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All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CW 603 sts. 1, 5



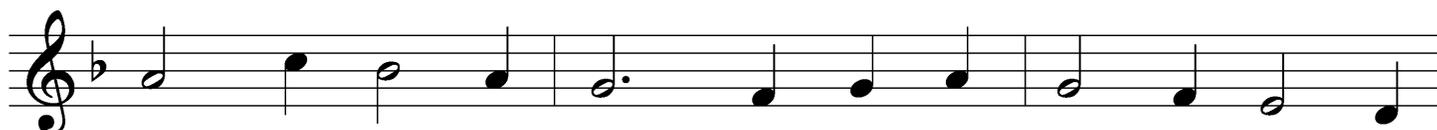
1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is

stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul; love others as he does.

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and

Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Word of the Lord.

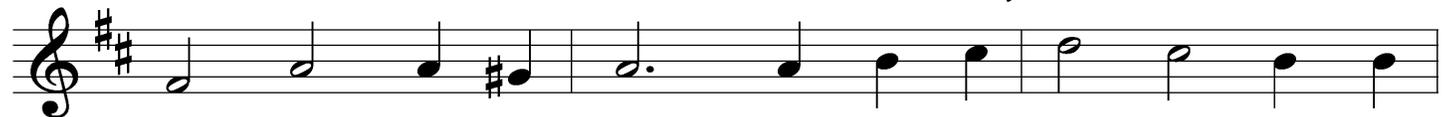
Thanks be to God.

We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

Psalm 90C sts. 1-5



1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have
 2 A thou - sand years with - in your sight pass like a
 3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to
 4 The fu - ry of your wrath dis - may! Your light our
 5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our



been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to
 watch with - in the night, like yes - ter - day when it is
 dust, which gave you birth!" We grow like grass be - neath the
 se - cret sin dis - plays! Our years are mea - sured by our
 hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -



be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.
 through, the brief - est blink in all you view.
 sun, but with - er when our day is done.
 strength, yet toil and trou - ble is their length!
 turn? How much, O LORD, for you we yearn!

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Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

Love for this dying world is not compatible with love for the Father; whoever does God's will lives forever.

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

The rich ruler's love for the world prevented him from entering God's kingdom; yet God can overcome our misplaced love.

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.
²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

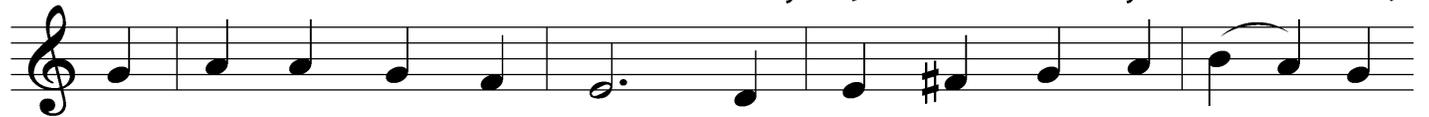
Be seated

What Is the World to Me

CW 717



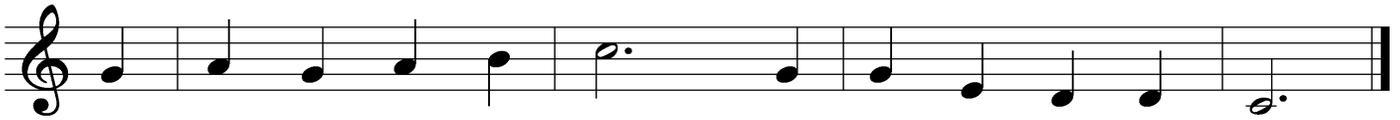
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
 3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
 my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
 Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Luke 18

Thread the Needle!

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is,
 seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
 and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when
he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take
and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from
it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out
for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in
remembrance of me."**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this
brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924 sts. 1, 4-6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

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COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 A.M. – Dave Wehrmann, Mike Austreng.

10:30 A.M. Eric Vant Hul, Chad Marohn.

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: 10/16 & 10/17 - \$15,300 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,060 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$500 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE 10/16 & 10/17 8:00 A.M. – 171. 10:30 A.M. – 136. 6:30 P.M. – N/A.

In our prayers:

1. Glenn and Darcy Mueller. Glenn's brother Carl passed last week.
2. Kathleen and Eric Eickhoff celebrating 30 years of marriage on Oct. 24!



3. D'Ann Schaefer (husband Pat, boys Buck and Brody sing today). D'Ann has struggled with cancer and recently had an experimental treatment. Is in recovery for some time and can't be here today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 23	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. *Pre-K & K sing both services*
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. MLHS Fall Concert
Monday, October 24	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 26	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, October 27	NO SCHOOL - Office Closed
	6:00 p.m. BIC
Friday, October 28	NO SCHOOL - Office closed

Saturday, October 29	4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fall Fun Festival
Sunday, October 30	Reformation Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the *Divine call*. Today we look at *how does the WELS call process work* when we need to call for either a pastor or teacher? 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.
- 2. Office Hours** - Erin Radue is on vacation from October 22nd - October 30th. If you need any assistance during that time, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!
- 3. 3K Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Amanda Ofstie to serve as our 3K teacher. Mrs. Ofstie currently serves at Little Lambs Learning center in Mandan, ND. She and her husband, Joshua, have two young children. Please pray for her and consider sending a word of encouragement to her at a.ofstie@littlelambsmandan.com.
- 4. 2nd Grade Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Kelly Heldman to serve as our 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Heldman currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford, WI. She and her husband Paul have four children between the ages of 4 and 17. Please keep Mrs. Heldman in your prayers as she begins her deliberations. You can send greetings and encouragement her way at kellyheldman@yahoo.com.
- 5. Living Nativity** - Thank you to everyone that joined us and supported us last Sunday at the breakfast. Your generosity in support of this event is greatly appreciated. Posters and Postcards will be available in the member room next Sunday October 30th. Please take some postcards to give or send to your friends and relatives. Poster delivery people-your posters will be on the pew in the member room.
- 6. Living Nativity Shirts** - To celebrate our 20th anniversary of presenting the Living Nativity, we are offering shirts and sweatshirts for sale. An order form was sent out this past week via email. You can also order shirts by calling the office or stopping at the Living Nativity table in between services. Payments can be made in the office, at the Living Nativity table on Sundays, or in the drawer marked LIVING

NATIVITY SHIRT PAYMENTS in the member room. Exact cash or check only. If paying by check, please make out to Living Nativity with shirts in the memo line.

7. Forward in Christ Subscriptions - It's time to renew your subscription! There are half sheets in the member room to renew your Forward in Christ subscription. Please place your payment of \$15.00 and the completed half sheet in an envelope. Drop the sealed envelope in the drawer, in the member room, marked FORWARD IN CHRIST PAYMENTS. Forms and payments are due by November 13th.

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

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

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

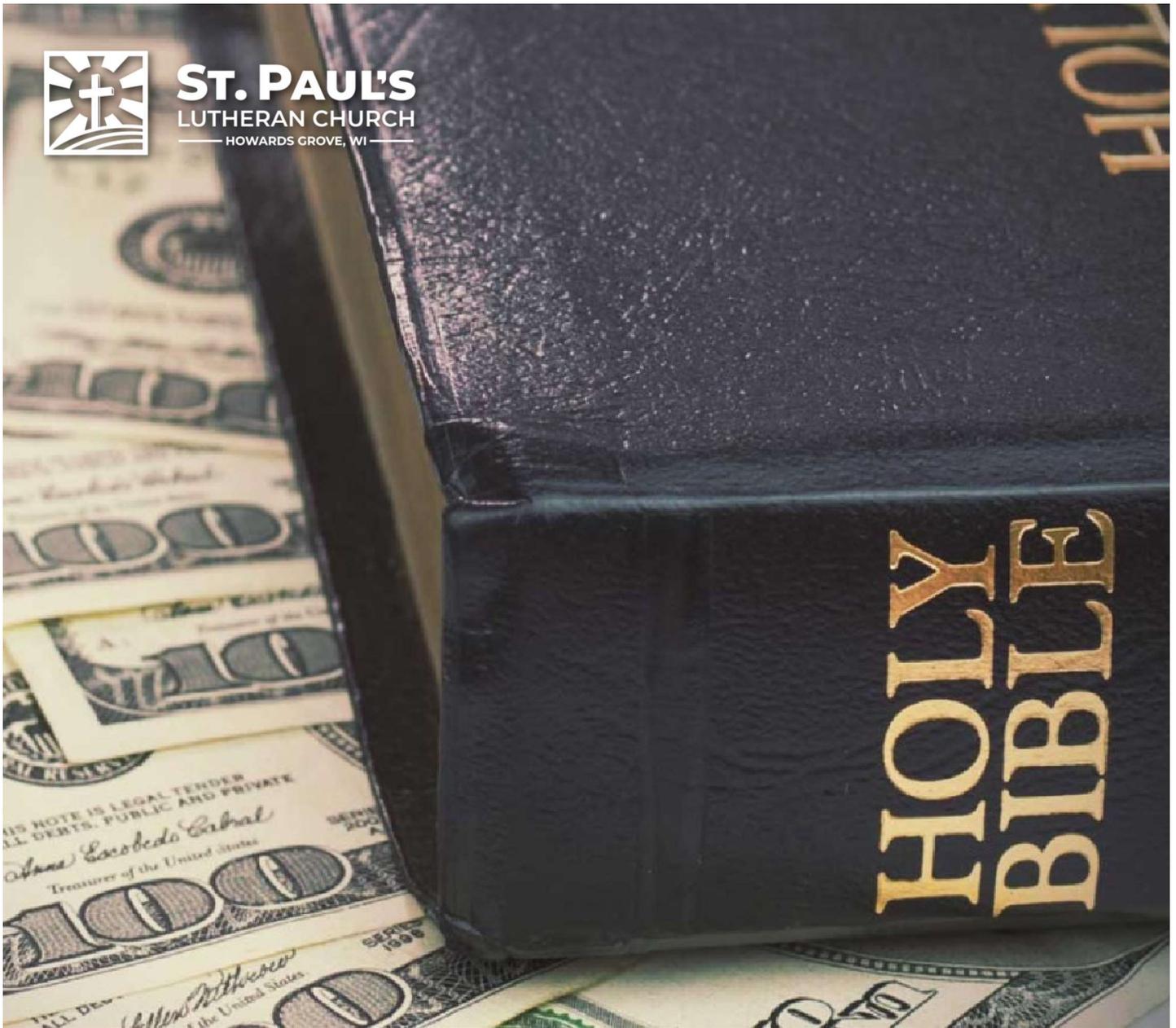
We are in need of more decorated trunks. (We currently have 8 signed up.) Please contact the church office or Luther Curia (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) if you are able to help in this way.

9. 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.

10. Women's Advent Tea - We are hosting a Women's Advent Tea at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 19, 9-10:30am. This special event will include a devotion, Bible study, connection time, and plenty of tasty treats. We encourage you to bring along a friend to prepare your hearts with God's Word as the busy holiday season begins. Babysitting available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/SPwat22>, contact the office, or Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) so we know how many to expect.



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we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

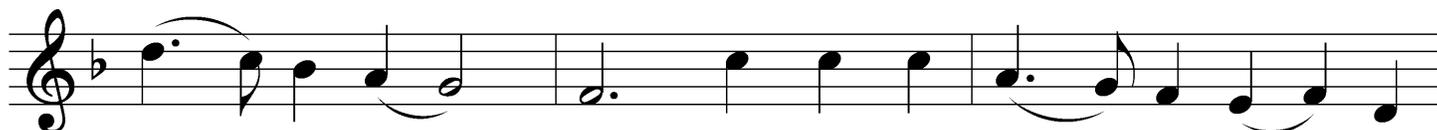
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All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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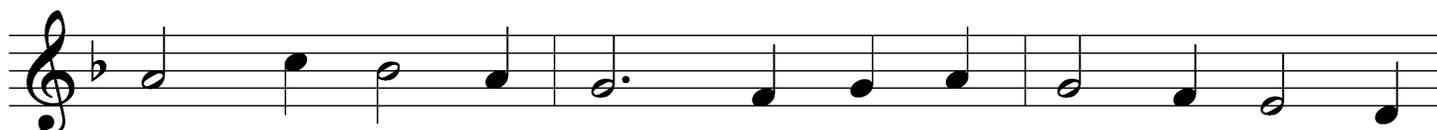
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5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



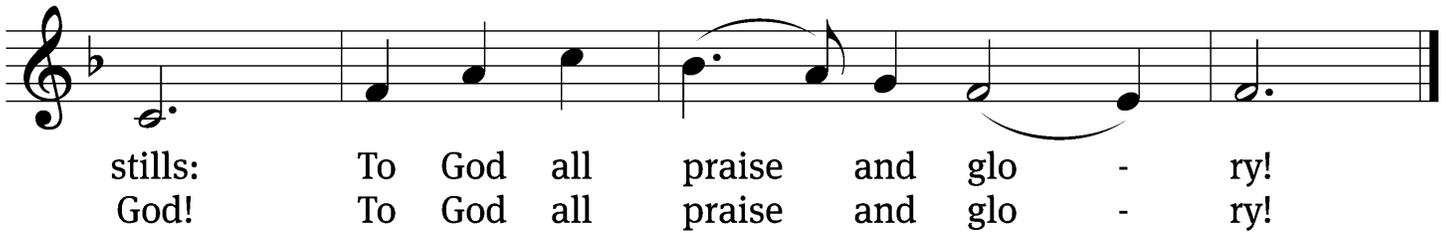
all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is



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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul; love others as he does.

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and

Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

Psalm 90C sts. 1-5



1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have
 2 A thou - sand years with - in your sight pass like a
 3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to
 4 The fu - ry of your wrath dis - may! Your light our
 5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our



been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to
 watch with - in the night, like yes - ter - day when it is
 dust, which gave you birth!" We grow like grass be - neath the
 se - cret sin dis - plays! Our years are mea - sured by our
 hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -



be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.
 through, the brief - est blink in all you view.
 sun, but with - er when our day is done.
 strength, yet toil and trou - ble is their length!
 turn? How much, O LORD, for you we yearn!

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Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

Love for this dying world is not compatible with love for the Father; whoever does God's will lives forever.

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

The rich ruler's love for the world prevented him from entering God's kingdom; yet God can overcome our misplaced love.

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.
²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

What Is the World to Me

CW 717



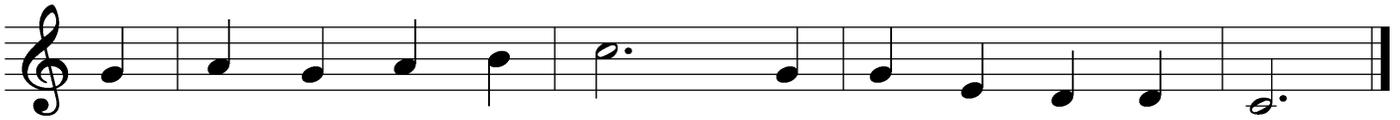
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
 3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
 my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
 Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Luke 18

Thread the Needle!

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is,
 seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
 and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when
he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take
and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from
it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out
for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in
remembrance of me."**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this
brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924 sts. 1, 4-6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

SOLOIST: Sage Hess

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 A.M. – Dave Wehrmann, Mike Austreng.

10:30 A.M. Eric Vant Hul, Chad Marohn.

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: 10/16 & 10/17 - \$15,300 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,060 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$500 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE 10/16 & 10/17 8:00 A.M. – 171. 10:30 A.M. – 136. 6:30 P.M. – N/A.

In our prayers:

1. Glenn and Darcy Mueller. Glenn's brother Carl passed last week.
2. Kathleen and Eric Eickhoff celebrating 30 years of marriage on Oct. 24!



3. D'Ann Schaefer (husband Pat, boys Buck and Brody sing today). D'Ann has struggled with cancer and recently had an experimental treatment. Is in recovery for some time and can't be here today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 23	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. *Pre-K & K sing both services*
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. MLHS Fall Concert
Monday, October 24	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 26	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, October 27	NO SCHOOL - Office Closed
	6:00 p.m. BIC
Friday, October 28	NO SCHOOL - Office closed

Saturday, October 29	4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fall Fun Festival
Sunday, October 30	Reformation Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the *Divine call*. Today we look at *how does the WELS call process work* when we need to call for either a pastor or teacher? 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.
- 2. Office Hours** - Erin Radue is on vacation from October 22nd - October 30th. If you need any assistance during that time, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!
- 3. 3K Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Amanda Ofstie to serve as our 3K teacher. Mrs. Ofstie currently serves at Little Lambs Learning center in Mandan, ND. She and her husband, Joshua, have two young children. Please pray for her and consider sending a word of encouragement to her at a.ofstie@littlelambsmandan.com.
- 4. 2nd Grade Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Kelly Heldman to serve as our 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Heldman currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford, WI. She and her husband Paul have four children between the ages of 4 and 17. Please keep Mrs. Heldman in your prayers as she begins her deliberations. You can send greetings and encouragement her way at kellyheldman@yahoo.com.
- 5. Living Nativity** - Thank you to everyone that joined us and supported us last Sunday at the breakfast. Your generosity in support of this event is greatly appreciated. Posters and Postcards will be available in the member room next Sunday October 30th. Please take some postcards to give or send to your friends and relatives. Poster delivery people-your posters will be on the pew in the member room.
- 6. Living Nativity Shirts** - To celebrate our 20th anniversary of presenting the Living Nativity, we are offering shirts and sweatshirts for sale. An order form was sent out this past week via email. You can also order shirts by calling the office or stopping at the Living Nativity table in between services. Payments can be made in the office, at the Living Nativity table on Sundays, or in the drawer marked LIVING

NATIVITY SHIRT PAYMENTS in the member room. Exact cash or check only. If paying by check, please make out to Living Nativity with shirts in the memo line.

7. Forward in Christ Subscriptions - It's time to renew your subscription! There are half sheets in the member room to renew your Forward in Christ subscription. Please place your payment of \$15.00 and the completed half sheet in an envelope. Drop the sealed envelope in the drawer, in the member room, marked FORWARD IN CHRIST PAYMENTS. Forms and payments are due by November 13th.

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

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

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

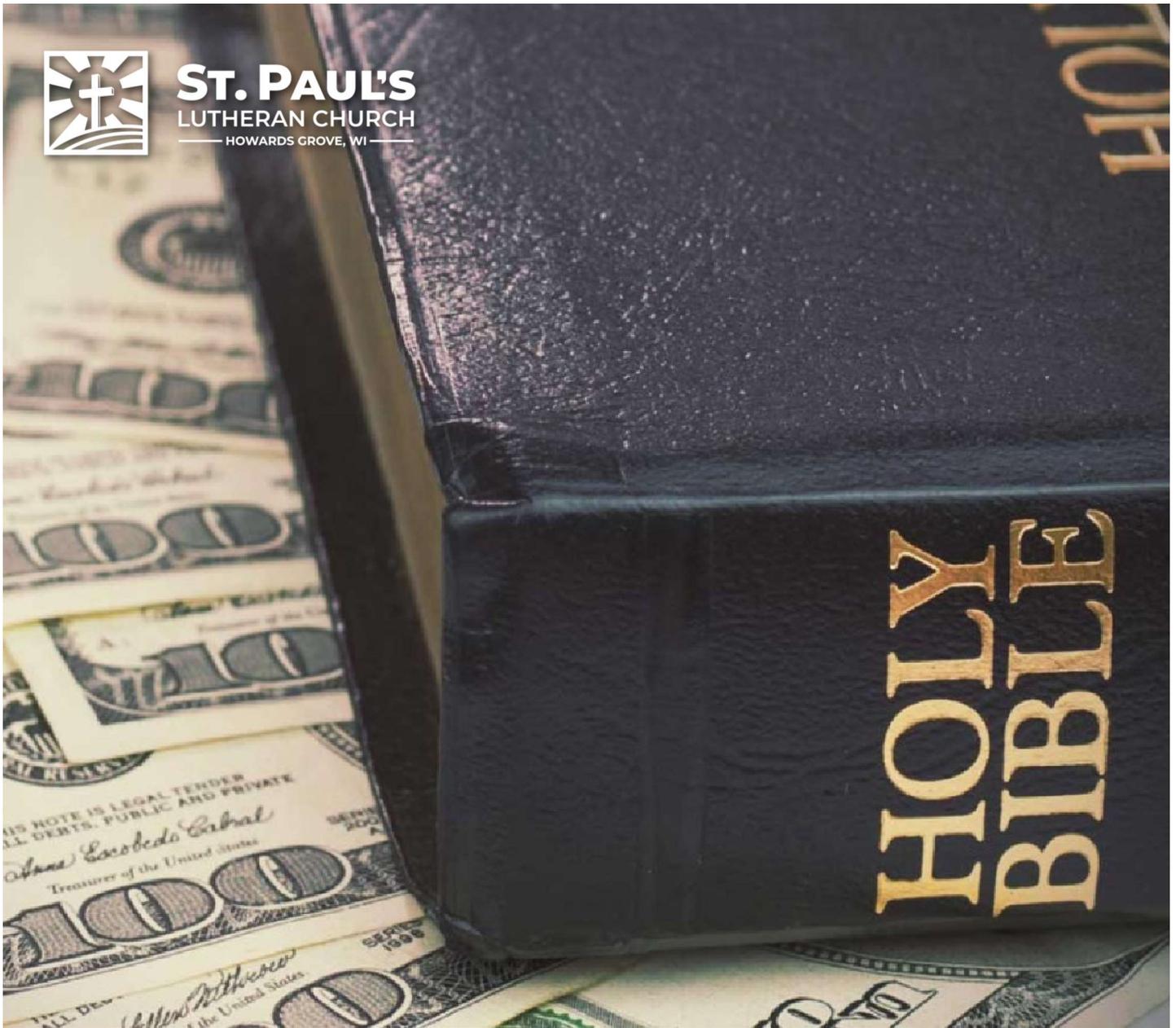
We are in need of more decorated trunks. (We currently have 8 signed up.) Please contact the church office or Luther Curia (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) if you are able to help in this way.

9. 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.

10. Women's Advent Tea - We are hosting a Women's Advent Tea at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 19, 9-10:30am. This special event will include a devotion, Bible study, connection time, and plenty of tasty treats. We encourage you to bring along a friend to prepare your hearts with God's Word as the busy holiday season begins. Babysitting available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/SPwat22>, contact the office, or Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) so we know how many to expect.



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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: *What do you love most? That question requires some serious soul searching. In today's Gospel, Jesus uncovered the deepest desires of a man's heart, and he does the same for ours. We can't even keep the first commandment to love the Lord with all our heart. It's impossible! But the Lord did in our place. Today, he redirects our hearts to him who did all things perfectly so that we will inherit eternal life: "Love the Lord More than Wealth".*

Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.*

Anthem

You Are My All in All

Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School's Preschool & Kindergarten

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, help me trust you through and through. You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I praise your Name. You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

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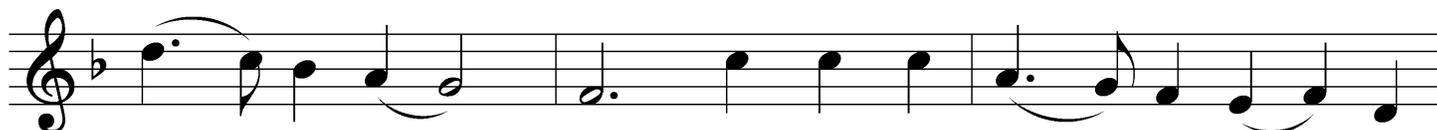
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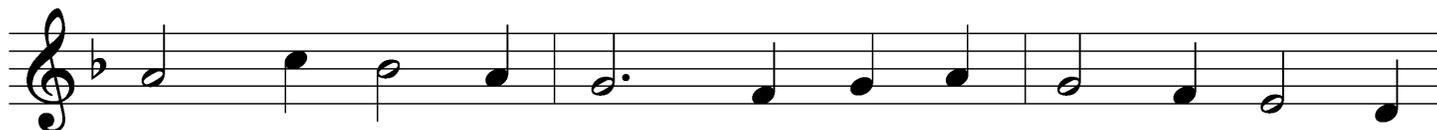
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¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and

Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

Psalm 90C sts. 1-5



1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have
 2 A thou - sand years with - in your sight pass like a
 3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to
 4 The fu - ry of your wrath dis - may! Your light our
 5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our
 been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to
 watch with - in the night, like yes - ter - day when it is
 dust, which gave you birth!" We grow like grass be - neath the
 se - cret sin dis - plays! Our years are mea - sured by our
 hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -
 be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.
 through, the brief - est blink in all you view.
 sun, but with - er when our day is done.
 strength, yet toil and trou - ble is their length!
 turn? How much, O LORD, for you we yearn!

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Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

Love for this dying world is not compatible with love for the Father; whoever does God's will lives forever.

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

The rich ruler's love for the world prevented him from entering God's kingdom; yet God can overcome our misplaced love.

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.
²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

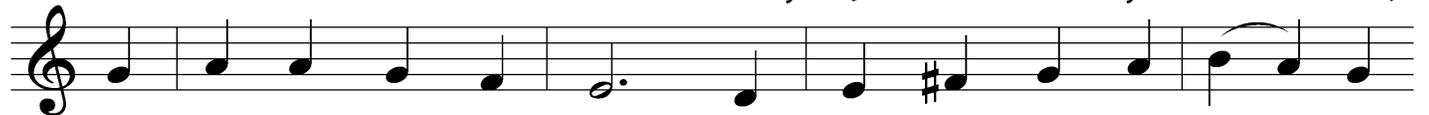
Be seated

What Is the World to Me

CW 717



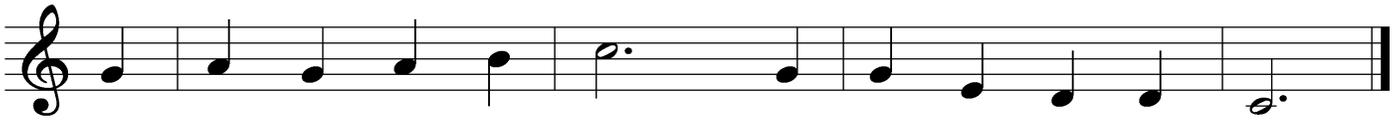
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
 3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
 my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
 Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Luke 18

Thread the Needle!

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is,
 seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
 and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when
he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take
and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from
it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out
for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in
remembrance of me."**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this
brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
for us made, and all our debt he ful - ly paid.
sup - per here we taste his love, so sweet, so near.
as he said, his ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 A precious food is this indeed,
it never fails us in our need,
a heav'nly manna for our soul
until we safely reach our goal.

7 They who his Word do not believe
this food unworthily receive,
salvation here will never find—
may we this warning keep in mind!

6 How blest is each believing guest
who in these promises finds rest,
for Jesus will in love abide
with those who do in him confide!

8 Help us sincerely to believe
that we may worthily receive
your supper and in you find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 † give you peace.

Amen.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924 sts. 1, 4-6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

SOLOIST: Sage Hess

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 A.M. – Dave Wehrmann, Mike Austreng.

10:30 A.M. Eric Vant Hul, Chad Marohn.

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: 10/16 & 10/17 - \$15,300 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,060 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$500 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE 10/16 & 10/17 8:00 A.M. – 171. 10:30 A.M. – 136. 6:30 P.M. – N/A.

In our prayers:

1. Glenn and Darcy Mueller. Glenn's brother Carl passed last week.
2. Kathleen and Eric Eickhoff celebrating 30 years of marriage on Oct. 24!



3. D'Ann Schaefer (husband Pat, boys Buck and Brody sing today). D'Ann has struggled with cancer and recently had an experimental treatment. Is in recovery for some time and can't be here today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 23	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. *Pre-K & K sing both services*
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. MLHS Fall Concert
Monday, October 24	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 26	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, October 27	NO SCHOOL - Office Closed
	6:00 p.m. BIC
Friday, October 28	NO SCHOOL - Office closed

Saturday, October 29	4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fall Fun Festival
Sunday, October 30	Reformation Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the *Divine call*. Today we look at *how does the WELS call process work* when we need to call for either a pastor or teacher? 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.
- 2. Office Hours** - Erin Radue is on vacation from October 22nd - October 30th. If you need any assistance during that time, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!
- 3. 3K Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Amanda Ofstie to serve as our 3K teacher. Mrs. Ofstie currently serves at Little Lambs Learning center in Mandan, ND. She and her husband, Joshua, have two young children. Please pray for her and consider sending a word of encouragement to her at a.ofstie@littlelambsmandan.com.
- 4. 2nd Grade Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Kelly Heldman to serve as our 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Heldman currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford, WI. She and her husband Paul have four children between the ages of 4 and 17. Please keep Mrs. Heldman in your prayers as she begins her deliberations. You can send greetings and encouragement her way at kellyheldman@yahoo.com.
- 5. Living Nativity** - Thank you to everyone that joined us and supported us last Sunday at the breakfast. Your generosity in support of this event is greatly appreciated. Posters and Postcards will be available in the member room next Sunday October 30th. Please take some postcards to give or send to your friends and relatives. Poster delivery people-your posters will be on the pew in the member room.
- 6. Living Nativity Shirts** - To celebrate our 20th anniversary of presenting the Living Nativity, we are offering shirts and sweatshirts for sale. An order form was sent out this past week via email. You can also order shirts by calling the office or stopping at the Living Nativity table in between services. Payments can be made in the office, at the Living Nativity table on Sundays, or in the drawer marked LIVING

NATIVITY SHIRT PAYMENTS in the member room. Exact cash or check only. If paying by check, please make out to Living Nativity with shirts in the memo line.

7. Forward in Christ Subscriptions - It's time to renew your subscription! There are half sheets in the member room to renew your Forward in Christ subscription. Please place your payment of \$15.00 and the completed half sheet in an envelope. Drop the sealed envelope in the drawer, in the member room, marked FORWARD IN CHRIST PAYMENTS. Forms and payments are due by November 13th.

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

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

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

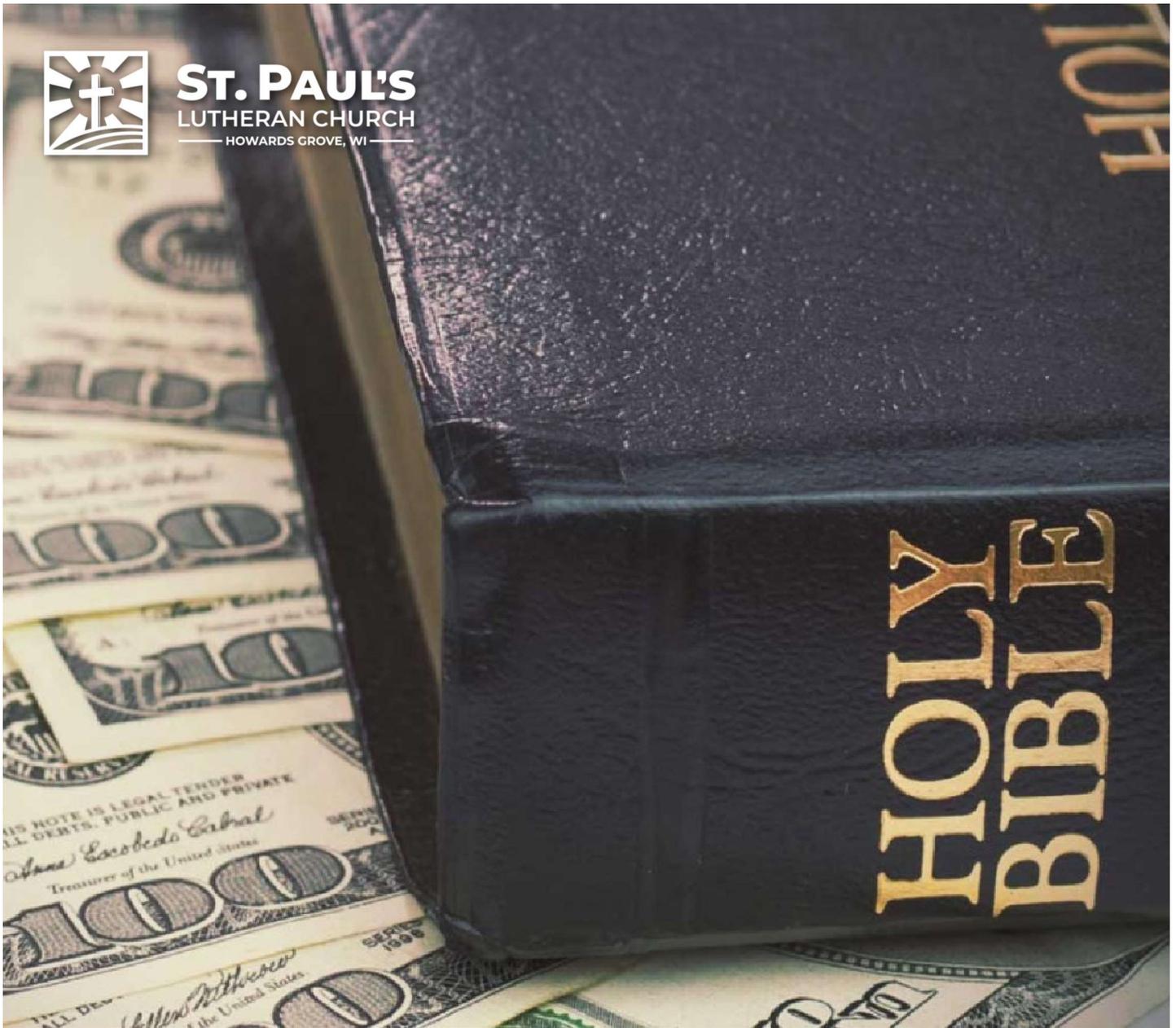
We are in need of more decorated trunks. (We currently have 8 signed up.) Please contact the church office or Luther Curia (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) if you are able to help in this way.

9. 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.

10. Women's Advent Tea - We are hosting a Women's Advent Tea at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 19, 9-10:30am. This special event will include a devotion, Bible study, connection time, and plenty of tasty treats. We encourage you to bring along a friend to prepare your hearts with God's Word as the busy holiday season begins. Babysitting available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/SPwat22>, contact the office, or Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) so we know how many to expect.



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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: *What do you love most? That question requires some serious soul searching. In today's Gospel, Jesus uncovered the deepest desires of a man's heart, and he does the same for ours. We can't even keep the first commandment to love the Lord with all our heart. It's impossible! But the Lord did in our place. Today, he redirects our hearts to him who did all things perfectly so that we will inherit eternal life: "Love the Lord More than Wealth".*

Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.*

Anthem

You Are My All in All

Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School's Preschool & Kindergarten

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, help me trust you through and through. You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I praise your Name. You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

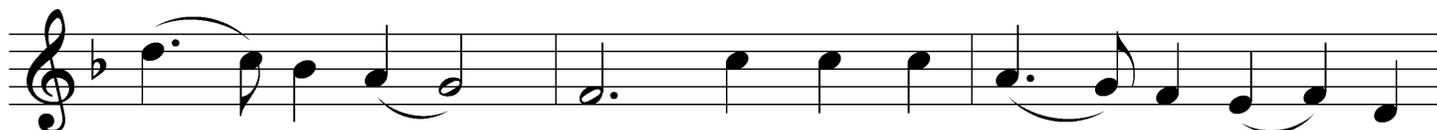
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All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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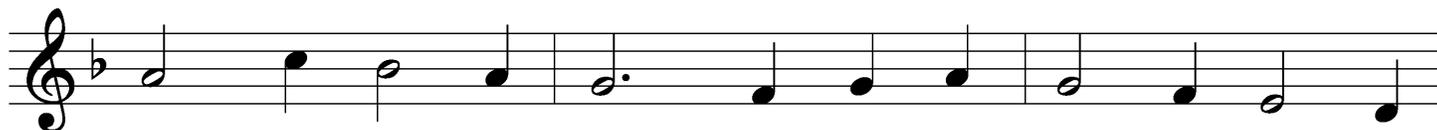
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5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



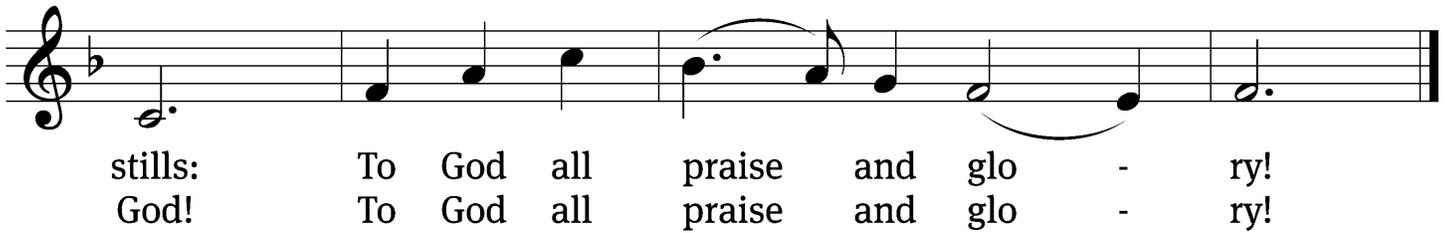
all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is



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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul; love others as he does.

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and

Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

Psalm 90C sts. 1-5

1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have
 2 A thou - sand years with - in your sight pass like a
 3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to
 4 The fu - ry of your wrath dis - mays! Your light our
 5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our
 been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to
 watch with - in the night, like yes - ter - day when it is
 dust, which gave you birth!" We grow like grass be - neath the
 se - cret sin dis - plays! Our years are mea - sured by our
 hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -
 be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.
 through, the brief - est blink in all you view.
 sun, but with - er when our day is done.
 strength, yet toil and trou - ble is their length!
 turn? How much, O LORD, for you we yearn!

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Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

Love for this dying world is not compatible with love for the Father; whoever does God's will lives forever.

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

The rich ruler's love for the world prevented him from entering God's kingdom; yet God can overcome our misplaced love.

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.
²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

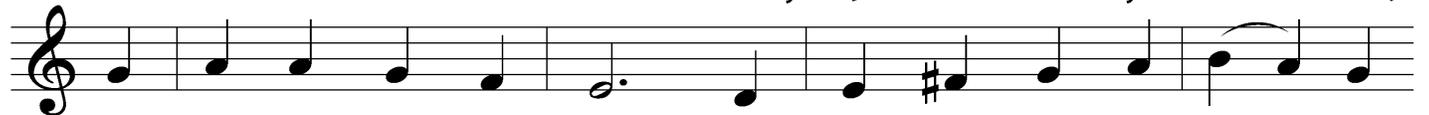
Be seated

What Is the World to Me

CW 717



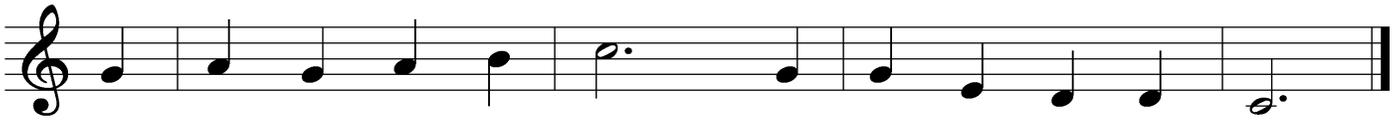
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
 3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
 my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
 Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Luke 18

Thread the Needle!

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is,
 seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
 and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when
he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take
and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from
it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out
for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in
remembrance of me."**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this
brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
for us made, and all our debt he ful - ly paid.
sup - per here we taste his love, so sweet, so near.
as he said, his ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 A precious food is this indeed,
it never fails us in our need,
a heav'nly manna for our soul
until we safely reach our goal.

6 How blest is each believing guest
who in these promises finds rest,
for Jesus will in love abide
with those who do in him confide!

7 They who his Word do not believe
this food unworthily receive,
salvation here will never find—
may we this warning keep in mind!

8 Help us sincerely to believe
that we may worthily receive
your supper and in you find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 † give you peace.

Amen.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924 sts. 1, 4-6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

SOLOIST: Sage Hess

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 A.M. – Dave Wehrmann, Mike Austreng.

10:30 A.M. Eric Vant Hul, Chad Marohn.

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: 10/16 & 10/17 - \$15,300 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,060 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$500 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE 10/16 & 10/17 8:00 A.M. – 171. 10:30 A.M. – 136. 6:30 P.M. – N/A.

In our prayers:

1. Glenn and Darcy Mueller. Glenn's brother Carl passed last week.
2. Kathleen and Eric Eickhoff celebrating 30 years of marriage on Oct. 24!



3. D'Ann Schaefer (husband Pat, boys Buck and Brody sing today). D'Ann has struggled with cancer and recently had an experimental treatment. Is in recovery for some time and can't be here today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 23	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. *Pre-K & K sing both services*
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. MLHS Fall Concert
Monday, October 24	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 26	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, October 27	NO SCHOOL - Office Closed
	6:00 p.m. BIC
Friday, October 28	NO SCHOOL - Office closed

Saturday, October 29	4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fall Fun Festival
Sunday, October 30	Reformation Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the *Divine call*. Today we look at *how does the WELS call process work* when we need to call for either a pastor or teacher? 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.
- 2. Office Hours** - Erin Radue is on vacation from October 22nd - October 30th. If you need any assistance during that time, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!
- 3. 3K Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Amanda Ofstie to serve as our 3K teacher. Mrs. Ofstie currently serves at Little Lambs Learning center in Mandan, ND. She and her husband, Joshua, have two young children. Please pray for her and consider sending a word of encouragement to her at a.ofstie@littlelambsmandan.com.
- 4. 2nd Grade Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Kelly Heldman to serve as our 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Heldman currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford, WI. She and her husband Paul have four children between the ages of 4 and 17. Please keep Mrs. Heldman in your prayers as she begins her deliberations. You can send greetings and encouragement her way at kellyheldman@yahoo.com.
- 5. Living Nativity** - Thank you to everyone that joined us and supported us last Sunday at the breakfast. Your generosity in support of this event is greatly appreciated. Posters and Postcards will be available in the member room next Sunday October 30th. Please take some postcards to give or send to your friends and relatives. Poster delivery people-your posters will be on the pew in the member room.
- 6. Living Nativity Shirts** - To celebrate our 20th anniversary of presenting the Living Nativity, we are offering shirts and sweatshirts for sale. An order form was sent out this past week via email. You can also order shirts by calling the office or stopping at the Living Nativity table in between services. Payments can be made in the office, at the Living Nativity table on Sundays, or in the drawer marked LIVING

NATIVITY SHIRT PAYMENTS in the member room. Exact cash or check only. If paying by check, please make out to Living Nativity with shirts in the memo line.

7. Forward in Christ Subscriptions - It's time to renew your subscription! There are half sheets in the member room to renew your Forward in Christ subscription. Please place your payment of \$15.00 and the completed half sheet in an envelope. Drop the sealed envelope in the drawer, in the member room, marked FORWARD IN CHRIST PAYMENTS. Forms and payments are due by November 13th.

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

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

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

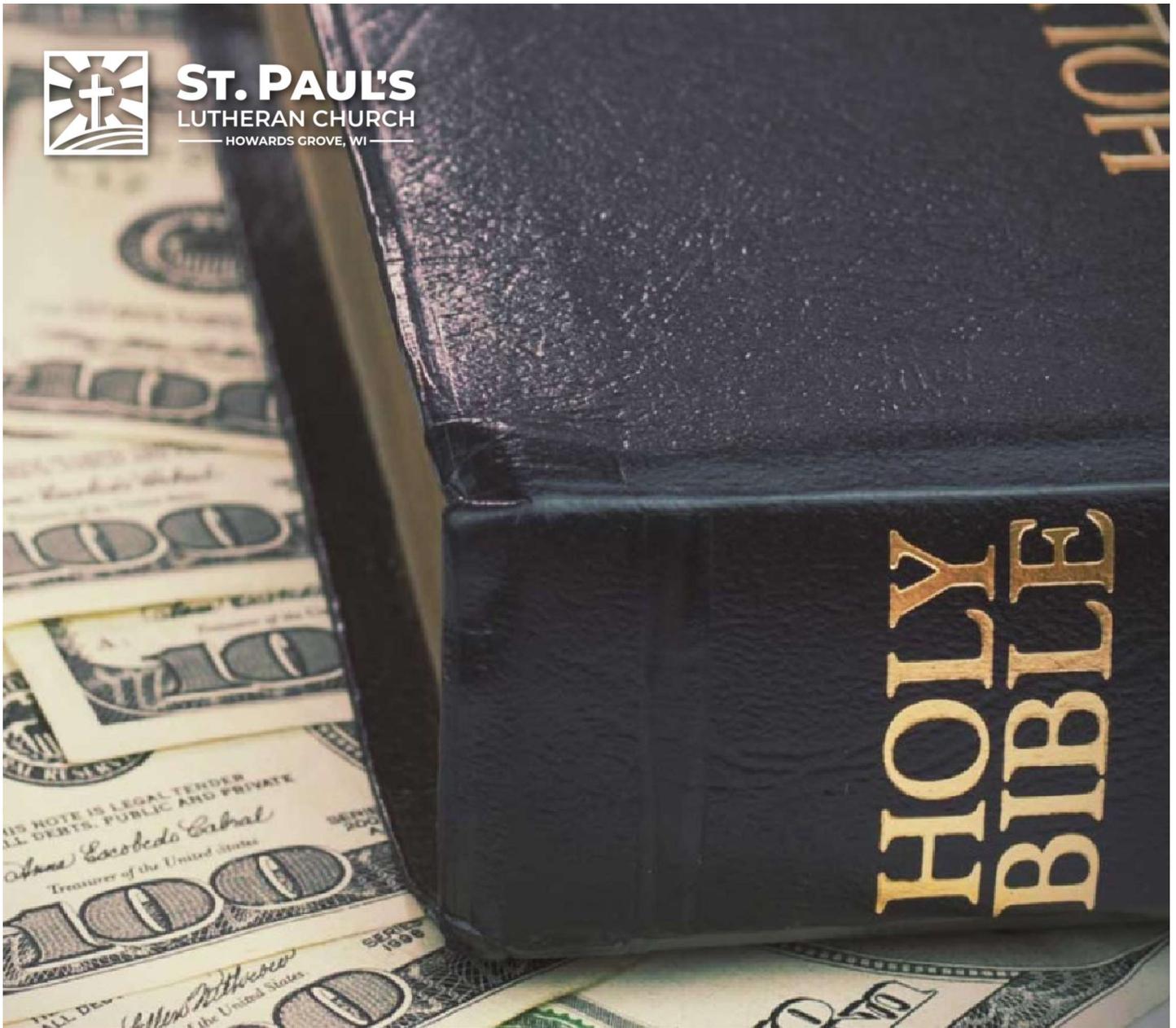
We are in need of more decorated trunks. (We currently have 8 signed up.) Please contact the church office or Luther Curia (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) if you are able to help in this way.

9. 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.

10. Women's Advent Tea - We are hosting a Women's Advent Tea at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 19, 9-10:30am. This special event will include a devotion, Bible study, connection time, and plenty of tasty treats. We encourage you to bring along a friend to prepare your hearts with God's Word as the busy holiday season begins. Babysitting available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/SPwat22>, contact the office, or Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) so we know how many to expect.



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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: *What do you love most? That question requires some serious soul searching. In today's Gospel, Jesus uncovered the deepest desires of a man's heart, and he does the same for ours. We can't even keep the first commandment to love the Lord with all our heart. It's impossible! But the Lord did in our place. Today, he redirects our hearts to him who did all things perfectly so that we will inherit eternal life: "Love the Lord More than Wealth".*

Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.*

Anthem

You Are My All in All

Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School's Preschool & Kindergarten

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, help me trust you through and through. You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I praise your Name. You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

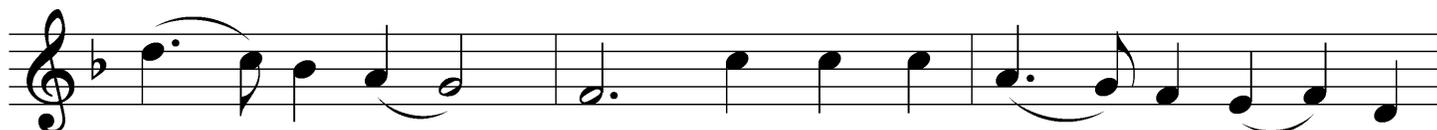
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All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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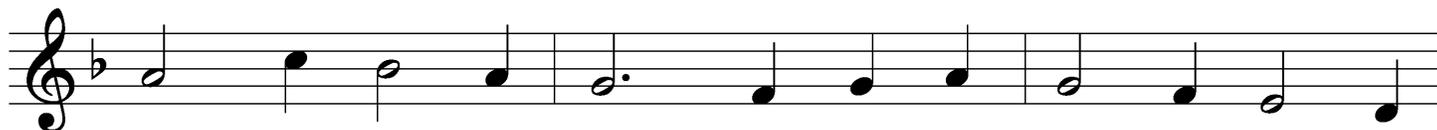
1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



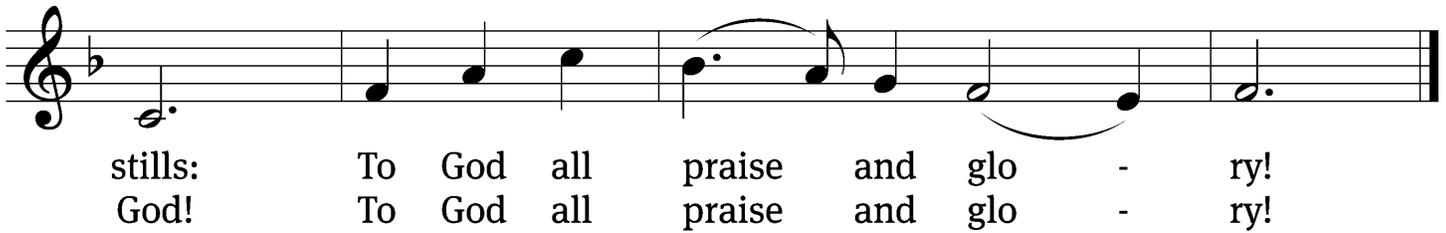
all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is



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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul; love others as he does.

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and

Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

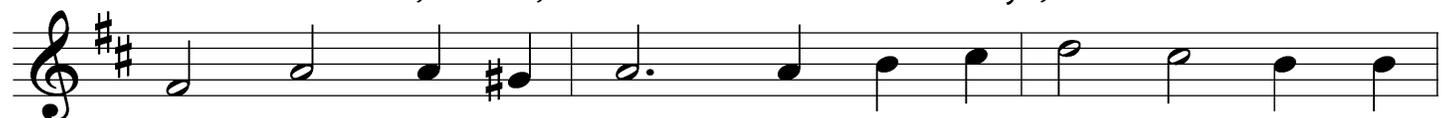
The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

Psalm 90C sts. 1-5



1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have
 2 A thou - sand years with - in your sight pass like a
 3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to
 4 The fu - ry of your wrath dis - may! Your light our
 5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our



been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to
 watch with - in the night, like yes - ter - day when it is
 dust, which gave you birth!" We grow like grass be - neath the
 se - cret sin dis - plays! Our years are mea - sured by our
 hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -



be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.
 through, the brief - est blink in all you view.
 sun, but with - er when our day is done.
 strength, yet toil and trou - ble is their length!
 turn? How much, O LORD, for you we yearn!

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Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

Love for this dying world is not compatible with love for the Father; whoever does God's will lives forever.

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

The rich ruler's love for the world prevented him from entering God's kingdom; yet God can overcome our misplaced love.

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.
²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

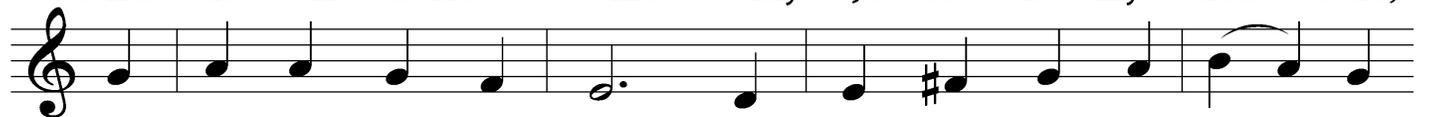
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What Is the World to Me

CW 717



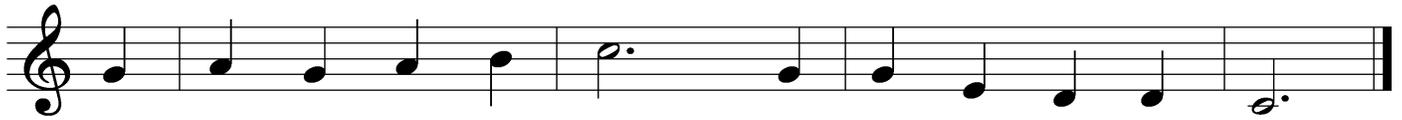
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
 3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
 my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Luke 18

Thread the Needle!

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when
he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take
and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from
it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out
for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in
remembrance of me."**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this
brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
for us made, and all our debt he ful - ly paid.
sup - per here we taste his love, so sweet, so near.
as he said, his ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 A precious food is this indeed,
it never fails us in our need,
a heav'nly manna for our soul
until we safely reach our goal.

7 They who his Word do not believe
this food unworthily receive,
salvation here will never find—
may we this warning keep in mind!

6 How blest is each believing guest
who in these promises finds rest,
for Jesus will in love abide
with those who do in him confide!

8 Help us sincerely to believe
that we may worthily receive
your supper and in you find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 † give you peace.

Amen.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924 sts. 1, 4-6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

SOLOIST: Sage Hess

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 A.M. – Dave Wehrmann, Mike Austreng.

10:30 A.M. Eric Vant Hul, Chad Marohn.

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: 10/16 & 10/17 - \$15,300 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,060 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$500 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE 10/16 & 10/17 8:00 A.M. – 171. 10:30 A.M. – 136. 6:30 P.M. – N/A.

In our prayers:

1. Glenn and Darcy Mueller. Glenn's brother Carl passed last week.
2. Kathleen and Eric Eickhoff celebrating 30 years of marriage on Oct. 24!



3. D'Ann Schaefer (husband Pat, boys Buck and Brody sing today). D'Ann has struggled with cancer and recently had an experimental treatment. Is in recovery for some time and can't be here today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 23	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. *Pre-K & K sing both services*
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. MLHS Fall Concert
Monday, October 24	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 26	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, October 27	NO SCHOOL - Office Closed
	6:00 p.m. BIC
Friday, October 28	NO SCHOOL - Office closed

Saturday, October 29	4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fall Fun Festival
Sunday, October 30	Reformation Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the *Divine call*. Today we look at *how does the WELS call process work* when we need to call for either a pastor or teacher? 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.
- 2. Office Hours** - Erin Radue is on vacation from October 22nd - October 30th. If you need any assistance during that time, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!
- 3. 3K Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Amanda Ofstie to serve as our 3K teacher. Mrs. Ofstie currently serves at Little Lambs Learning center in Mandan, ND. She and her husband, Joshua, have two young children. Please pray for her and consider sending a word of encouragement to her at a.ofstie@littlelambsmandan.com.
- 4. 2nd Grade Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Kelly Heldman to serve as our 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Heldman currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford, WI. She and her husband Paul have four children between the ages of 4 and 17. Please keep Mrs. Heldman in your prayers as she begins her deliberations. You can send greetings and encouragement her way at kellyheldman@yahoo.com.
- 5. Living Nativity** - Thank you to everyone that joined us and supported us last Sunday at the breakfast. Your generosity in support of this event is greatly appreciated. Posters and Postcards will be available in the member room next Sunday October 30th. Please take some postcards to give or send to your friends and relatives. Poster delivery people-your posters will be on the pew in the member room.
- 6. Living Nativity Shirts** - To celebrate our 20th anniversary of presenting the Living Nativity, we are offering shirts and sweatshirts for sale. An order form was sent out this past week via email. You can also order shirts by calling the office or stopping at the Living Nativity table in between services. Payments can be made in the office, at the Living Nativity table on Sundays, or in the drawer marked LIVING

NATIVITY SHIRT PAYMENTS in the member room. Exact cash or check only. If paying by check, please make out to Living Nativity with shirts in the memo line.

7. Forward in Christ Subscriptions - It's time to renew your subscription! There are half sheets in the member room to renew your Forward in Christ subscription. Please place your payment of \$15.00 and the completed half sheet in an envelope. Drop the sealed envelope in the drawer, in the member room, marked FORWARD IN CHRIST PAYMENTS. Forms and payments are due by November 13th.

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

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

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

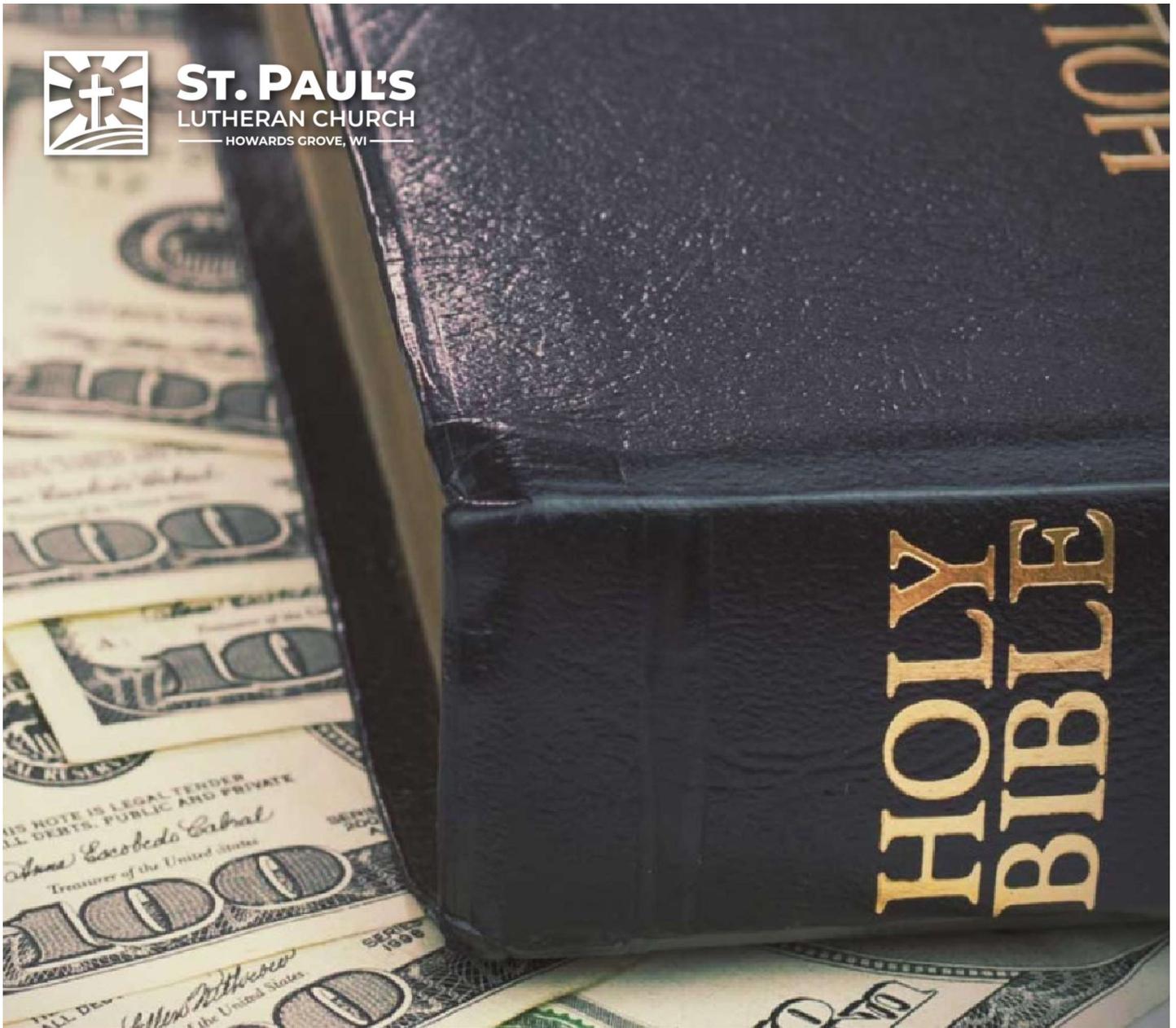
We are in need of more decorated trunks. (We currently have 8 signed up.) Please contact the church office or Luther Curia (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) if you are able to help in this way.

9. 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.

10. Women's Advent Tea - We are hosting a Women's Advent Tea at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 19, 9-10:30am. This special event will include a devotion, Bible study, connection time, and plenty of tasty treats. We encourage you to bring along a friend to prepare your hearts with God's Word as the busy holiday season begins. Babysitting available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/SPwat22>, contact the office, or Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) so we know how many to expect.



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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: *What do you love most? That question requires some serious soul searching. In today's Gospel, Jesus uncovered the deepest desires of a man's heart, and he does the same for ours. We can't even keep the first commandment to love the Lord with all our heart. It's impossible! But the Lord did in our place. Today, he redirects our hearts to him who did all things perfectly so that we will inherit eternal life: "Love the Lord More than Wealth".*

Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.*

Anthem

You Are My All in All

Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School's Preschool & Kindergarten

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, help me trust you through and through. You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I praise your Name. You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

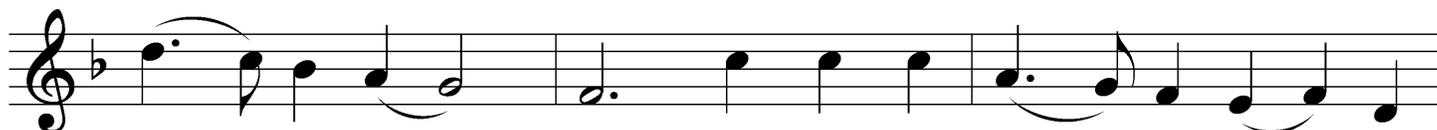
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All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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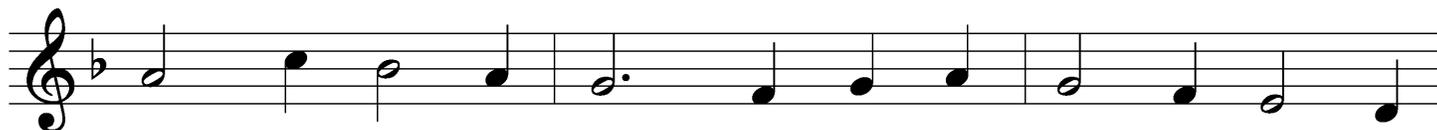
1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is

stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul; love others as he does.

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and

Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

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We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

Psalm 90C sts. 1-5



1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have
 2 A thou - sand years with - in your sight pass like a
 3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to
 4 The fu - ry of your wrath dis - may! Your light our
 5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our



been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to
 watch with - in the night, like yes - ter - day when it is
 dust, which gave you birth!" We grow like grass be - neath the
 se - cret sin dis - plays! Our years are mea - sured by our
 hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -



be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.
 through, the brief - est blink in all you view.
 sun, but with - er when our day is done.
 strength, yet toil and trou - ble is their length!
 turn? How much, O LORD, for you we yearn!

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Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

Love for this dying world is not compatible with love for the Father; whoever does God's will lives forever.

¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

The rich ruler's love for the world prevented him from entering God's kingdom; yet God can overcome our misplaced love.

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.
²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

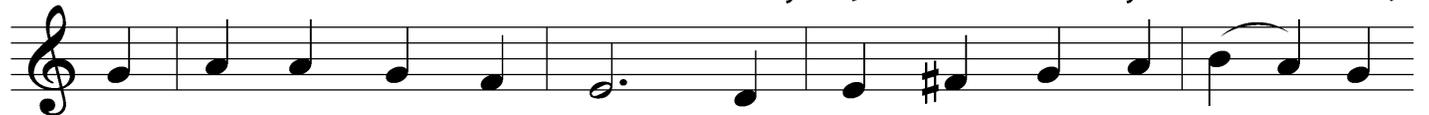
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What Is the World to Me

CW 717



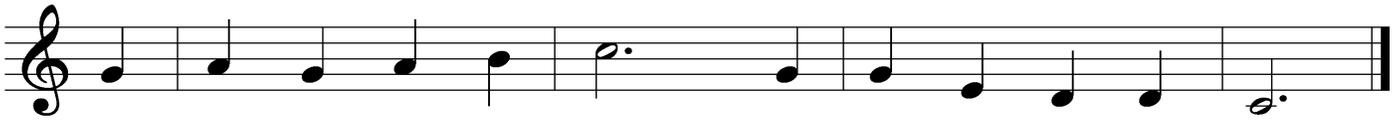
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
 3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
 my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Luke 18

Thread the Needle!

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when
he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take
and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from
it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out
for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in
remembrance of me."**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this
brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
for us made, and all our debt he ful - ly paid.
sup - per here we taste his love, so sweet, so near.
as he said, his ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 A precious food is this indeed,
it never fails us in our need,
a heav'nly manna for our soul
until we safely reach our goal.

6 How blest is each believing guest
who in these promises finds rest,
for Jesus will in love abide
with those who do in him confide!

7 They who his Word do not believe
this food unworthily receive,
salvation here will never find—
may we this warning keep in mind!

8 Help us sincerely to believe
that we may worthily receive
your supper and in you find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 † give you peace.

Amen.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924 sts. 1, 4-6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

SOLOIST: Sage Hess

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 A.M. – Dave Wehrmann, Mike Austreng.

10:30 A.M. Eric Vant Hul, Chad Marohn.

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: 10/16 & 10/17 - \$15,300 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,060 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$500 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE 10/16 & 10/17 8:00 A.M. – 171. 10:30 A.M. – 136. 6:30 P.M. – N/A.

In our prayers:

1. Glenn and Darcy Mueller. Glenn's brother Carl passed last week.
2. Kathleen and Eric Eickhoff celebrating 30 years of marriage on Oct. 24!



3. D'Ann Schaefer (husband Pat, boys Buck and Brody sing today). D'Ann has struggled with cancer and recently had an experimental treatment. Is in recovery for some time and can't be here today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 23	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. *Pre-K & K sing both services*
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. MLHS Fall Concert
Monday, October 24	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 26	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, October 27	NO SCHOOL - Office Closed
	6:00 p.m. BIC
Friday, October 28	NO SCHOOL - Office closed

Saturday, October 29	4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fall Fun Festival
Sunday, October 30	Reformation Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the *Divine call*. Today we look at *how does the WELS call process work* when we need to call for either a pastor or teacher? 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.
- 2. Office Hours** - Erin Radue is on vacation from October 22nd - October 30th. If you need any assistance during that time, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!
- 3. 3K Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Amanda Ofstie to serve as our 3K teacher. Mrs. Ofstie currently serves at Little Lambs Learning center in Mandan, ND. She and her husband, Joshua, have two young children. Please pray for her and consider sending a word of encouragement to her at a.ofstie@littlelambsmandan.com.
- 4. 2nd Grade Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Kelly Heldman to serve as our 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Heldman currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford, WI. She and her husband Paul have four children between the ages of 4 and 17. Please keep Mrs. Heldman in your prayers as she begins her deliberations. You can send greetings and encouragement her way at kellyheldman@yahoo.com.
- 5. Living Nativity** - Thank you to everyone that joined us and supported us last Sunday at the breakfast. Your generosity in support of this event is greatly appreciated. Posters and Postcards will be available in the member room next Sunday October 30th. Please take some postcards to give or send to your friends and relatives. Poster delivery people-your posters will be on the pew in the member room.
- 6. Living Nativity Shirts** - To celebrate our 20th anniversary of presenting the Living Nativity, we are offering shirts and sweatshirts for sale. An order form was sent out this past week via email. You can also order shirts by calling the office or stopping at the Living Nativity table in between services. Payments can be made in the office, at the Living Nativity table on Sundays, or in the drawer marked LIVING

NATIVITY SHIRT PAYMENTS in the member room. Exact cash or check only. If paying by check, please make out to Living Nativity with shirts in the memo line.

7. Forward in Christ Subscriptions - It's time to renew your subscription! There are half sheets in the member room to renew your Forward in Christ subscription. Please place your payment of \$15.00 and the completed half sheet in an envelope. Drop the sealed envelope in the drawer, in the member room, marked FORWARD IN CHRIST PAYMENTS. Forms and payments are due by November 13th.

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

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

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

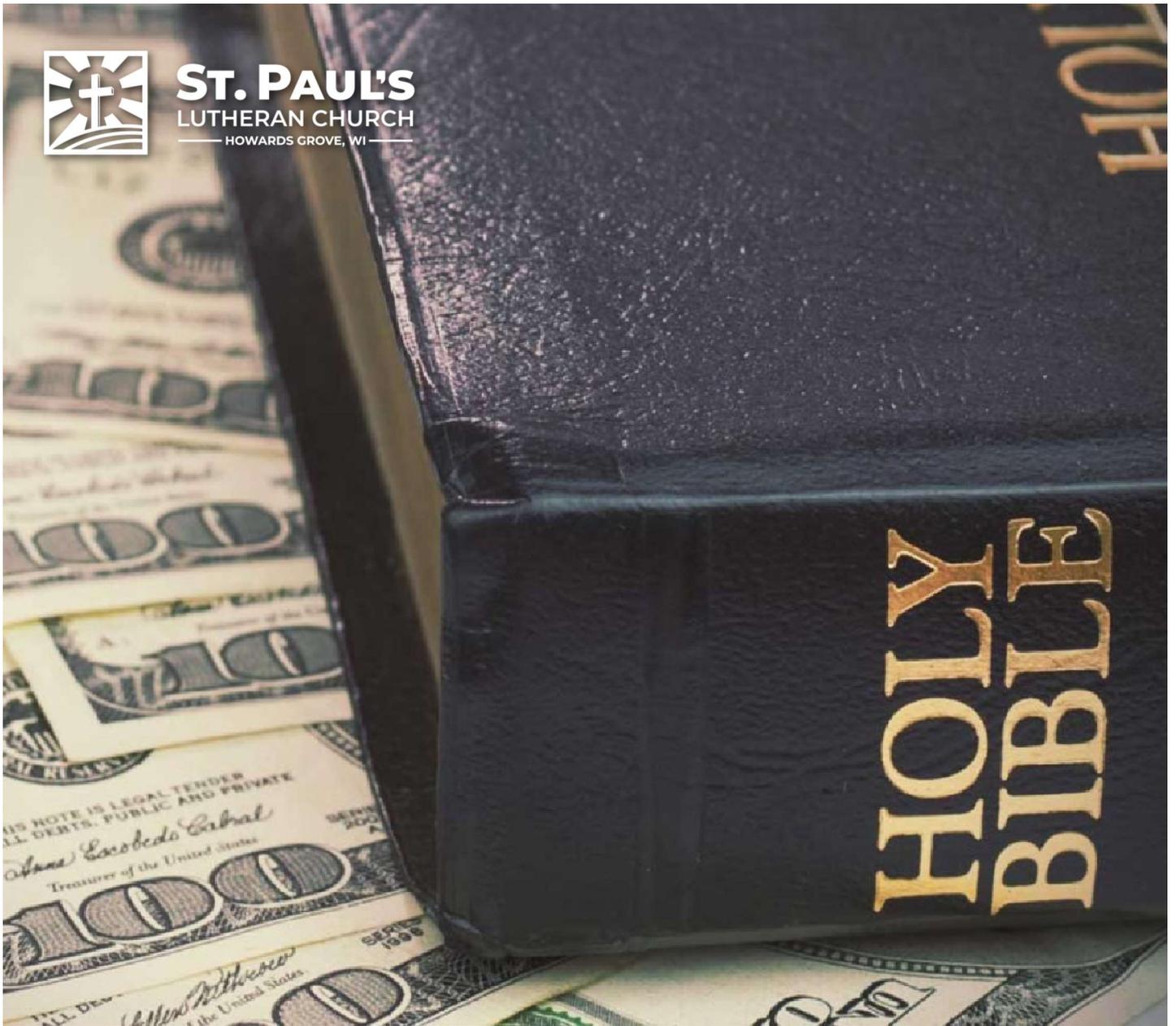
We are in need of more decorated trunks. (We currently have 8 signed up.) Please contact the church office or Luther Curia (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) if you are able to help in this way.

9. 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.

10. Women's Advent Tea - We are hosting a Women's Advent Tea at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 19, 9-10:30am. This special event will include a devotion, Bible study, connection time, and plenty of tasty treats. We encourage you to bring along a friend to prepare your hearts with God's Word as the busy holiday season begins. Babysitting available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/SPwat22>, contact the office, or Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) so we know how many to expect.



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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: *What do you love most? That question requires some serious soul searching. In today's Gospel, Jesus uncovered the deepest desires of a man's heart, and he does the same for ours. We can't even keep the first commandment to love the Lord with all our heart. It's impossible! But the Lord did in our place. Today, he redirects our hearts to him who did all things perfectly so that we will inherit eternal life: "Love the Lord More than Wealth".*

Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.*

Anthem

You Are My All in All

Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School's Preschool & Kindergarten

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, help me trust you through and through. You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I praise your Name. You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

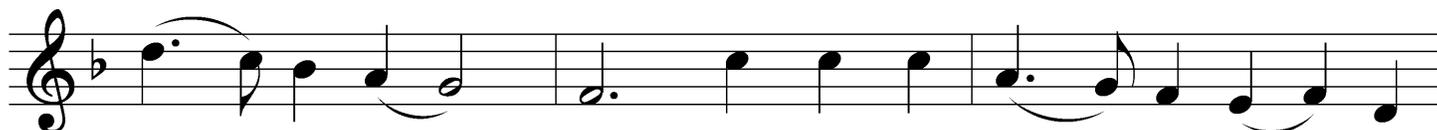
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All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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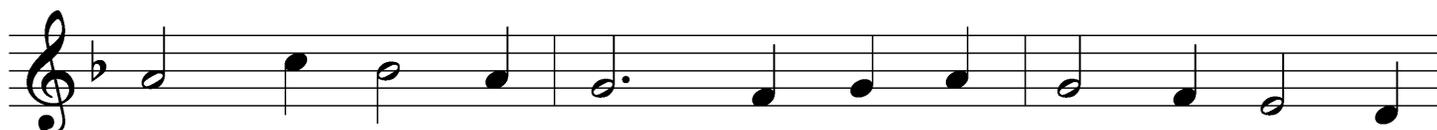
1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is

stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul; love others as he does.

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and

Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

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1 John 2:15–17

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¹⁵Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

The rich ruler's love for the world prevented him from entering God's kingdom; yet God can overcome our misplaced love.

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.
²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

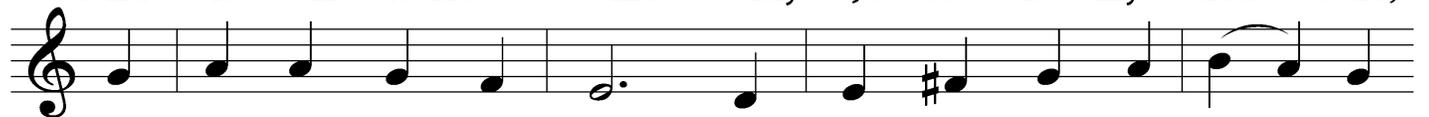
Be seated

What Is the World to Me

CW 717



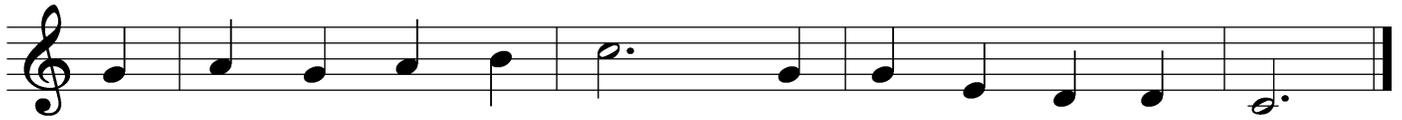
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
 3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
 my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Luke 18

Thread the Needle!

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when
he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take
and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from
it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out
for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in
remembrance of me."**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this
brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
for us made, and all our debt he ful - ly paid.
sup - per here we taste his love, so sweet, so near.
as he said, his ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 A precious food is this indeed,
it never fails us in our need,
a heav'nly manna for our soul
until we safely reach our goal.

6 How blest is each believing guest
who in these promises finds rest,
for Jesus will in love abide
with those who do in him confide!

7 They who his Word do not believe
this food unworthily receive,
salvation here will never find—
may we this warning keep in mind!

8 Help us sincerely to believe
that we may worthily receive
your supper and in you find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 † give you peace.

Amen.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924 sts. 1, 4-6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

SOLOIST: Sage Hess

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 A.M. – Dave Wehrmann, Mike Austreng.

10:30 A.M. Eric Vant Hul, Chad Marohn.

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: 10/16 & 10/17 - \$15,300 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,060 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$500 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE 10/16 & 10/17 8:00 A.M. – 171. 10:30 A.M. – 136. 6:30 P.M. – N/A.

In our prayers:

1. Glenn and Darcy Mueller. Glenn's brother Carl passed last week.
2. Kathleen and Eric Eickhoff celebrating 30 years of marriage on Oct. 24!



3. D'Ann Schaefer (husband Pat, boys Buck and Brody sing today). D'Ann has struggled with cancer and recently had an experimental treatment. Is in recovery for some time and can't be here today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 23	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. *Pre-K & K sing both services*
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. MLHS Fall Concert
Monday, October 24	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 26	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, October 27	NO SCHOOL - Office Closed
	6:00 p.m. BIC
Friday, October 28	NO SCHOOL - Office closed

Saturday, October 29	4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fall Fun Festival
Sunday, October 30	Reformation Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the *Divine call*. Today we look at *how does the WELS call process work* when we need to call for either a pastor or teacher? 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.
- 2. Office Hours** - Erin Radue is on vacation from October 22nd - October 30th. If you need any assistance during that time, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!
- 3. 3K Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Amanda Ofstie to serve as our 3K teacher. Mrs. Ofstie currently serves at Little Lambs Learning center in Mandan, ND. She and her husband, Joshua, have two young children. Please pray for her and consider sending a word of encouragement to her at a.ofstie@littlelambsmandan.com.
- 4. 2nd Grade Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Kelly Heldman to serve as our 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Heldman currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford, WI. She and her husband Paul have four children between the ages of 4 and 17. Please keep Mrs. Heldman in your prayers as she begins her deliberations. You can send greetings and encouragement her way at kellyheldman@yahoo.com.
- 5. Living Nativity** - Thank you to everyone that joined us and supported us last Sunday at the breakfast. Your generosity in support of this event is greatly appreciated. Posters and Postcards will be available in the member room next Sunday October 30th. Please take some postcards to give or send to your friends and relatives. Poster delivery people-your posters will be on the pew in the member room.
- 6. Living Nativity Shirts** - To celebrate our 20th anniversary of presenting the Living Nativity, we are offering shirts and sweatshirts for sale. An order form was sent out this past week via email. You can also order shirts by calling the office or stopping at the Living Nativity table in between services. Payments can be made in the office, at the Living Nativity table on Sundays, or in the drawer marked LIVING

NATIVITY SHIRT PAYMENTS in the member room. Exact cash or check only. If paying by check, please make out to Living Nativity with shirts in the memo line.

7. Forward in Christ Subscriptions - It's time to renew your subscription! There are half sheets in the member room to renew your Forward in Christ subscription. Please place your payment of \$15.00 and the completed half sheet in an envelope. Drop the sealed envelope in the drawer, in the member room, marked FORWARD IN CHRIST PAYMENTS. Forms and payments are due by November 13th.

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

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

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

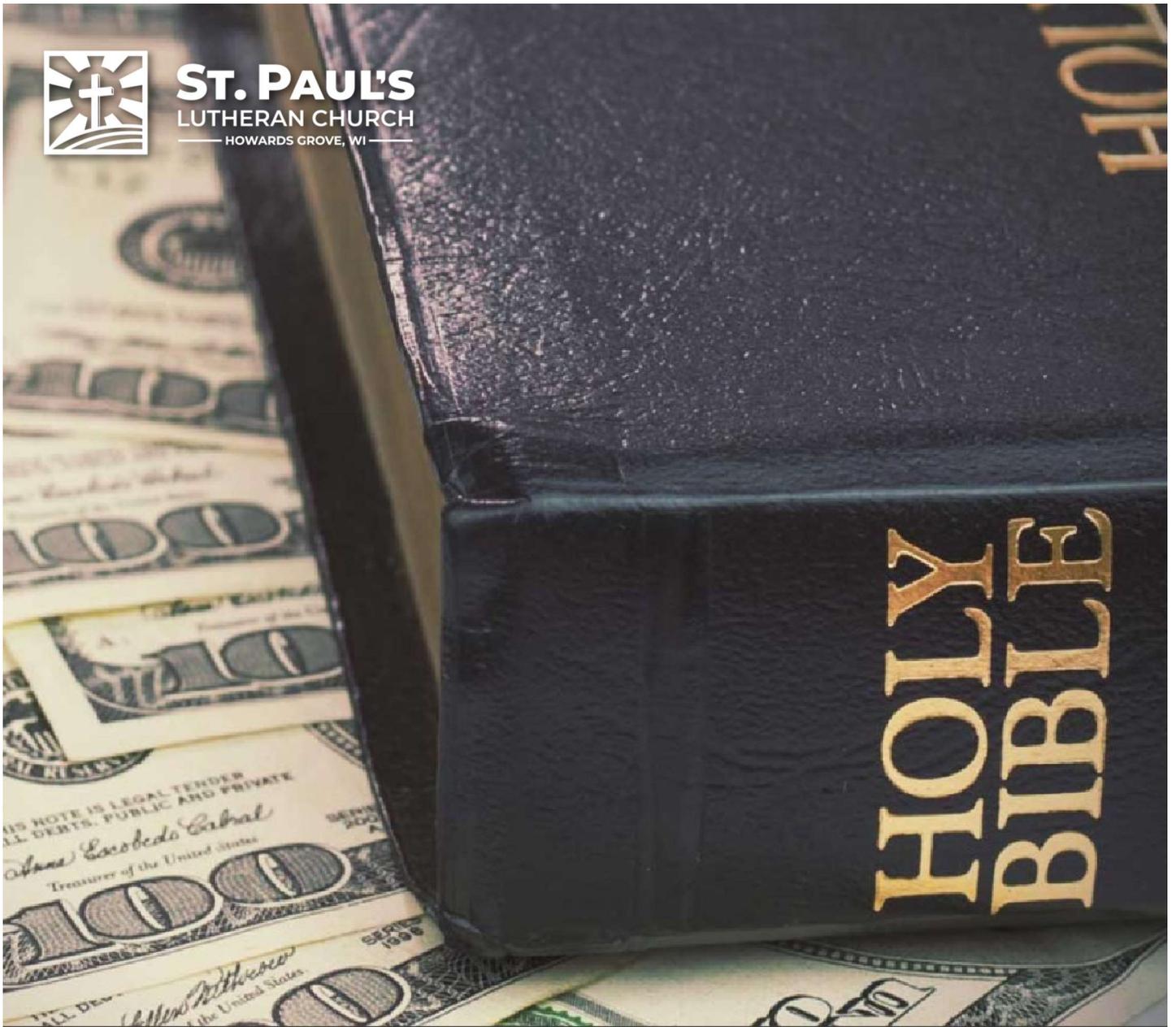
We are in need of more decorated trunks. (We currently have 8 signed up.) Please contact the church office or Luther Curia (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) if you are able to help in this way.

9. 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.

10. Women's Advent Tea - We are hosting a Women's Advent Tea at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 19, 9-10:30am. This special event will include a devotion, Bible study, connection time, and plenty of tasty treats. We encourage you to bring along a friend to prepare your hearts with God's Word as the busy holiday season begins. Babysitting available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/SPwat22>, contact the office, or Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) so we know how many to expect.



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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: *What do you love most? That question requires some serious soul searching. In today's Gospel, Jesus uncovered the deepest desires of a man's heart, and he does the same for ours. We can't even keep the first commandment to love the Lord with all our heart. It's impossible! But the Lord did in our place. Today, he redirects our hearts to him who did all things perfectly so that we will inherit eternal life: "Love the Lord More than Wealth".*

Communion Preparation: *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith. Amen.*

Anthem

You Are My All in All

Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School's Preschool & Kindergarten

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, help me trust you through and through. You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I praise your Name. You are my all in all. When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

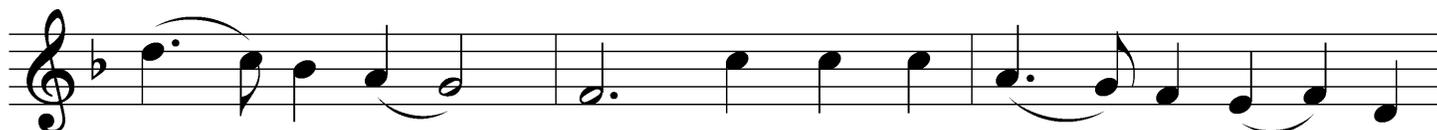
Amen.

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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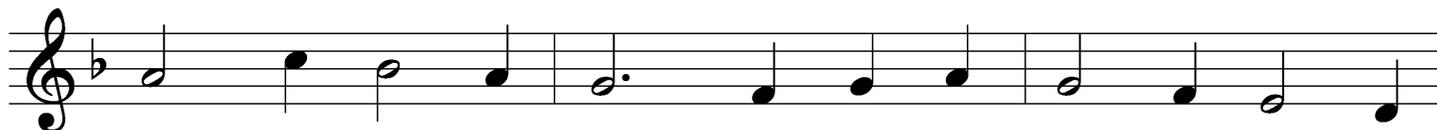
1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is

stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul; love others as he does.

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and

Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²²Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

Psalm 90C sts. 1-5



1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have
2 A thou - sand years with - in your sight pass like a
3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to
4 The fu - ry of your wrath dis - may! Your light our
5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our
been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to
watch with - in the night, like yes - ter - day when it is
dust, which gave you birth!" We grow like grass be - neath the
se - cret sin dis - plays! Our years are mea - sured by our
hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -
be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.
through, the brief - est blink in all you view.
sun, but with - er when our day is done.
strength, yet toil and trou - ble is their length!
turn? How much, O LORD, for you we yearn!

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Second Reading

1 John 2:15–17

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Gospel

Luke 18:18–30

The rich ruler's love for the world prevented him from entering God's kingdom; yet God can overcome our misplaced love.

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.
²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

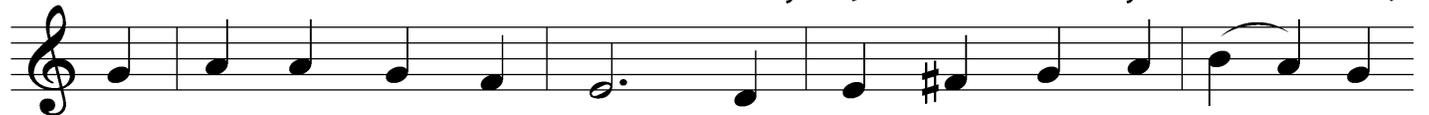
Be seated

What Is the World to Me

CW 717



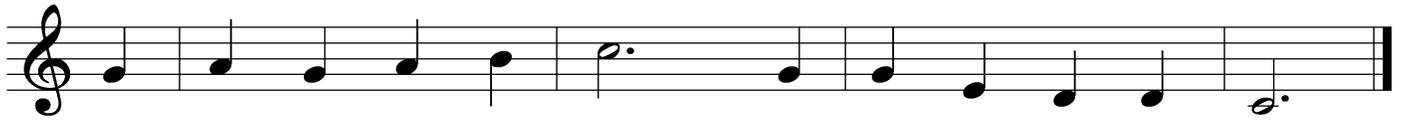
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
 3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.
 my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Luke 18

Thread the Needle!

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church and 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.**

THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when
he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take
and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance
of me."**

**Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from
it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out
for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in
remembrance of me."**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.**

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this

brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
 sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
 sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924 sts. 1, 4-6



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

SOLOIST: Sage Hess

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 A.M. – Dave Wehrmann, Mike Austreng.

10:30 A.M. Eric Vant Hul, Chad Marohn.

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: 10/16 & 10/17 - \$15,300 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$3,060 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$500 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE 10/16 & 10/17 8:00 A.M. – 171. 10:30 A.M. – 136. 6:30 P.M. – N/A.

In our prayers:

1. Glenn and Darcy Mueller. Glenn's brother Carl passed last week.
2. Kathleen and Eric Eickhoff celebrating 30 years of marriage on Oct. 24!



3. D'Ann Schaefer (husband Pat, boys Buck and Brody sing today). D'Ann has struggled with cancer and recently had an experimental treatment. Is in recovery for some time and can't be here today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, October 23	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. *Pre-K & K sing both services*
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. MLHS Fall Concert
Monday, October 24	5:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, October 25	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. World Religions Study
Wednesday, October 26	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, October 27	NO SCHOOL - Office Closed
	6:00 p.m. BIC
Friday, October 28	NO SCHOOL - Office closed

Saturday, October 29	4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fall Fun Festival
Sunday, October 30	Reformation Sunday Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study looks at the *Divine call*. Today we look at *how does the WELS call process work* when we need to call for either a pastor or teacher? 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.
- 2. Office Hours** - Erin Radue is on vacation from October 22nd - October 30th. If you need any assistance during that time, please contact one of the pastors. Thank you!
- 3. 3K Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Amanda Ofstie to serve as our 3K teacher. Mrs. Ofstie currently serves at Little Lambs Learning center in Mandan, ND. She and her husband, Joshua, have two young children. Please pray for her and consider sending a word of encouragement to her at a.ofstie@littlelambsmandan.com.
- 4. 2nd Grade Teacher Call** - At the voters meeting on October 16, St. Paul's extended a call to Mrs. Kelly Heldman to serve as our 2nd grade teacher. Mrs. Heldman currently serves at Immanuel Lutheran School in Medford, WI. She and her husband Paul have four children between the ages of 4 and 17. Please keep Mrs. Heldman in your prayers as she begins her deliberations. You can send greetings and encouragement her way at kellyheldman@yahoo.com.
- 5. Living Nativity** - Thank you to everyone that joined us and supported us last Sunday at the breakfast. Your generosity in support of this event is greatly appreciated. Posters and Postcards will be available in the member room next Sunday October 30th. Please take some postcards to give or send to your friends and relatives. Poster delivery people-your posters will be on the pew in the member room.
- 6. Living Nativity Shirts** - To celebrate our 20th anniversary of presenting the Living Nativity, we are offering shirts and sweatshirts for sale. An order form was sent out this past week via email. You can also order shirts by calling the office or stopping at the Living Nativity table in between services. Payments can be made in the office, at the Living Nativity table on Sundays, or in the drawer marked LIVING

NATIVITY SHIRT PAYMENTS in the member room. Exact cash or check only. If paying by check, please make out to Living Nativity with shirts in the memo line.

7. Forward in Christ Subscriptions - It's time to renew your subscription! There are half sheets in the member room to renew your Forward in Christ subscription. Please place your payment of \$15.00 and the completed half sheet in an envelope. Drop the sealed envelope in the drawer, in the member room, marked FORWARD IN CHRIST PAYMENTS. Forms and payments are due by November 13th.

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

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

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

We are in need of more decorated trunks. (We currently have 8 signed up.) Please contact the church office or Luther Curia (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org) if you are able to help in this way.

9. 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.

10. Women's Advent Tea - We are hosting a Women's Advent Tea at St. Paul's on Saturday, November 19, 9-10:30am. This special event will include a devotion, Bible study, connection time, and plenty of tasty treats. We encourage you to bring along a friend to prepare your hearts with God's Word as the busy holiday season begins. Babysitting available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/SPwat22>, contact the office, or Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) so we know how many to expect.