

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A photograph of a brown hen with several small white chicks in a field. The hen is in the center, looking towards the left. There are several chicks around her, some in the foreground and some in the background. The background is a soft-focus green field.

**THE LORD'S  
DETERMINATION  
AMONG THE  
UNWILLING**

**MARCH 13 & 14, 2022**



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LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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# Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors!

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. (Psalm 32:1) During the season of Lent, we are blessed to follow Jesus to the cross and see how he has forgiven our sins by his sufferings and death. We are so thankful to share in that blessedness with you at St. Paul's. Our mission is to Grow in Christ and to go with Christ.

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!



## WORSHIP DURING THESE TIMES

All pews are open for seating. Face coverings are optional - up to the individual. Please feel free to use the Bibles/Hymnals in the racks. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. There are bulletins available in the narthex or from an usher. Please keep or discard them at the end of worship. Offerings can be placed in the marked boxes in the narthex.

## ADDITIONAL WORSHIP INFORMATION

On our website you will find previous and the current links for our worship services, bulletins, and announcements. We livestream the 8:00 a.m. service every Sunday. We can also make a copy of our worship on a DVD for you. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return the a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of it.

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us after first service, at 9:15 a.m., for our Family Bible Hour. We have Sunday school for 4K-8th grade, Youth Group Bible Class for high school age kids, and Adult Bible Class. Childcare is offered during the Adult Bible Class. There are other Bible Study Opportunities during the week. Contact one of our Pastors for more information.

## COMMUNION

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

## FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14*

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms. Near the entrance of the church, there are children's quiet bags with pictures, books, and a sketch tablet. If you use them, please put them back after the service. Based on Scriptural examples and developmental evidence, parents at St. Paul's worship with their young children. We encourage members to 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 you 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** *Last weekend, we observed our Savior's great focus to fend off the devil's temptations with his powerful Word. Today we see Jesus dig even deeper. He is determined to go to Jerusalem and die, even for a people that didn't want him. Jesus is no less determined to gather us.*

**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.*

## What Grace Is This

CW 395



- 1 What grace is this! My Lord and King
- 2 What grace is this— that ver - y God
- 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,
- 4 What grace is this! Rude ag - o - nies!



has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -  
 would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a  
 he yields to Pon - tius Pi - late's law and lets the  
 With com - mon thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sin - less



ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.  
 road of rock and blood, a sin - ner's road, for me.  
 Ro - man ham - mers draw a rush of blood for me.  
 Son bears each mis - deed; he pays for all, for me.

- 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths  
 and gently laid in manger-trough,  
 he's taken, dead, from wretched cross  
 and wrapped again for me.

- 6 What grace is this? How can it be?  
 He wears this raw humility  
 to lift me to eternity.  
 Such grace—sweet grace—for me.

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*Stand*

## Invocation

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

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Glory to God in the Highest

*Tune: ANTHES*



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;

for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
 ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.

Al - migh - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;  
 With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,

we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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## THE WORD

### Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

*Jeremiah 26:8–15*

*Jeremiah was determined to deliver the LORD's message of repentance – even to a people who wanted to put him to death.*

<sup>8</sup>But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! <sup>9</sup>Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate

and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!"

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. <sup>15</sup>Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Philippians 3:7—4:1*

*Paul was determined to strain toward the goal of heaven – even though many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.*

<sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of

me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

<sup>16</sup>Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

<sup>17</sup>Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup>For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Philippians 2:8*

Minister sings refrain first.

**Congregation repeats refrain.**



Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

M: Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

**Congregation sings refrain.**

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# Gospel

Luke 13:31–35

*Jesus was determined to suffer and die in Jerusalem - even for people who were unwilling to listen.*

<sup>31</sup>At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup>He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ <sup>33</sup>In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup>“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup>Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

CW 817



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee,  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun - ty gave my bod - y,  
3 Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, to A - br'ham's



ne'er from me de - part, with ten - der mer - cy cheer me.  
soul, and all I have in this poor life of la - bor.  
bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear - ing;



Earth has no plea - sure I would share; yea, heav'n it -  
Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place may glo - ri -  
and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y



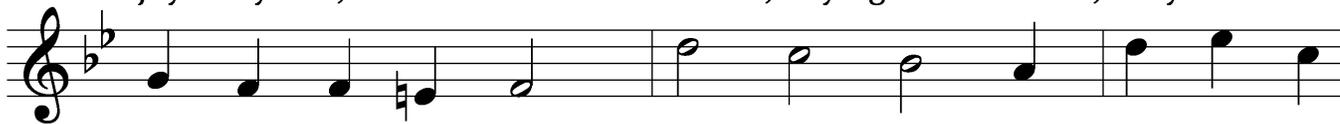
self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
 fy thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor.  
 safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor - row break, my trust in thee can  
 Let no false doc - trine me be - guile; let Sa - tan not my  
 And then from death a - wak - en me that these mine eyes with



noth - ing shake. Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
 soul de - file. Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my  
 joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word.  
 Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.  
 tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end.

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## Sermon

Luke 13

*About to Buy the Farm*

*The fox – The hen*

*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.**

*Be seated*

**Prayer of the Church**

**THE SACRAMENT**

*Stand*

## Preface

CW 165



The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

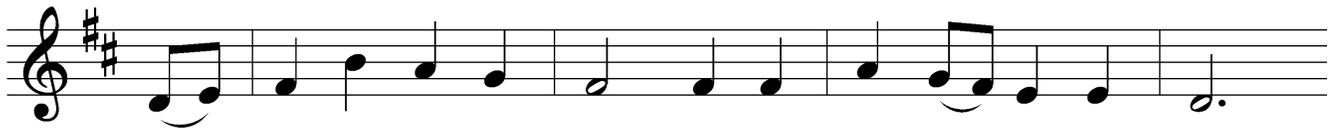
*During the following song, our offerings of thanks to our Savior will be brought forward.*

## Holy, Holy, Holy

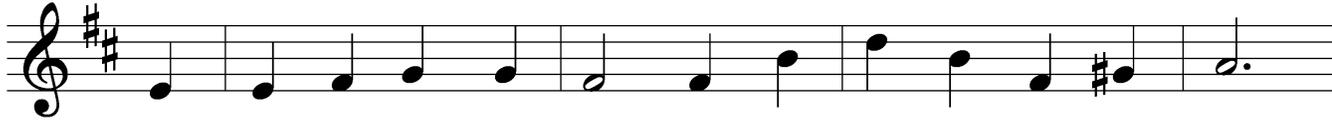
Tune: MUNICH



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky.”  
 who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, “Ho - san - na!” Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
 How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God’s name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. As we remember his death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your his body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## 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."

## Pax Domini

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

## O Christ, Lamb of God

Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN



1 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Christ, who takes a - way  
2 Je - sus, in your mer - cy, make us pure with - in;  
3 Let your end - less mer - cy ev - er - more in - crease;



all the world's trans - gres - sions, lis - ten as we pray:  
cleans us by your per - fect sac - ri - fice for sin.  
com - fort us with par - don, calm us with your peace.

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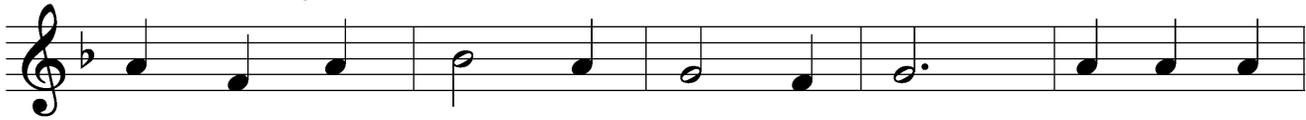
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*Be seated*

# 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.

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*Stand*

## **Thanksgiving**

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

## **Proclamation**

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

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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.**

*Be seated*

# I'm But a Stranger Here

CW 853



1 I'm but a stran - ger here, heav'n is my home;  
2 What though the tem - pest rage, heav'n is my home;  
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, heav'n is my home;



earth is a des - ert drear, heav'n is my home;  
short is my pil - grim - age, heav'n is my home;  
what - e'er my earth - ly lot, heav'n is my home;



dan - ger and sor - row stand round me on ev - 'ry hand;  
and time's wild, win - try blast soon shall be o - ver - past;  
and I shall sure - ly stand there at my Lord's right hand;



heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.  
I shall reach home at last, heav'n is my home.  
heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.

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10:30 a.m. Dennis Eirich, Wally Gierach, Dan Stange, Bill Mass, Aaron Mass.

## 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.



**OFFERING: 2/27 & 2/28: \$21,342 (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$16,300).**

**ADDITIONAL \$9,295 WAS RECEIVED FOR GROWING FORWARD.**

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE: 3/6 8:00 A.M.-238. 10:30 A.M.-125. 3/7 6:30 P.M.-29. 3/9 MIDWEEK LENT - 174.**

**Please keep in your prayers:**

1. Steven and Cindy Conto. Steve’s two close aunts passed away recently.
2. Dick and Janice Stoelb over the death of their daughter Brenda this past week.
3. William and Eileen Belitz. Will’s brother recently passed away.
4. Dick and Kathy Nack, celebrating their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.
5. Those suffering in connection with the warfare in Ukraine, especially members of Christ’s Church.

<b>This Week at a Glance:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service, Bible Study, and Class Times</b>
<b>Sunday, March 13</b>	<b>Worship Services: 8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b> <b><u><a href="#">Link to Online Weekend Worship Services</a></u></b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>
<b>Monday, March 14</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 15</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. BIC</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym</b> <b>(ages 12 and up)</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 16</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Moms Bible Study</b>
	<b>8:45 a.m. Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate</b>
	<b>4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism</b>
	<b>5:15 p.m. Lenten Meal (Brats &amp; Hotdogs)</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Midweek Lent Worship</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m. Board of Ed</b>
<b>Thursday, March 17</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Connecting Sinai to Calvary</b>

<b>Friday, March 18</b>	<b>Marriage Retreat</b>
<b>Saturday, March 19</b>	<b>Marriage Retreat</b>

**1. Sunday Bible Study** - The next Bible study we have is led by Pastor Mueller on the subject of the biblical roles of women and men. Can you explain them? Why do only men do ushering at our church? Can we have a female PTF president/chair? Why do we have a Ladies Aid and not a Men’s Aid? We look to Scripture for God’s wisdom!

**2. New Bible Information Class** has started for those new to the faith or renewing the Christian faith. We meet on Tuesdays starting at 6:30pm in the commons/lunchroom. For those who were interested but couldn’t attend this one, the church staff is planning the next class to start April 19th, exact time yet TBD.

**3. Thursday Evening Bible Study** - “Connecting Sinai to Calvary” @ 6:30 pm; Based on the book by the same name, this study of the Old Testament reveals how God was intricately involved in the lives of his people and how his plan of salvation was carried through generations to be fulfilled through his Son on the cross. All are invited to attend as often as you are able! There is no need to purchase the book. Contact Luther Curia if you have any questions: [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).

**4. Lent Wednesday Services** continue for the next 4 weeks at 6:30 pm. Our theme is “The Crucial Hours”, looking at key words and moments from the account of Jesus’ passion that demonstrate the completeness of his saving work for us, the depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us. For these services, our pastors will be rotating pulpits with the other WELS pastors in our Sheboygan River Circuit.

**5. Greg and Dawn Johnson** have each received divine calls to serve Zion Lutheran School in Egg Harbor, WI. Dawn is called to teach 1st-4th grades. Greg is called to teach 5th-8th grades and serve as principal. Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate where best to use their gifts for Christ’s kingdom.

**6. Last Sunday we received an** update from the Capital Campaign Committee. New pledge forms have been sent to the members of the congregation along with an explanation letter and return envelope. Please consider these things with the Lord and your circumstances. You may return them through the mail or in person. Thank you for your support of future ministry here! For questions, please speak with Corey Schroeder or Jim Van Alstine.

**7. Ukraine Support** - If you would like to make a monetary donation to help our brothers and sisters in Ukraine during this time, you can place an envelope in one of the offering boxes, or drop it off in the church office. Please write 'Ukraine' on your envelope, and we will make sure your donation will be sent to the Synod. We will be collecting donations through at least the end of the month. You can also go to this website and do a direct

online donation. <https://community.wels.net/page.aspx?pid=365> If you do this, make sure to designate “Ukraine” in the drop down box near the bottom of the page. Most importantly, please keep the country of Ukraine in your prayers, asking our Heavenly Father to keep them safe during this time of war, and bring this conflict to a quick resolution.

**8. Registration** for Preschool and Kindergarten is open! You can register through the St Paul's School website or Click on the links to register for the 2022-2023 School Year. Kindergarten Registration Link - Preschool Registration Link.

**9. Easter Egg Hunt:** The Stewardship committee is planning a fun activity for your kids this Easter! **Date:** Saturday, April 16 **Schedule:** 9:30 arrival & Easter Egg Hunt (ages 1-8); 10:00 Activities/Scavenger Hunt (ages 9-13)/Pictures. The younger children will search for Easter eggs around St. Paul’s property. The older children will answer some trivia questions and follow a map to hidden "treasure" on our church/school campus. There will also be snacks, coloring pages, activities, a short movie, and a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. If the weather is bad, the younger kids will do their hunt in the gym. Fill out this form by APRIL 2 to help the committee plan for the event. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org); 920.287.8575

**10. Lost & Found Box:** This box is located in the office. Please stop by to see if something belongs to you!

**11. Box Tops 4 Education:** “Thank you to all members and students, past and present, who took part with the box top collection! We started in 2000 with the first Box Top Sale. The last box tops were mailed at the end of October 2021. Our grand total for the last 20 plus years came to **\$14,734.20!!** Thanks again, Janice Stoelb.” A special thanks to Janice for all of her hard work and dedication to Box Tops! She would put together some AMAZING sales that kids could buy items with box tops. Thank you, Janice! We appreciate you and all your hard work!

**12. Easter Sunday Flowers** - We are approaching the Easter season and would like to adorn our sanctuary with spring plants on Easter Day. A printout of the plants available will be displayed on a table in the Narthex starting on March 20th. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one, it will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. If you care to help beautify our church, please sign up and make checks payable to Altar Guild. All plants will be tagged with your name and taken care of until pick-up. You can pick-up your plant after the LAST service on Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Perronne at 920-838-4307.