

# THE LAST DAY



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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:** *Even people who don't believe in God can tell that things are getting worse and this world won't last forever. Today, God prepares us for the end times leading up to Jesus' return. There will be wars, disasters, and persecution before fire destroys everything. But we don't have anything to fear. God is with us. He promises rescue and relief. So, "Stand Firm to the End".*

**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.*

## See, He Comes, the King of Glory

CW 494

*Stand*

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.**

The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in

all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;

you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*Be Seated*

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Malachi 4*

*The end will burn like a furnace for the arrogant; but for all who stand firm, revering the Lord's name, there will be healing and freedom.*

<sup>1</sup>“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. <sup>3</sup>Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

<sup>4</sup>“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>He will turn the hearts of the parents to their

children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

## **Anthem**

*The Solid Rock*

*Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School Gr. 5-8*

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

*Refrain:* On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

## **SECOND LESSON**

*2 Thessalonians 1:5–10*

*When Jesus is revealed in blazing fire, he will bring everlasting destruction to the enemies of his people and relief to all who stand firm to the end.*

<sup>5</sup>All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

<sup>6</sup>God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you <sup>7</sup>and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.

<sup>8</sup>He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup>They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might <sup>10</sup>on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

## **Anthem**

*Sing Alleluia, Allelu*

*Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School Gr. 5-8*

Sing alleluia, allelu. Alleluia!

*Stand*

# GOSPEL

Luke 21:5–19

*Although there will be disaster, persecution, and betrayal, Jesus promises the victory to his disciples who stand firm to the end.*

<sup>5</sup>Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

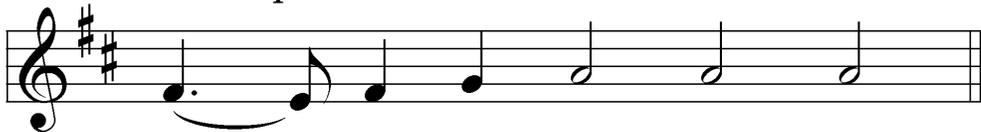
<sup>8</sup>He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.

<sup>9</sup>When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. <sup>13</sup>And so you will bear testimony to me. <sup>14</sup>But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup>For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>Everyone will hate you because of me. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>Stand firm, and you will win life.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

**The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

CW 488

*Hope!*

*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**



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be Seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

*St. Paul's practices the Biblical and historic Christian practice of close communion. It means those trained in God's Word and who confess their unity of faith here by their membership may commune. For our dear guests we would love to have you join us at the sacrament after studying God's Word and joining here as a member. The pastors would further love to speak with anyone about this if desired.*

## Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CW 663 sts. 1-3, 6-8

*Stand*

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

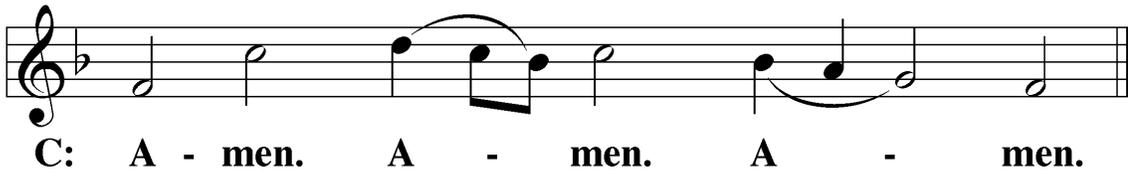
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Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



*Be Seated*

## Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 573 sts. 1–2, 5–6

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### SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

**PASTOR:** Rev. Aaron Mueller

**ORGANIST:** Susan Phelps

**ALTAR GUILD:** Kathy Nack, Lisa Specht, Rachel Rehbein, Christina Sprenger.

**COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 A.M. –** Don Last, Steve Schueler.

**10:30 A.M.** Eric Vant Hul, Jim Van Alstine.

**USHERS: 8:00 a.m.-** Jeremy Pieper, Jon/Josh Pieper, Jason Pieper, Paul Holzwart, Steve Sprenger.

**10:30 a.m.** Eric Vant Hul, Loren Reinemann, Derek Grunwald, Mark Kolosovsky, Brad Tinker.

*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: 11/6 & 11/7 - \$17,050 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$950 GROWING**

**FORWARD. \$600 FOR THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.**

**ATTENDANCE 11/6 & 11/7 8:00 A.M. – 306. 10:30 A.M. – 102. 6:30 P.M. – 21.**



In our prayers:

1. Sheryl Nehls having hip replacement surgery on November 14.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, November 13	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Grades 5-8 Sing Both Services
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

<b>Monday, November 14</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 15</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. PTF Meeting</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. World Religions Study</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 16</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement</b>
	<b>4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. School Board</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Officers</b>
<b>Thursday, November 17</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday, November 19</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Women's Advent Tea</b>
<b>Sunday, November 20</b>	<b>Worship Services: 8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Call Meeting for 2nd Grade Teacher</b>

- Sunday Bible Study:** Our Sunday Bible study finishes the topic of the *divine call*. Join us in the gymnasium. *Child Care* is offered between services in the Kindergarten room for young children so that their parents can attend Bible study.
- 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@littl lambsmandan.com](mailto:a.ofstie@littl lambsmandan.com).

3. **2nd Grade Teacher Call** - The call meeting will be November 20th at the beginning of Bible study.
4. **Living Nativity Postcards** and posters are in the mailbox room. Please take some to hand out and give away to family and friends! Those who signed up to deliver posters can pick theirs up here as well!
5. **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.
6. **Men's Crafts-Men Bible Study** - Thursday, November 17 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll continue our study on the life of David—a boy who by faith, courage, and divine appointment was thrust into the kingship of Israel. He was king, warrior, psalmist, prophet, and one who foreshadowed the coming of Christ. And he was flawed. But the Book of Acts describes David as “a man after [God's] own heart” (Acts 13:22). We'll discuss how David lived a passionate life of trusting, seeking, and worshiping God. Snacks will be provided. Bring along a beverage of choice.
7. **Mindful Moms** - St. Paul's has a moms group and all moms are invited! Mindful Moms is a group designed to enrich and encourage moms at St. Paul's and the surrounding community with a friendly space to make and reconnect with friends walking through the same stages of motherhood. Every Wednesday Moms get together for playdates with creative play for littles or Bible studies with encouragement specifically for moms. Evening Mom's Night Out gatherings also provide fun social opportunities to connect. Pick up a postcard for the current meetup schedule or contact the office for more info on how to get connected.
8. **The St. Paul's Lutheran Pioneers** is launching a new program in January 2023! The new program will meet weekly right after school, with various sessions running for 6-8 weeks. The program will involve girls and boys 1st - 8th graders, possibly kindergarten depending on leaders and helpers. Activity sessions will include archery, hiking, gardening, cooking, painting, and more! If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please call or text Mike Heilman at 920-698-1654 or email [heilman\\_2004@yahoo.com](mailto:heilman_2004@yahoo.com). Additional information and signup for the first session will be provided around Christmas.

- 9. Hunter's Worship Service:** St. John-St. Peter Lutheran in Cleveland will be holding its annual deer hunter service on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30pm. If you plan to be in the deer stand during the Wisconsin season opener, then this is the service for you. We invite you to join us as we pray for God's blessing on this year's hunt. This unique service will connect hunting experiences with passages of God's Word that remind us of his providence, his grace, and his protection, as well as reinforce safe hunting practices. The Lord's Supper will also be offered. View our Facebook event for more information: <https://fb.me/e/2vuRmE5hy>
- 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](mailto:alycia.cameron@gmail.com), 414-736-8966) so we know how many to expect.
- 11. Thanksgiving Worship** - Our Thanksgiving worship services this year will be Wednesday, November 23, at 6:30 pm and Thursday, November 24, at 9:00 am. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his love endures forever!
- 12. Flower Saddles** - There are 4 flower saddles that blew off of some headstones at the cemetery. They are now attached to some stakes near the water pump. Please take a look to see if yours is missing. Thanks!
- 13. Narthex and Gym Painting** - We are reaching out to see if anyone is interested in helping out with painting the narthex and the gym. A date will be determined at a later time once we know who is willing to help out. If you are interested, please sign-up in the member room with your name, email, and phone number. Please contact Mark Eichhorst, 920-980-8670 or [spikey1@tds.net](mailto:spikey1@tds.net), with any questions.
- 14. Living Nativity** - Calling all cookie bakers...Each year we ask our bakers to please bring 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candy. The sign up sheet is in the member room. Please drop off in the kitchen on the back counter beginning Wednesday Nov. 30. Disposable containers are helpful.
- 15. Living Nativity Rehearsal and Costume Assignment** - Our one and only rehearsal will be on November 13th right after second service. A light lunch will be served, costumes assigned and we hope to begin rehearsal close to noon. This rehearsal is extremely important as we will be in a different location this year. We encourage all cast members (with the exception of Roman Guards and Greeters) to attend.

- 16. Nativity Sets** - If you have a nativity set(s) with a special history for you and your family, or unique, or perhaps an antique, would you consider displaying it in the commons area to share with our visitors during Living Nativity weekend? Even if you have done so prior, please bring it again. There are always new people who have not seen it before and others that love to see favorites from years past. If so, there is a sign-up sheet in the coat room. **Please indicate if you are bringing more than one and what message you would like displayed with your set(s)** The information or questions can be emailed to [hamannlinda70@gmail.com](mailto:hamannlinda70@gmail.com). You can also put something in Linda's church mailbox, C20. [call at 920.565.2749] Please bring sets to the commons area on Thursday (afternoon/evening) on Dec. 1st or Friday Dec. 2. You may set it up yourself or request help. Please take sets down Sunday evening after the Living Nativity (or Monday morning).
- 17. Martin Luther College** has announced four recipients of the Marjorie E. Toepel Scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. The students are Lauren Crocker, a sophomore from Pearland, TX; Lynsey Marohn, a senior from St. John-St James in Reedsville; Abbee Olson, a sophomore from Zion--Louis Corners; and Josh Zander, a sophomore from Immanuel --Manitowoc.
- 18. Free Pancake Dinner - Tuesday, November 22nd from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm.** Come JAM with us! - St Paul's 0-5 group, Jesus and Me (JAM) is offering a Make and Take Pancake Dinner: Make a pancake dinner to eat at St Paul's with your family and take a pancake dinner in a jar (feeds 4) to a friend or family! Pancakes, sausages and applesauce, activities and play throughout the evening for children ages 0-5. Bring your family! This event is open to the public, come anytime between 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. All are Welcome!
- 19. Mr. Andrew Dais** our 5-6th grade teacher received a divine call to serve Zion - South Milwaukee to serve as upper grade teacher and athletic director. We wish Mr. Dais God's blessings as he begins to gather information from Zion and input from God's people at St. Paul's. Feel free to contact him at: [andrew.dais@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:andrew.dais@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
- 20. Building Project Update** - This past week we reached a major milestone. The concrete floor is finished (which means all the buried electrical and plumbing was completed as well)! God blessed us with some tremendous weather. Soon will begin the laying of blocks...nearly 9,000 of them! Once this work is done and there is a pause before the steelwork begins, we are looking to schedule several tours for anyone to view the work.

## MLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **German Christmas Service --Saturday, December 10 at 2 pm** Everyone is welcome to attend the German Christmas Service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Collins on Saturday, December 10th at 2pm. The service will include familiar hymns sung in their original German, with Gemütlichkeit and Christmas goodies to follow. Knowledge of German is not required. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior like area German Lutherans did over 100 years ago...with a Christmas message that still brings us peace and joy today. St. Peter's is located at 2501 Collins Road, Chilton, WI 53014. For more information, please contact Pastor Weiss at saintpeterscollins@gmail.com or (920) 772-4105.
2. **MLHS CALL UPDATE** As is true throughout the Wisconsin Synod, a fair amount of call activity is happening at MLHS as well. God be praised as he equips his church to do his work. Here's how that applies specifically to the ministry here at MLHS:
  - a. Pastor Kock declined his call to go full-time into teaching at MLHS. He will remain as president for the time being and will be giving thought to how his own personal ministry will play out in the near future. A new call for the theology teacher position will be issued on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Kevin Buch has been called to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. This is the position that we called for after Scott Reinhard passed away. It was filled for a while by Mr. Ryan Hulse. It became vacant last school year when Ryan felt the deep need to return to a ministry that connected him with students. The main purpose of this position is to work with donors that support the ongoing ministry of MLHS. Kevin currently serves as our technology director, and formerly served as our admissions director.
  - c. Martin Plocher has been called to serve as the campaign director for the current project that has been underway for some time, a position that he has really been filling part-time this current year. It is a one-year call that is renewable and reflects the great impact that the campaign and project has on our ministry.
  - d. Jeff Dolan recently received a call to serve as a social studies teacher and coach at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, which is located in New Ulm, MN.

Please keep all these gentlemen and their families in your prayers. Thank you so much for doing that, and for your support of our ministry here. It's all about Jesus, and he is all about us.