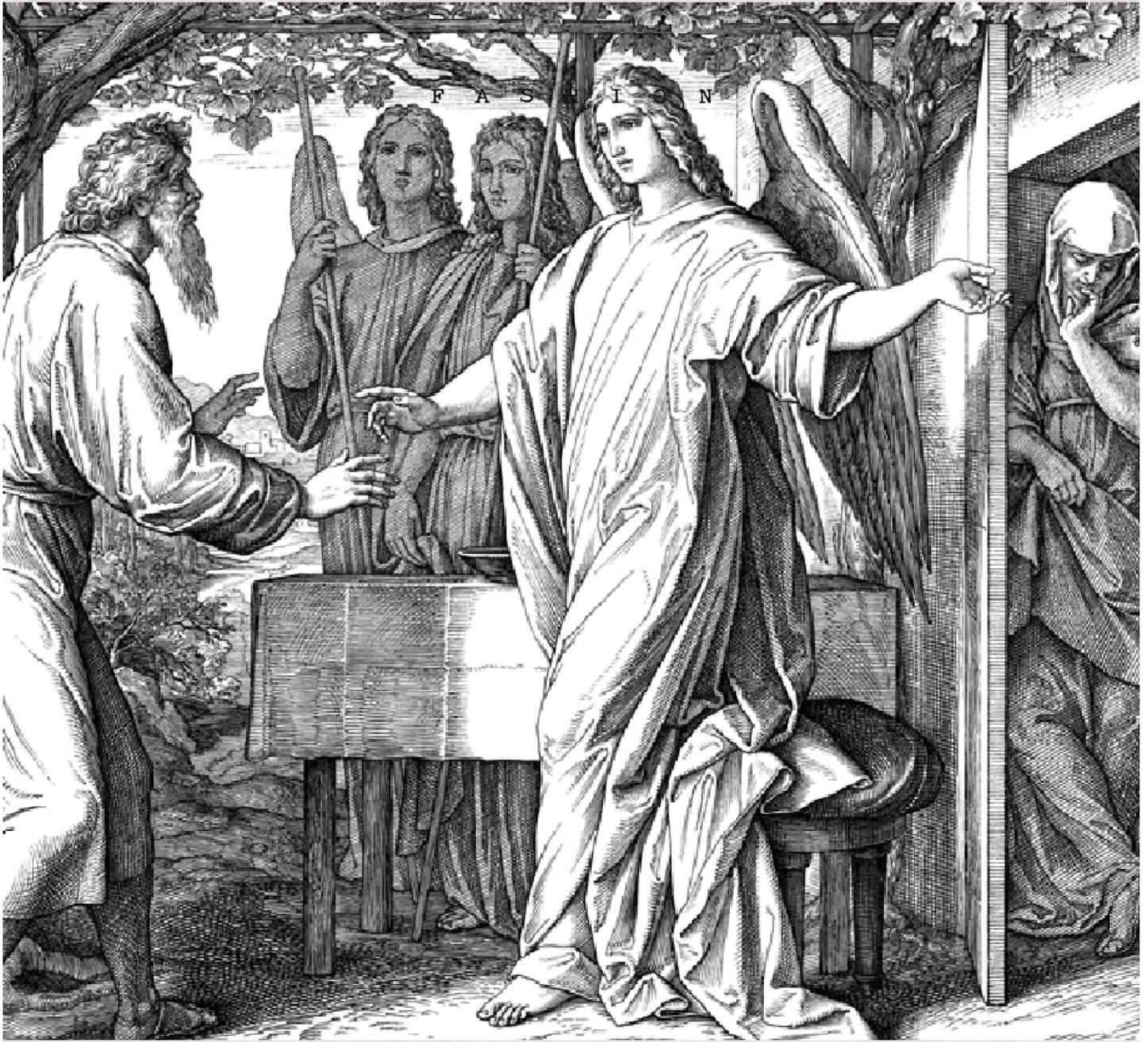




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Welcome to St. Paul's!

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: *As Christians, we rightly prioritize service. We serve God and our neighbor with the abilities and blessings he's given us, just as Abraham served his guests and Mary hosted Jesus. Yet today we are reminded that the Lord must serve us first. He serves us with his Word and Sacrament. We call it a worship service because it is the Lord's service for our good now and eternally. As he serves us in this most important activity, we hang on his life-giving words and Listen to the Lord.*

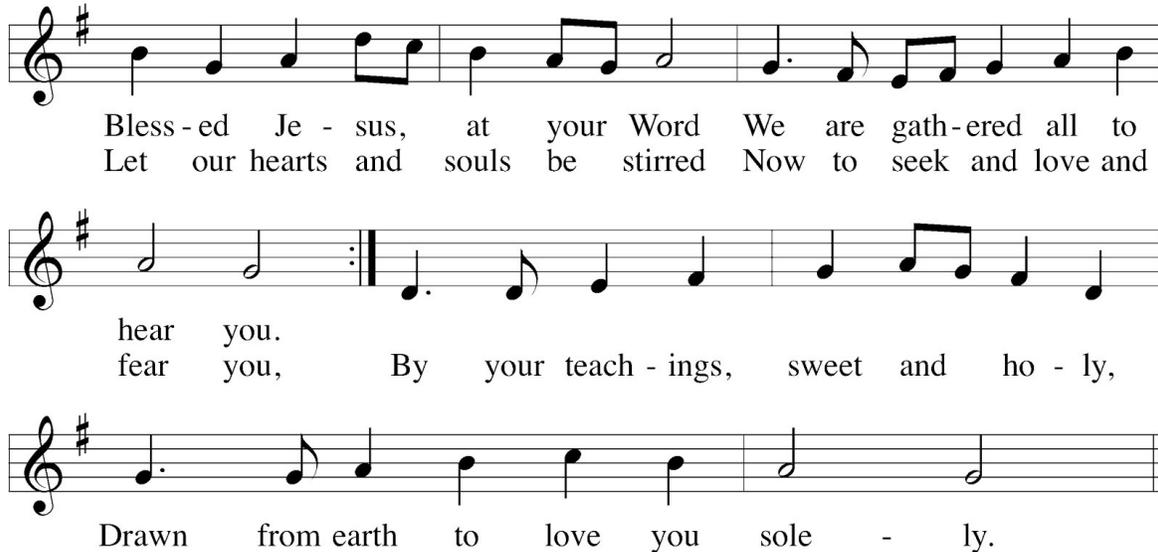
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In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -

shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

You must work all good with - in us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's

ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;

Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o - Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal - ra - tion! va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "C: A - men."

Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1–14

Abraham listened to the Lord's promise of a son while Sarah only laughed.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prayed that the Colossians would listen to the Lord's wisdom by his Spirit so that they may live lives pleasing to him.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

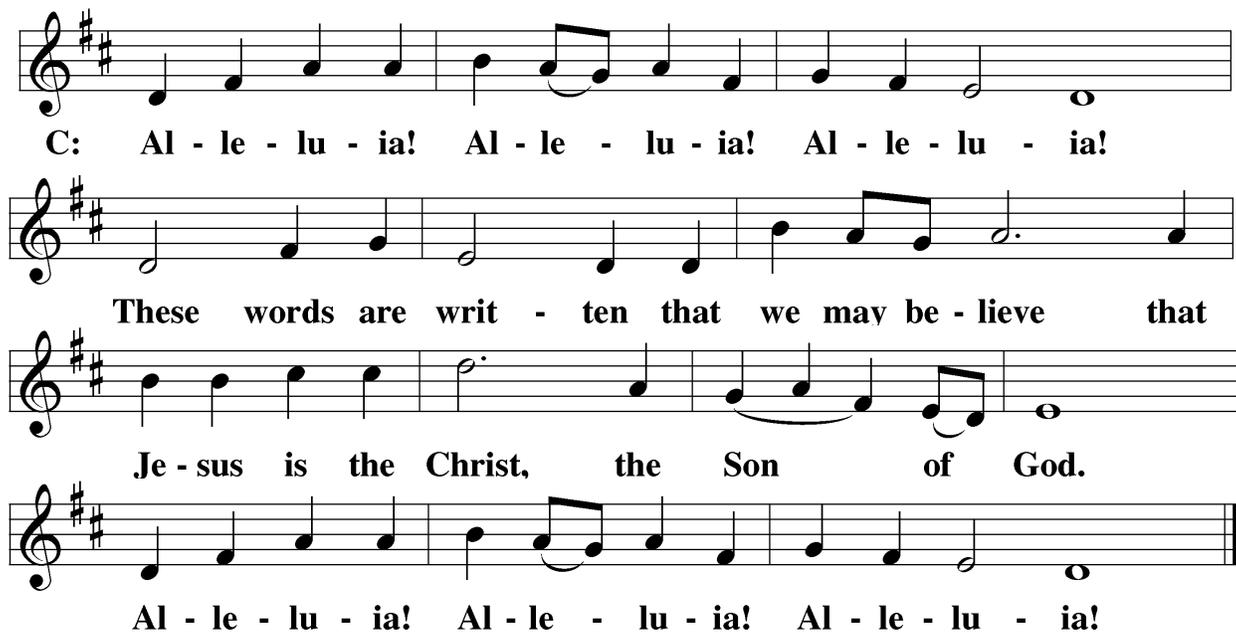
²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

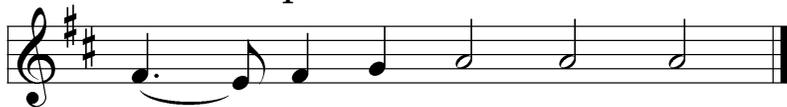
Mary chose to listen to the Lord; Jesus affirmed this as the one thing needful, which would not be taken from her.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and

asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

One Thing's Needful

CW 645



1 One thing's need-ful; Lord, this trea - sure teach me high-ly to re-gard.
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed her e - ter-nal joy to find
3 Wis-dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re-vealed in you.



All else, though it first give plea-sure, is a yoke that press-es hard.
as in - tent each word she not - ed, at her Sav-ior's feet re-clined!
Let me find in you my plea-sure; make my will and ac-tions true,



Be-neath it the heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, no true, last - ing
How kin-dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, while hear - ing the
hu - mil - i - ty there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, in paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all
les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for -
wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
got for her Lord and found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
knowl - edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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Why Does God Visit?
He has a point * He has a promise

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

ORGANIST: Susan Phelps

MUSICIANS: Sam Eickhoff, Bev Gumm, Ann Marohn, and Christina Sprenger

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Brett Horne. 10:30 a.m. – Jim Van Alstine.

ALTAR GUILD: Sandra Weber, Karen Beining, Debbie Van Alstine.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Dale Bramstedt, Keith Leistekow.

10:30 a.m. Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten.

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: 7/10 & 7/11 - \$11,900 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,300). \$3,440 GROWING FORWARD. \$280 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$2,940 IN MEMORY OF GERMAINE DORO. \$35 IN MEMORY OF KAREN HERZOG.

ATTENDANCE: 7/10 & 7/11 8:00 A.M. – 175. 10:30 A.M. - 130. 6:30 P.M. – 45.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 17	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Sanctuary
Monday, July 18	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 19	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, July 20	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	6:30 p.m. School Board
Thursday, July 21	6:30 p.m. Craftmen’s Bible Study
Friday, July 22	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 24	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. SAVE THE DATE - St. Paul’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. After the late service, we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. More details to come!

2. Did You Know? 2022 marks the 160th anniversary of our St. Paul's congregation! In commemoration of this memorable milestone for our church, we will be sharing interesting facts about our church's history in each week's bulletin until a special anniversary service in fall. In 1931 the first Sunday School and Bible Classes were held. They were organized by Pastor H. A. Kuether who served our congregation from 1930-1949. He was the father to three of our former members: Eugene, Robert, and Richard Kuether. Learn more about the history of St. Paul's by checking out displays in the library. Portraits of former pastors of St. Paul's can be found in the member room.

3. Sunday Bible Study - Sunday morning Bible study is entitled "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches". In the book of Revelation, John received messages from God for seven churches that existed in his day. These were real churches, each facing challenges that threatened their existence and effectiveness. The focus of this study is to understand each church's context of ministry, the challenges faced by that church, and the instructions given to that church. We will be challenged to look for ways the lessons learned from these churches can be applied to St. Paul's. *This study is for the whole family.*

4. 7/17 Bible Study will take place in the sanctuary. Coffee and treats will be served in the commons.

5. Sunday Morning Child Care is offered in the preschool room during Family Bible Hour. Since the summer Bible class is geared for adults all the way down to about 3rd graders, children younger than that can be brought to child care during that time.

6. Crafts-Men Bible Study - Thursday, July 21 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll look at 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. A Joint Handbell Choir is being formed this fall with members of St. Paul's and Calvary, Sheboygan. 7th graders through adults are welcome. Ringing experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested, contact Jill Grzonka at 920-694-0881 or at jgrzonka@comcast.net.

8. St. Paul's Church and School received information that we will receive a \$50,000 grant from a business for our building project when we break ground! A stipulation of the grant requires anonymity. We thank Mike Leahy, Chad Marohn, and Jim Van Alstine for submitting paperwork for this.

9. July 22 Summer Party: The Activities Committee is hosting a special event Friday, July 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, trivia, and the movie "Encanto" will play on the big screen. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! More info to come.

10. Vacation Bible School at St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland: Children age 3 through grade 8 are invited to attend a fun week of Bible lessons, crafts, music and games. Our theme this year is *Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation*. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/SJSP> or contact the church at 920-693-8612 for more information. Dates: August 8-12. Time: 9:00-11:30 am

11. Wanna Get Away? Pastor Mueller and Pastor Don Scheuerlein [Christ Alone, Mequon] are leading a trip to Israel in January 2023. It's a direct flight to Israel from Chicago. The dates are January 10-19, 2023. [See the itinerary here.](#) It's a trip that sees the highlights of where Jesus ministered. We also see some old Roman areas of significance. Speak with Pastor Mueller for more information. Deadline for registration is October. pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

12. The St. Paul's Car Show: will take place August 13 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2. Besides all the awesome cars to take a look at, there will be a mingling magician from 10:00-12:00 (www.idealmagic52.com). Musician Andy Braun (www.andybraun.com) will perform favorites from CCR, the Beatles, and other folk-rock favorites from 12:00-2:00. There will also be a bounce house for the kids. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *Registration is now open online:* <https://forms.gle/VJ98kT4D7TCvxpWd7>. More info to come. There are informational flyers in the narthex. Please share them with friends and family that may be interested!

13. A note from Arline Hoppe's family, Ed and Sandy Strauss & Dave and Amy Hoppe: Would like to say thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for all the prayers during mom's decline in health and after her journey to heaven. As a church family you have shown love and compassion to our family and this is so precious. During her decline one day she said I don't think I know how to pray and we did the Lord's prayer and I told her just keep praying in Jesus name and God will hear the prayer. This seemed to comfort her. John 10:27 says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

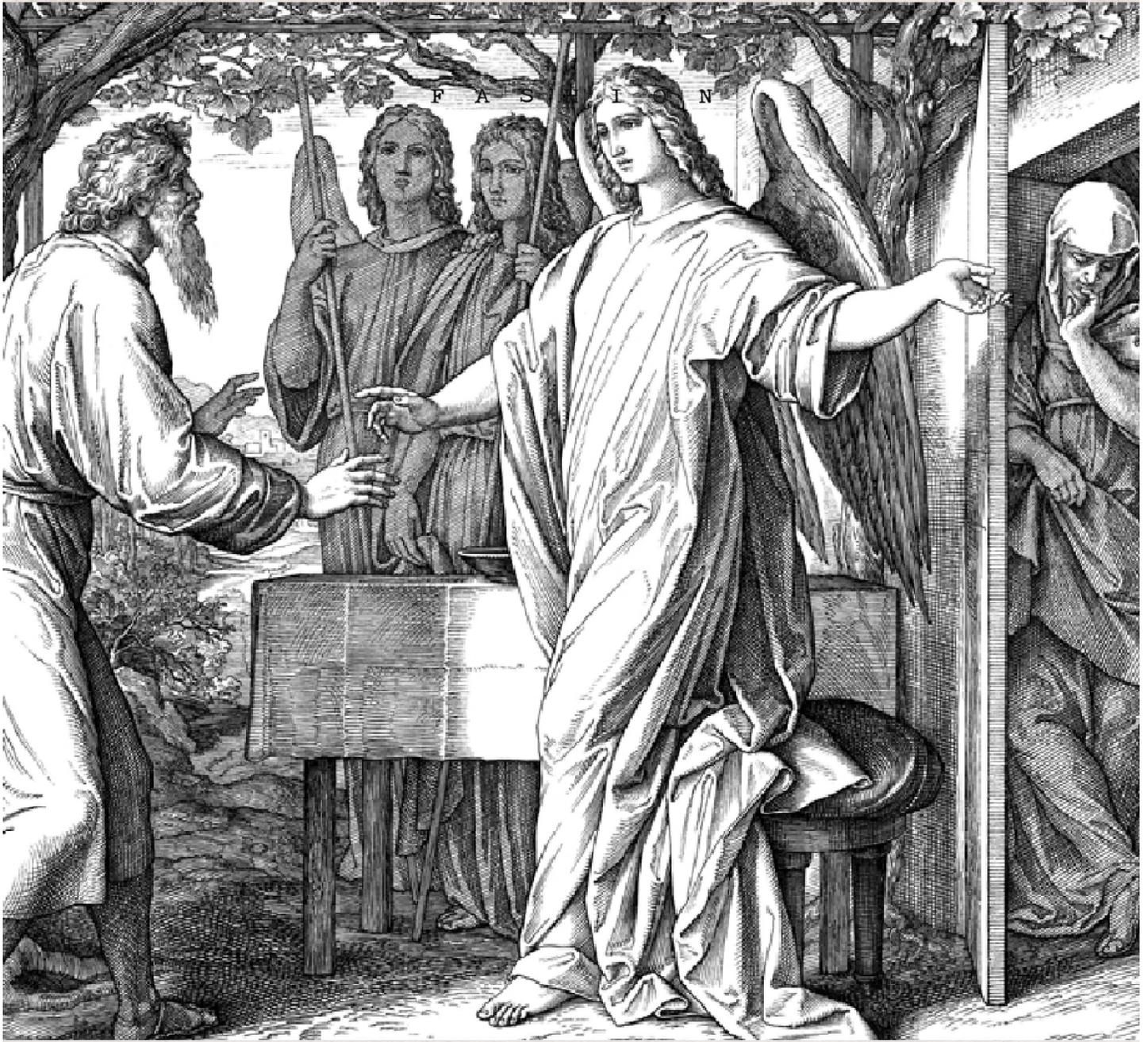
14. Pastor Bode is preaching at Good Shepherd in Plymouth this weekend.

15. The next information class/member class will start in September. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register.

16. Tuesday night open gym basketball will be closed for an additional week. The gym floors are getting a new coat of wax. We will return to the gym Tuesday July 26th from 7-8:30.



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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: *As Christians, we rightly prioritize service. We serve God and our neighbor with the abilities and blessings he's given us, just as Abraham served his guests and Mary hosted Jesus. Yet today we are reminded that the Lord must serve us first. He serves us with his Word and Sacrament. We call it a worship service because it is the Lord's service for our good now and eternally. As he serves us in this most important activity, we hang on his life-giving words and Listen to the Lord.*

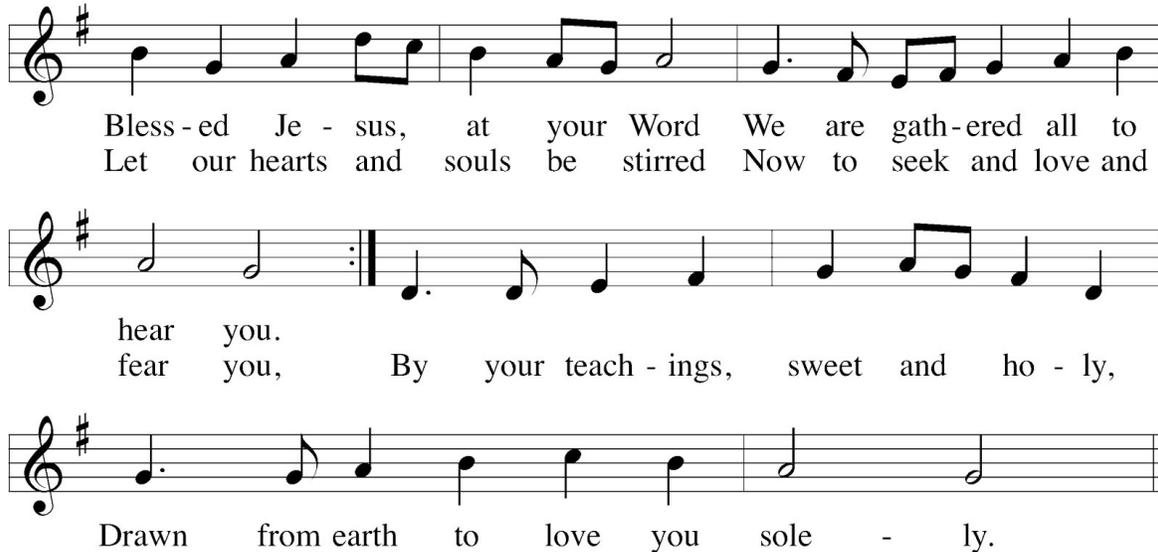
Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -

shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

You must work all good with - in us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's

ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;

Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o - Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal - ra - tion! va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "C: A - men."

Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1–14

Abraham listened to the Lord's promise of a son while Sarah only laughed.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prayed that the Colossians would listen to the Lord's wisdom by his Spirit so that they may live lives pleasing to him.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

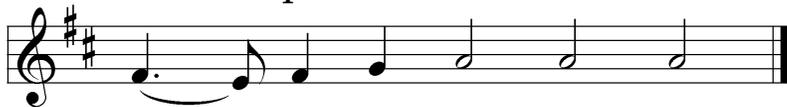
Mary chose to listen to the Lord; Jesus affirmed this as the one thing needful, which would not be taken from her.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and

asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

One Thing's Needful

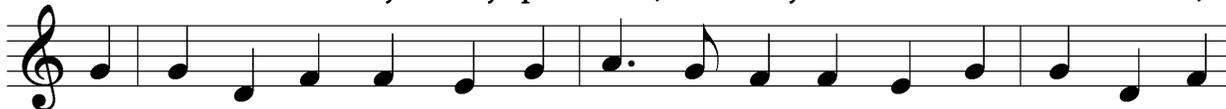
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1 One thing's need-ful; Lord, this trea - sure teach me high-ly to re-gard.
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed her e - ter-nal joy to find
3 Wis-dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re-vealed in you.



All else, though it first give plea-sure, is a yoke that press-es hard.
as in - tent each word she not - ed, at her Sav-ior's feet re-clined!
Let me find in you my plea-sure; make my will and ac-tions true,



Be-neath it the heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, no true, last - ing
How kin-dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, while hear - ing the
hu - mil - i - ty there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, in paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all
les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for -
wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
got for her Lord and found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
knowl - edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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Why Does God Visit?
He has a point * He has a promise

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

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MUSICIANS: Sam Eickhoff, Bev Gumm, Ann Marohn, and Christina Sprenger

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Brett Horne. 10:30 a.m. – Jim Van Alstine.

ALTAR GUILD: Sandra Weber, Karen Beining, Debbie Van Alstine.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Dale Bramstedt, Keith Leistekow.

10:30 a.m. Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten.

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: 7/10 & 7/11 - \$11,900 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,300). \$3,440 GROWING FORWARD. \$280 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$2,940 IN MEMORY OF GERMAINE DORO. \$35 IN MEMORY OF KAREN HERZOG.

ATTENDANCE: 7/10 & 7/11 8:00 A.M. – 175. 10:30 A.M. - 130. 6:30 P.M. – 45.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 17	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Sanctuary
Monday, July 18	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 19	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, July 20	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	6:30 p.m. School Board
Thursday, July 21	6:30 p.m. Craftmen’s Bible Study
Friday, July 22	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 24	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. SAVE THE DATE - St. Paul’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. After the late service, we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. More details to come!

2. Did You Know? 2022 marks the 160th anniversary of our St. Paul's congregation! In commemoration of this memorable milestone for our church, we will be sharing interesting facts about our church's history in each week's bulletin until a special anniversary service in fall. In 1931 the first Sunday School and Bible Classes were held. They were organized by Pastor H. A. Kuether who served our congregation from 1930-1949. He was the father to three of our former members: Eugene, Robert, and Richard Kuether. Learn more about the history of St. Paul's by checking out displays in the library. Portraits of former pastors of St. Paul's can be found in the member room.

3. Sunday Bible Study - Sunday morning Bible study is entitled "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches". In the book of Revelation, John received messages from God for seven churches that existed in his day. These were real churches, each facing challenges that threatened their existence and effectiveness. The focus of this study is to understand each church's context of ministry, the challenges faced by that church, and the instructions given to that church. We will be challenged to look for ways the lessons learned from these churches can be applied to St. Paul's. *This study is for the whole family.*

4. 7/17 Bible Study will take place in the sanctuary. Coffee and treats will be served in the commons.

5. Sunday Morning Child Care is offered in the preschool room during Family Bible Hour. Since the summer Bible class is geared for adults all the way down to about 3rd graders, children younger than that can be brought to child care during that time.

6. Crafts-Men Bible Study - Thursday, July 21 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll look at 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. A Joint Handbell Choir is being formed this fall with members of St. Paul's and Calvary, Sheboygan. 7th graders through adults are welcome. Ringing experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested, contact Jill Grzonka at 920-694-0881 or at jgrzonka@comcast.net.

8. St. Paul's Church and School received information that we will receive a \$50,000 grant from a business for our building project when we break ground! A stipulation of the grant requires anonymity. We thank Mike Leahy, Chad Marohn, and Jim Van Alstine for submitting paperwork for this.

9. July 22 Summer Party: The Activities Committee is hosting a special event Friday, July 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, trivia, and the movie "Encanto" will play on the big screen. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! More info to come.

10. Vacation Bible School at St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland: Children age 3 through grade 8 are invited to attend a fun week of Bible lessons, crafts, music and games. Our theme this year is *Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation*. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/SJSP> or contact the church at 920-693-8612 for more information. Dates: August 8-12. Time: 9:00-11:30 am

11. Wanna Get Away? Pastor Mueller and Pastor Don Scheuerlein [Christ Alone, Mequon] are leading a trip to Israel in January 2023. It's a direct flight to Israel from Chicago. The dates are January 10-19, 2023. [See the itinerary here.](#) It's a trip that sees the highlights of where Jesus ministered. We also see some old Roman areas of significance. Speak with Pastor Mueller for more information. Deadline for registration is October. pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

12. The St. Paul's Car Show: will take place August 13 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2. Besides all the awesome cars to take a look at, there will be a mingling magician from 10:00-12:00 (www.idealmagic52.com). Musician Andy Braun (www.andybraun.com) will perform favorites from CCR, the Beatles, and other folk-rock favorites from 12:00-2:00. There will also be a bounce house for the kids. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *Registration is now open online:* <https://forms.gle/VJ98kT4D7TCvxpWd7>. More info to come. There are informational flyers in the narthex. Please share them with friends and family that may be interested!

13. A note from Arline Hoppe's family, Ed and Sandy Strauss & Dave and Amy Hoppe: Would like to say thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for all the prayers during mom's decline in health and after her journey to heaven. As a church family you have shown love and compassion to our family and this is so precious. During her decline one day she said I don't think I know how to pray and we did the Lord's prayer and I told her just keep praying in Jesus name and God will hear the prayer. This seemed to comfort her. John 10:27 says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

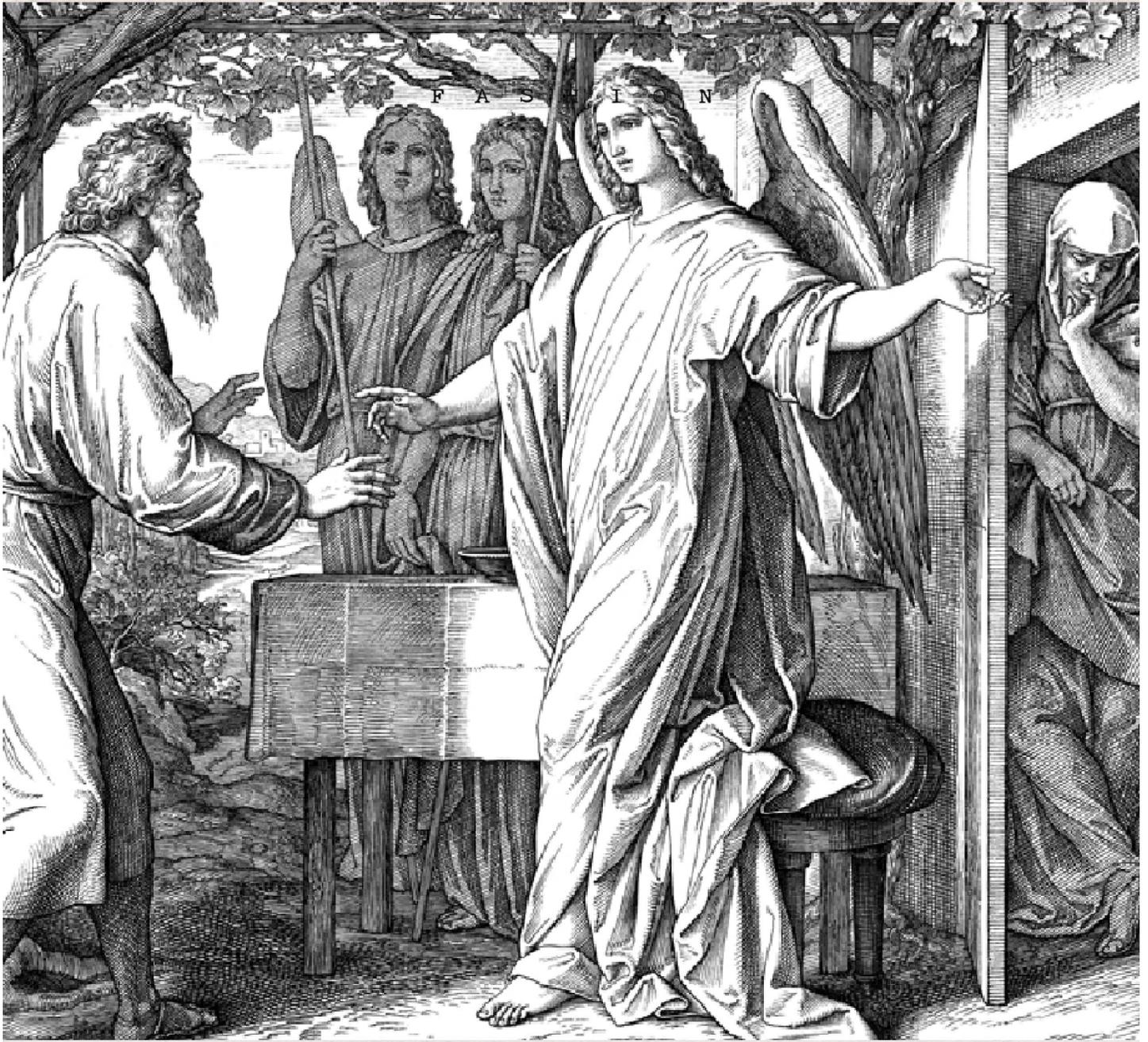
14. Pastor Bode is preaching at Good Shepherd in Plymouth this weekend.

15. The next information class/member class will start in September. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register.

16. Tuesday night open gym basketball will be closed for an additional week. The gym floors are getting a new coat of wax. We will return to the gym Tuesday July 26th from 7-8:30.



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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!



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St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Today's Worship Focus: *As Christians, we rightly prioritize service. We serve God and our neighbor with the abilities and blessings he's given us, just as Abraham served his guests and Mary hosted Jesus. Yet today we are reminded that the Lord must serve us first. He serves us with his Word and Sacrament. We call it a worship service because it is the Lord's service for our good now and eternally. As he serves us in this most important activity, we hang on his life-giving words and Listen to the Lord.*

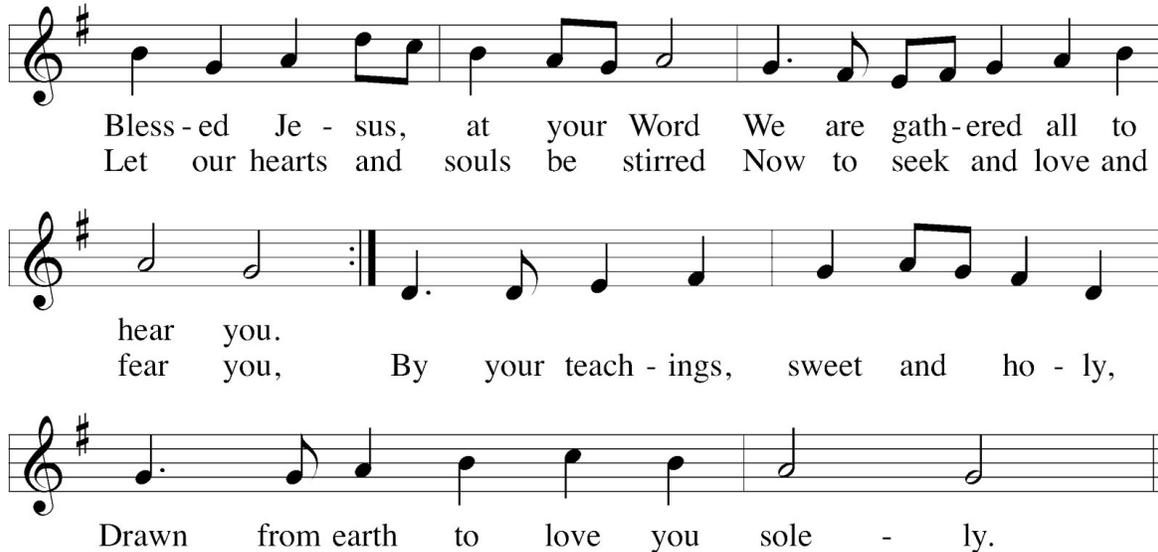
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In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -

shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

You must work all good with - in us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's

ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;

Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
 Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
 ra - tion!
 va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
 Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; 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

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1–14

Abraham listened to the Lord's promise of a son while Sarah only laughed.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prayed that the Colossians would listen to the Lord's wisdom by his Spirit so that they may live lives pleasing to him.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

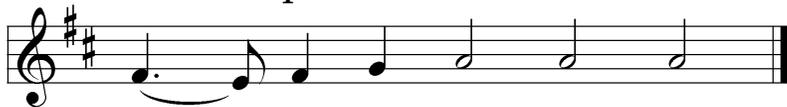
Mary chose to listen to the Lord; Jesus affirmed this as the one thing needful, which would not be taken from her.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and

asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

One Thing's Needful

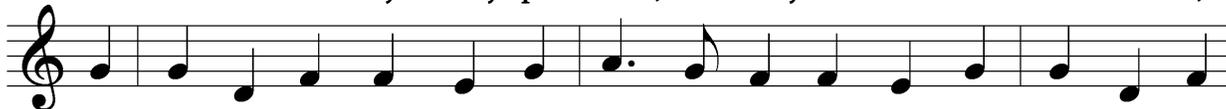
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1 One thing's need-ful; Lord, this trea - sure teach me high-ly to re-gard.
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed her e - ter-nal joy to find
3 Wis-dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re-vealed in you.



All else, though it first give plea-sure, is a yoke that press-es hard.
as in - tent each word she not - ed, at her Sav-ior's feet re-clined!
Let me find in you my plea-sure; make my will and ac-tions true,



Be-neath it the heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, no true, last - ing
How kin-dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, while hear - ing the
hu - mil - i - ty there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, in paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all
les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for -
wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
got for her Lord and found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
knowl - edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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Why Does God Visit?
He has a point * He has a promise

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

ORGANIST: Susan Phelps

MUSICIANS: Sam Eickhoff, Bev Gumm, Ann Marohn, and Christina Sprenger

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Brett Horne. 10:30 a.m. – Jim Van Alstine.

ALTAR GUILD: Sandra Weber, Karen Beining, Debbie Van Alstine.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Dale Bramstedt, Keith Leistekow.

10:30 a.m. Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten.

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: 7/10 & 7/11 - \$11,900 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,300). \$3,440 GROWING FORWARD. \$280 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$2,940 IN MEMORY OF GERMAINE DORO. \$35 IN MEMORY OF KAREN HERZOG.

ATTENDANCE: 7/10 & 7/11 8:00 A.M. – 175. 10:30 A.M. - 130. 6:30 P.M. – 45.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 17	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Sanctuary
Monday, July 18	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 19	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, July 20	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	6:30 p.m. School Board
Thursday, July 21	6:30 p.m. Craftmen’s Bible Study
Friday, July 22	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 24	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. SAVE THE DATE - St. Paul’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. After the late service, we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. More details to come!

2. Did You Know? 2022 marks the 160th anniversary of our St. Paul's congregation! In commemoration of this memorable milestone for our church, we will be sharing interesting facts about our church's history in each week's bulletin until a special anniversary service in fall. In 1931 the first Sunday School and Bible Classes were held. They were organized by Pastor H. A. Kuether who served our congregation from 1930-1949. He was the father to three of our former members: Eugene, Robert, and Richard Kuether. Learn more about the history of St. Paul's by checking out displays in the library. Portraits of former pastors of St. Paul's can be found in the member room.

3. Sunday Bible Study - Sunday morning Bible study is entitled "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches". In the book of Revelation, John received messages from God for seven churches that existed in his day. These were real churches, each facing challenges that threatened their existence and effectiveness. The focus of this study is to understand each church's context of ministry, the challenges faced by that church, and the instructions given to that church. We will be challenged to look for ways the lessons learned from these churches can be applied to St. Paul's. *This study is for the whole family.*

4. 7/17 Bible Study will take place in the sanctuary. Coffee and treats will be served in the commons.

5. Sunday Morning Child Care is offered in the preschool room during Family Bible Hour. Since the summer Bible class is geared for adults all the way down to about 3rd graders, children younger than that can be brought to child care during that time.

6. Crafts-Men Bible Study - Thursday, July 21 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll look at 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. A Joint Handbell Choir is being formed this fall with members of St. Paul's and Calvary, Sheboygan. 7th graders through adults are welcome. Ringing experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested, contact Jill Grzonka at 920-694-0881 or at jgrzonka@comcast.net.

8. St. Paul's Church and School received information that we will receive a \$50,000 grant from a business for our building project when we break ground! A stipulation of the grant requires anonymity. We thank Mike Leahy, Chad Marohn, and Jim Van Alstine for submitting paperwork for this.

9. July 22 Summer Party: The Activities Committee is hosting a special event Friday, July 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, trivia, and the movie "Encanto" will play on the big screen. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! More info to come.

10. Vacation Bible School at St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland: Children age 3 through grade 8 are invited to attend a fun week of Bible lessons, crafts, music and games. Our theme this year is *Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation*. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/SJSP> or contact the church at 920-693-8612 for more information.
Dates: August 8-12. Time: 9:00-11:30 am

11. Wanna Get Away? Pastor Mueller and Pastor Don Scheuerlein [Christ Alone, Mequon] are leading a trip to Israel in January 2023. It's a direct flight to Israel from Chicago. The dates are January 10-19, 2023. [See the itinerary here.](#) It's a trip that sees the highlights of where Jesus ministered. We also see some old Roman areas of significance. Speak with Pastor Mueller for more information. Deadline for registration is October.
pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

12. The St. Paul's Car Show: will take place August 13 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2. Besides all the awesome cars to take a look at, there will be a mingling magician from 10:00-12:00 (www.idealmagic52.com). Musician Andy Braun (www.andybraun.com) will perform favorites from CCR, the Beatles, and other folk-rock favorites from 12:00-2:00. There will also be a bounce house for the kids. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *Registration is now open online:* <https://forms.gle/VJ98kT4D7TCvxpWd7>. More info to come. There are informational flyers in the narthex. Please share them with friends and family that may be interested!

13. A note from Arline Hoppe's family, Ed and Sandy Strauss & Dave and Amy Hoppe: Would like to say thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for all the prayers during mom's decline in health and after her journey to heaven. As a church family you have shown love and compassion to our family and this is so precious. During her decline one day she said I don't think I know how to pray and we did the Lord's prayer and I told her just keep praying in Jesus name and God will hear the prayer. This seemed to comfort her. John 10:27 says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

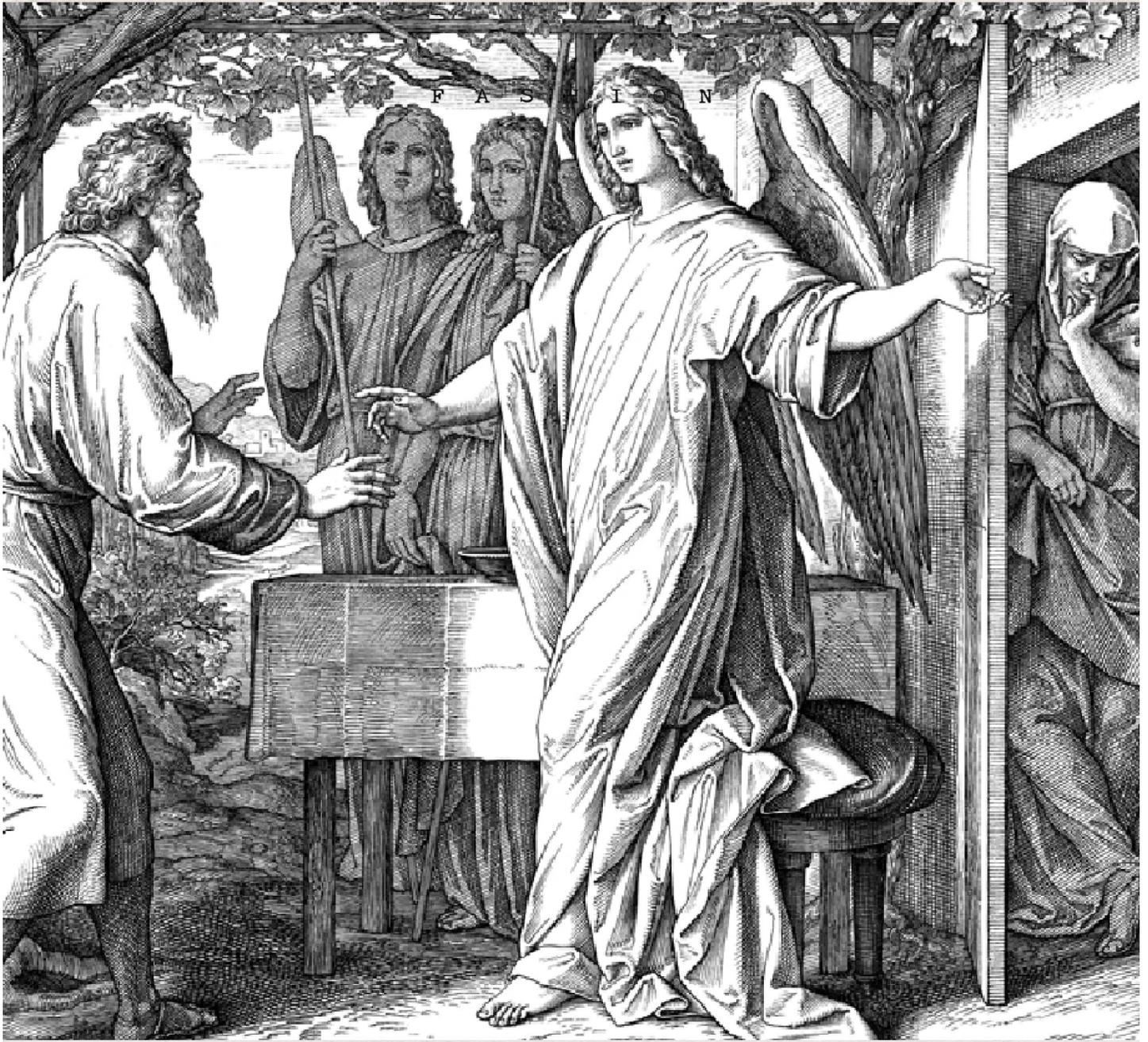
14. Pastor Bode is preaching at Good Shepherd in Plymouth this weekend.

15. The next information class/member class will start in September. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register.

16. Tuesday night open gym basketball will be closed for an additional week. The gym floors are getting a new coat of wax. We will return to the gym Tuesday July 26th from 7-8:30.



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Today's Worship Focus: *As Christians, we rightly prioritize service. We serve God and our neighbor with the abilities and blessings he's given us, just as Abraham served his guests and Mary hosted Jesus. Yet today we are reminded that the Lord must serve us first. He serves us with his Word and Sacrament. We call it a worship service because it is the Lord's service for our good now and eternally. As he serves us in this most important activity, we hang on his life-giving words and Listen to the Lord.*

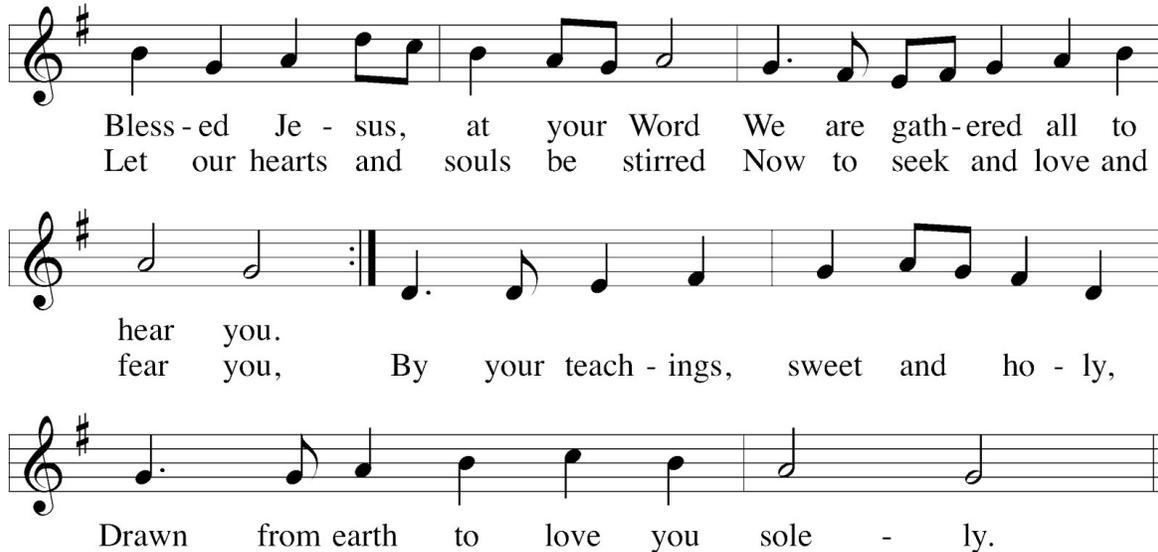
Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -

shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

You must work all good with - in us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's

ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;

Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o - Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal - ra - tion! va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "C: A - men."

Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1–14

Abraham listened to the Lord's promise of a son while Sarah only laughed.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prayed that the Colossians would listen to the Lord's wisdom by his Spirit so that they may live lives pleasing to him.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

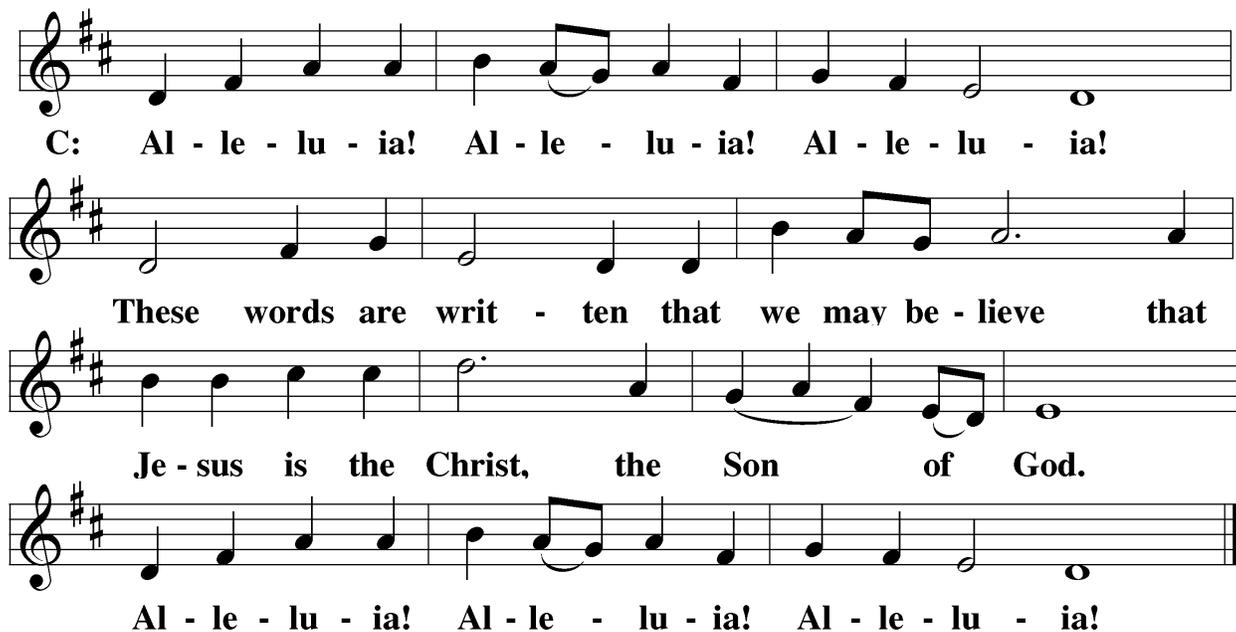
²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

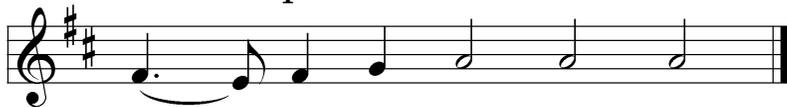
Mary chose to listen to the Lord; Jesus affirmed this as the one thing needful, which would not be taken from her.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and

asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

One Thing's Needful

CW 645



1 One thing's need-ful; Lord, this trea - sure teach me high-ly to re-gard.
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed her e - ter-nal joy to find
3 Wis-dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re-vealed in you.



All else, though it first give plea-sure, is a yoke that press-es hard.
as in - tent each word she not - ed, at her Sav-ior's feet re-clined!
Let me find in you my plea-sure; make my will and ac-tions true,



Be-neath it the heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, no true, last - ing
How kin-dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, while hear - ing the
hu - mil - i - ty there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, in paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all
les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for -
wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
got for her Lord and found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
knowl - edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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Why Does God Visit?
He has a point * He has a promise

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

ORGANIST: Susan Phelps

MUSICIANS: Sam Eickhoff, Bev Gumm, Ann Marohn, and Christina Sprenger

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Brett Horne. 10:30 a.m. – Jim Van Alstine.

ALTAR GUILD: Sandra Weber, Karen Beining, Debbie Van Alstine.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Dale Bramstedt, Keith Leistekow.

10:30 a.m. Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten.

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: 7/10 & 7/11 - \$11,900 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,300). \$3,440 GROWING FORWARD. \$280 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$2,940 IN MEMORY OF GERMAINE DORO. \$35 IN MEMORY OF KAREN HERZOG.

ATTENDANCE: 7/10 & 7/11 8:00 A.M. – 175. 10:30 A.M. - 130. 6:30 P.M. – 45.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 17	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Sanctuary
Monday, July 18	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 19	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, July 20	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	6:30 p.m. School Board
Thursday, July 21	6:30 p.m. Craftmen’s Bible Study
Friday, July 22	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 24	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. SAVE THE DATE - St. Paul’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. After the late service, we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. More details to come!

2. Did You Know? 2022 marks the 160th anniversary of our St. Paul's congregation! In commemoration of this memorable milestone for our church, we will be sharing interesting facts about our church's history in each week's bulletin until a special anniversary service in fall. In 1931 the first Sunday School and Bible Classes were held. They were organized by Pastor H. A. Kuether who served our congregation from 1930-1949. He was the father to three of our former members: Eugene, Robert, and Richard Kuether. Learn more about the history of St. Paul's by checking out displays in the library. Portraits of former pastors of St. Paul's can be found in the member room.

3. Sunday Bible Study - Sunday morning Bible study is entitled "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches". In the book of Revelation, John received messages from God for seven churches that existed in his day. These were real churches, each facing challenges that threatened their existence and effectiveness. The focus of this study is to understand each church's context of ministry, the challenges faced by that church, and the instructions given to that church. We will be challenged to look for ways the lessons learned from these churches can be applied to St. Paul's. *This study is for the whole family.*

4. 7/17 Bible Study will take place in the sanctuary. Coffee and treats will be served in the commons.

5. Sunday Morning Child Care is offered in the preschool room during Family Bible Hour. Since the summer Bible class is geared for adults all the way down to about 3rd graders, children younger than that can be brought to child care during that time.

6. Crafts-Men Bible Study - Thursday, July 21 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll look at 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. A Joint Handbell Choir is being formed this fall with members of St. Paul's and Calvary, Sheboygan. 7th graders through adults are welcome. Ringing experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested, contact Jill Grzonka at 920-694-0881 or at jgrzonka@comcast.net.

8. St. Paul's Church and School received information that we will receive a \$50,000 grant from a business for our building project when we break ground! A stipulation of the grant requires anonymity. We thank Mike Leahy, Chad Marohn, and Jim Van Alstine for submitting paperwork for this.

9. July 22 Summer Party: The Activities Committee is hosting a special event Friday, July 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, trivia, and the movie "Encanto" will play on the big screen. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! More info to come.

10. Vacation Bible School at St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland: Children age 3 through grade 8 are invited to attend a fun week of Bible lessons, crafts, music and games. Our theme this year is *Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation*. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/SJSP> or contact the church at 920-693-8612 for more information. Dates: August 8-12. Time: 9:00-11:30 am

11. Wanna Get Away? Pastor Mueller and Pastor Don Scheuerlein [Christ Alone, Mequon] are leading a trip to Israel in January 2023. It's a direct flight to Israel from Chicago. The dates are January 10-19, 2023. [See the itinerary here.](#) It's a trip that sees the highlights of where Jesus ministered. We also see some old Roman areas of significance. Speak with Pastor Mueller for more information. Deadline for registration is October. pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

12. The St. Paul's Car Show: will take place August 13 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2. Besides all the awesome cars to take a look at, there will be a mingling magician from 10:00-12:00 (www.idealmagic52.com). Musician Andy Braun (www.andybraun.com) will perform favorites from CCR, the Beatles, and other folk-rock favorites from 12:00-2:00. There will also be a bounce house for the kids. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *Registration is now open online:* <https://forms.gle/VJ98kT4D7TCvxpWd7>. More info to come. There are informational flyers in the narthex. Please share them with friends and family that may be interested!

13. A note from Arline Hoppe's family, Ed and Sandy Strauss & Dave and Amy Hoppe: Would like to say thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for all the prayers during mom's decline in health and after her journey to heaven. As a church family you have shown love and compassion to our family and this is so precious. During her decline one day she said I don't think I know how to pray and we did the Lord's prayer and I told her just keep praying in Jesus name and God will hear the prayer. This seemed to comfort her. John 10:27 says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

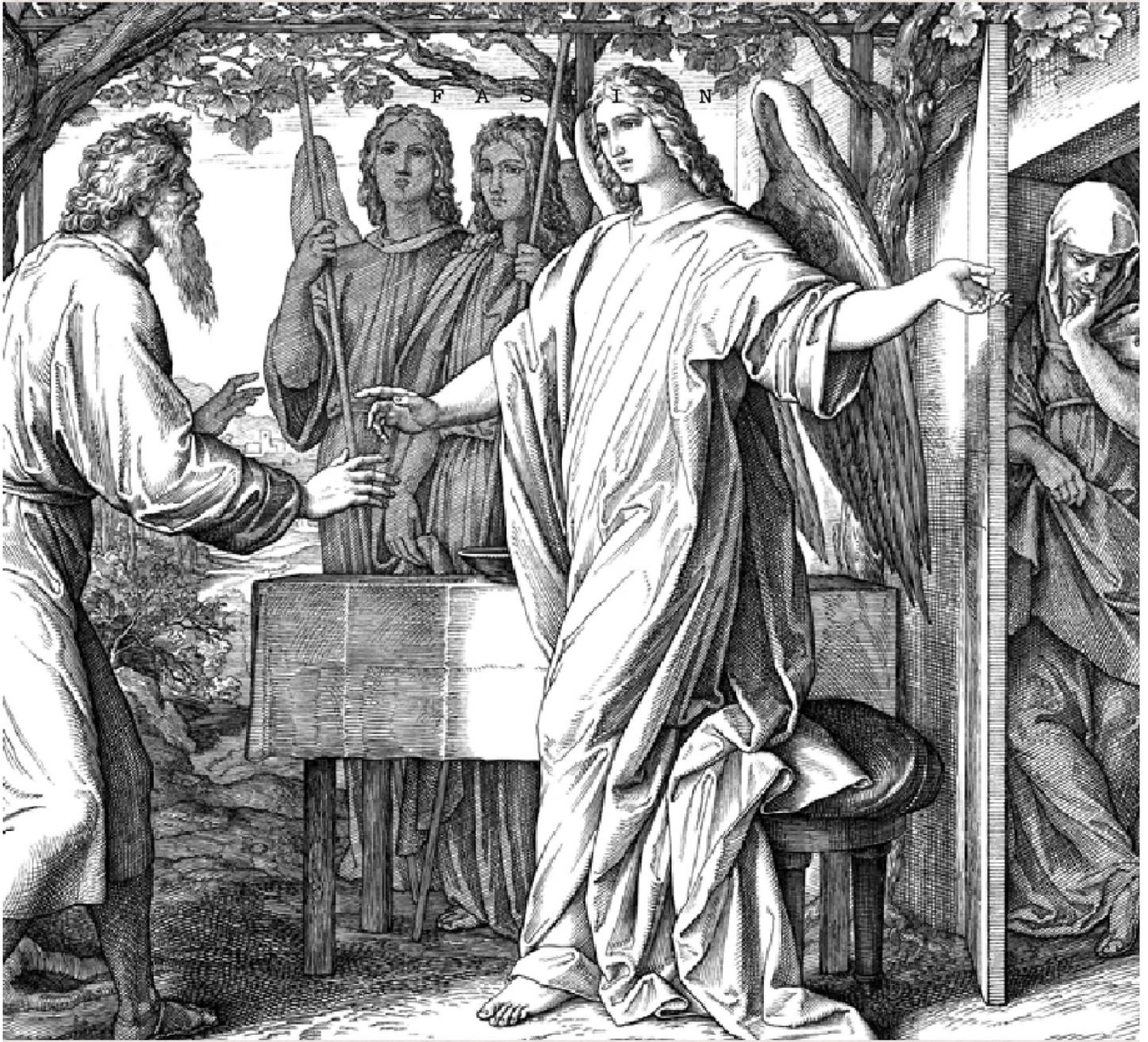
14. Pastor Bode is preaching at Good Shepherd in Plymouth this weekend.

15. The next information class/member class will start in September. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register.

16. Tuesday night open gym basketball will be closed for an additional week. The gym floors are getting a new coat of wax. We will return to the gym Tuesday July 26th from 7-8:30.



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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.

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Today's Worship Focus: *As Christians, we rightly prioritize service. We serve God and our neighbor with the abilities and blessings he's given us, just as Abraham served his guests and Mary hosted Jesus. Yet today we are reminded that the Lord must serve us first. He serves us with his Word and Sacrament. We call it a worship service because it is the Lord's service for our good now and eternally. As he serves us in this most important activity, we hang on his life-giving words and Listen to the Lord.*

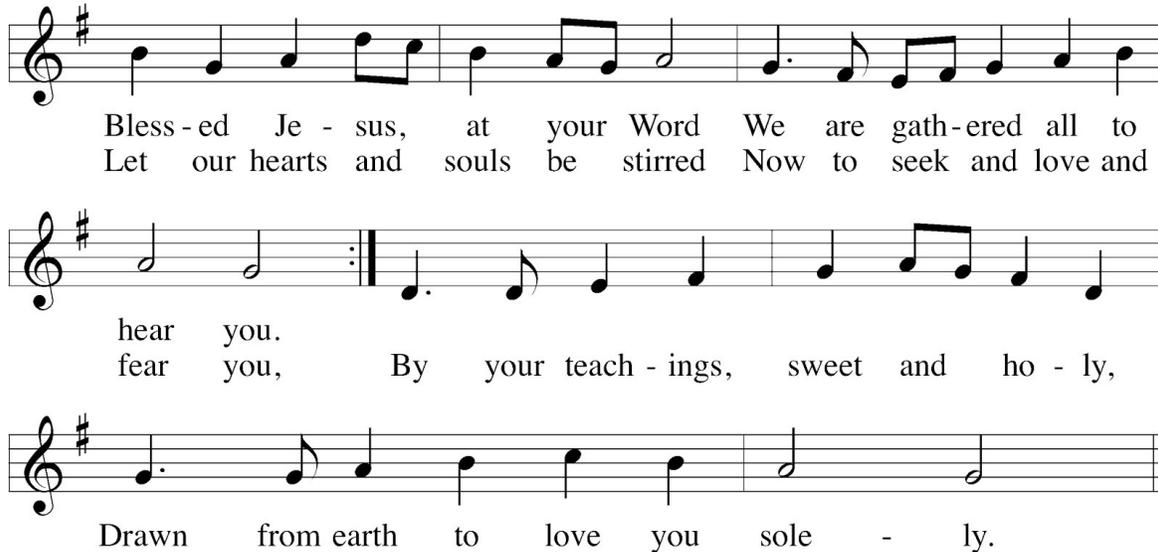
Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -

shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

You must work all good with - in us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's

ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;

Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
 Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
 ra - tion!
 va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
 Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; 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

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1–14

Abraham listened to the Lord's promise of a son while Sarah only laughed.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prayed that the Colossians would listen to the Lord's wisdom by his Spirit so that they may live lives pleasing to him.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

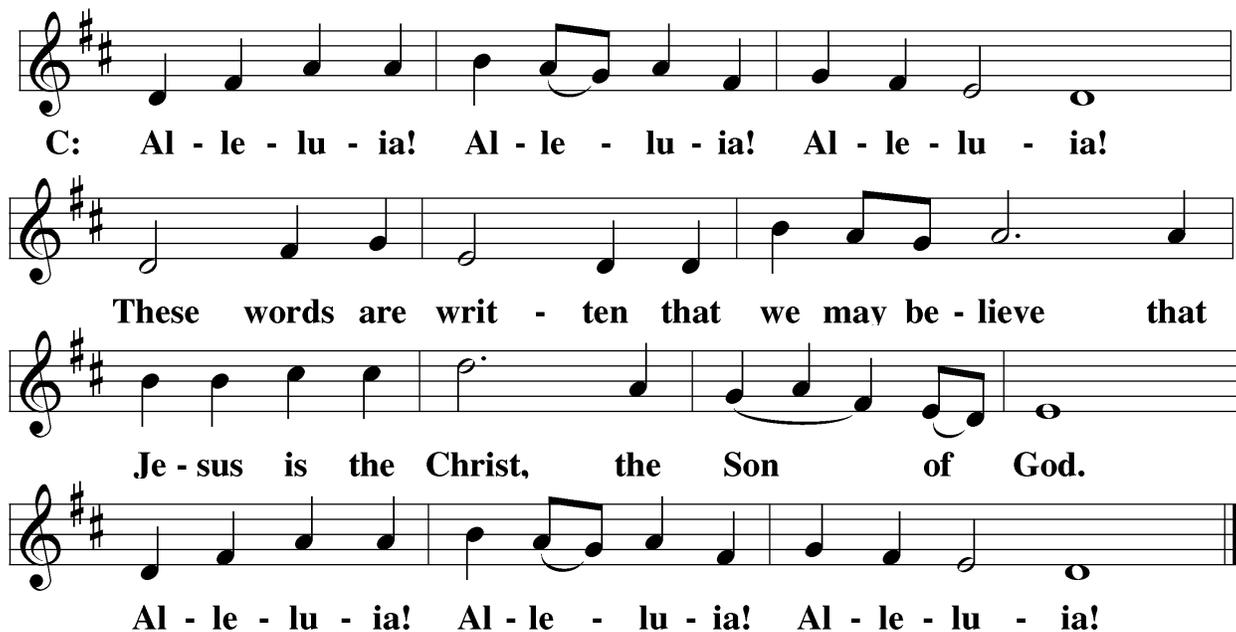
²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

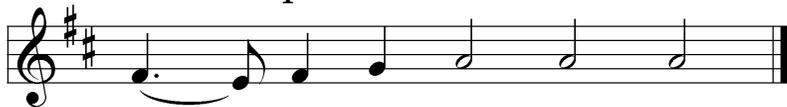
Mary chose to listen to the Lord; Jesus affirmed this as the one thing needful, which would not be taken from her.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and

asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

One Thing's Needful

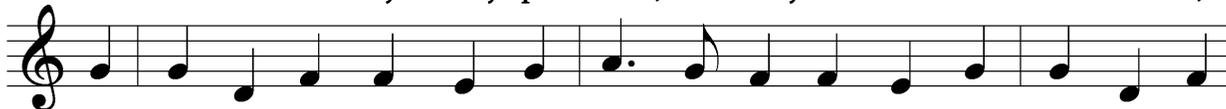
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1 One thing's need-ful; Lord, this trea - sure teach me high-ly to re-gard.
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed her e - ter-nal joy to find
3 Wis-dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re-vealed in you.



All else, though it first give plea-sure, is a yoke that press-es hard.
as in - tent each word she not - ed, at her Sav-ior's feet re-clined!
Let me find in you my plea-sure; make my will and ac-tions true,



Be-neath it the heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, no true, last - ing
How kin-dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, while hear - ing the
hu - mil - i - ty there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, in paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all
les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for -
wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
got for her Lord and found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
knowl - edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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Why Does God Visit?
He has a point * He has a promise

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

ORGANIST: Susan Phelps

MUSICIANS: Sam Eickhoff, Bev Gumm, Ann Marohn, and Christina Sprenger

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Brett Horne. 10:30 a.m. – Jim Van Alstine.

ALTAR GUILD: Sandra Weber, Karen Beining, Debbie Van Alstine.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Dale Bramstedt, Keith Leistekow.

10:30 a.m. Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten.

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: 7/10 & 7/11 - \$11,900 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,300). \$3,440 GROWING FORWARD. \$280 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$2,940 IN MEMORY OF GERMAINE DORO. \$35 IN MEMORY OF KAREN HERZOG.

ATTENDANCE: 7/10 & 7/11 8:00 A.M. – 175. 10:30 A.M. - 130. 6:30 P.M. – 45.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 17	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Sanctuary
Monday, July 18	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 19	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, July 20	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	6:30 p.m. School Board
Thursday, July 21	6:30 p.m. Craftmen’s Bible Study
Friday, July 22	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 24	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. SAVE THE DATE - St. Paul’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. After the late service, we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. More details to come!

2. Did You Know? 2022 marks the 160th anniversary of our St. Paul's congregation! In commemoration of this memorable milestone for our church, we will be sharing interesting facts about our church's history in each week's bulletin until a special anniversary service in fall. In 1931 the first Sunday School and Bible Classes were held. They were organized by Pastor H. A. Kuether who served our congregation from 1930-1949. He was the father to three of our former members: Eugene, Robert, and Richard Kuether. Learn more about the history of St. Paul's by checking out displays in the library. Portraits of former pastors of St. Paul's can be found in the member room.

3. Sunday Bible Study - Sunday morning Bible study is entitled "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches". In the book of Revelation, John received messages from God for seven churches that existed in his day. These were real churches, each facing challenges that threatened their existence and effectiveness. The focus of this study is to understand each church's context of ministry, the challenges faced by that church, and the instructions given to that church. We will be challenged to look for ways the lessons learned from these churches can be applied to St. Paul's. *This study is for the whole family.*

4. 7/17 Bible Study will take place in the sanctuary. Coffee and treats will be served in the commons.

5. Sunday Morning Child Care is offered in the preschool room during Family Bible Hour. Since the summer Bible class is geared for adults all the way down to about 3rd graders, children younger than that can be brought to child care during that time.

6. Crafts-Men Bible Study - Thursday, July 21 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll look at 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. A Joint Handbell Choir is being formed this fall with members of St. Paul's and Calvary, Sheboygan. 7th graders through adults are welcome. Ringing experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested, contact Jill Grzonka at 920-694-0881 or at jgrzonka@comcast.net.

8. St. Paul's Church and School received information that we will receive a \$50,000 grant from a business for our building project when we break ground! A stipulation of the grant requires anonymity. We thank Mike Leahy, Chad Marohn, and Jim Van Alstine for submitting paperwork for this.

9. July 22 Summer Party: The Activities Committee is hosting a special event Friday, July 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, trivia, and the movie "Encanto" will play on the big screen. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! More info to come.

10. Vacation Bible School at St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland: Children age 3 through grade 8 are invited to attend a fun week of Bible lessons, crafts, music and games. Our theme this year is *Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation*. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/SJSP> or contact the church at 920-693-8612 for more information. Dates: August 8-12. Time: 9:00-11:30 am

11. Wanna Get Away? Pastor Mueller and Pastor Don Scheuerlein [Christ Alone, Mequon] are leading a trip to Israel in January 2023. It's a direct flight to Israel from Chicago. The dates are January 10-19, 2023. [See the itinerary here.](#) It's a trip that sees the highlights of where Jesus ministered. We also see some old Roman areas of significance. Speak with Pastor Mueller for more information. Deadline for registration is October. pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

12. The St. Paul's Car Show: will take place August 13 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2. Besides all the awesome cars to take a look at, there will be a mingling magician from 10:00-12:00 (www.idealmagic52.com). Musician Andy Braun (www.andybraun.com) will perform favorites from CCR, the Beatles, and other folk-rock favorites from 12:00-2:00. There will also be a bounce house for the kids. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *Registration is now open online:* <https://forms.gle/VJ98kT4D7TCvxpWd7>. More info to come. There are informational flyers in the narthex. Please share them with friends and family that may be interested!

13. A note from Arline Hoppe's family, Ed and Sandy Strauss & Dave and Amy Hoppe: Would like to say thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for all the prayers during mom's decline in health and after her journey to heaven. As a church family you have shown love and compassion to our family and this is so precious. During her decline one day she said I don't think I know how to pray and we did the Lord's prayer and I told her just keep praying in Jesus name and God will hear the prayer. This seemed to comfort her. John 10:27 says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

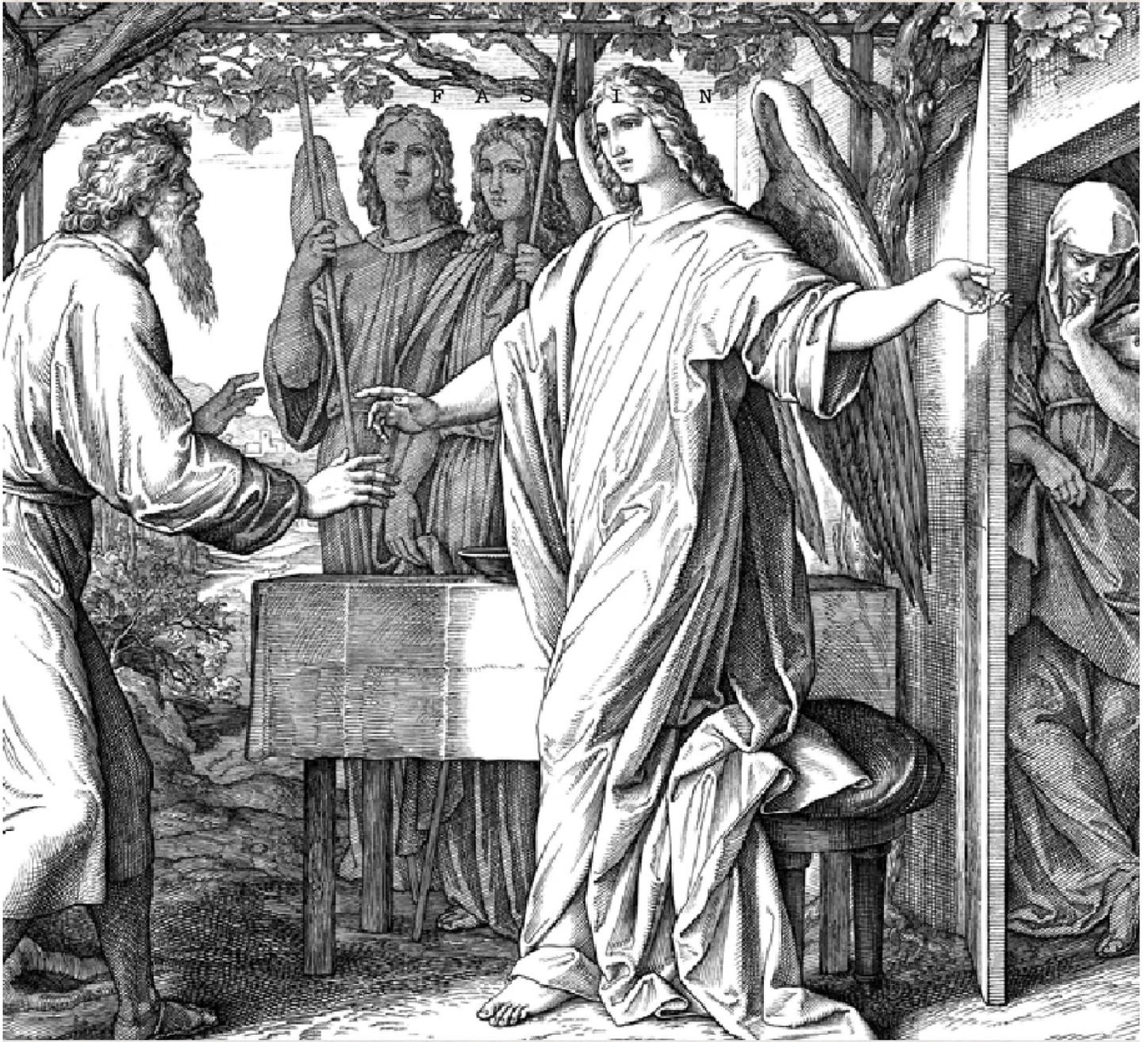
14. Pastor Bode is preaching at Good Shepherd in Plymouth this weekend.

15. The next information class/member class will start in September. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register.

16. Tuesday night open gym basketball will be closed for an additional week. The gym floors are getting a new coat of wax. We will return to the gym Tuesday July 26th from 7-8:30.



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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.

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Today's Worship Focus: *As Christians, we rightly prioritize service. We serve God and our neighbor with the abilities and blessings he's given us, just as Abraham served his guests and Mary hosted Jesus. Yet today we are reminded that the Lord must serve us first. He serves us with his Word and Sacrament. We call it a worship service because it is the Lord's service for our good now and eternally. As he serves us in this most important activity, we hang on his life-giving words and Listen to the Lord.*

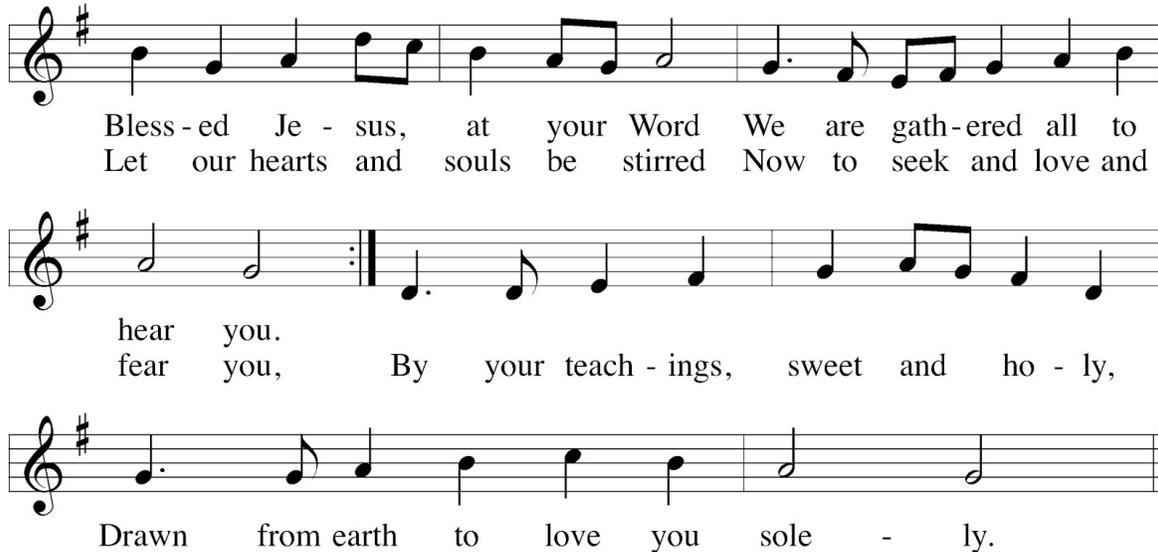
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In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

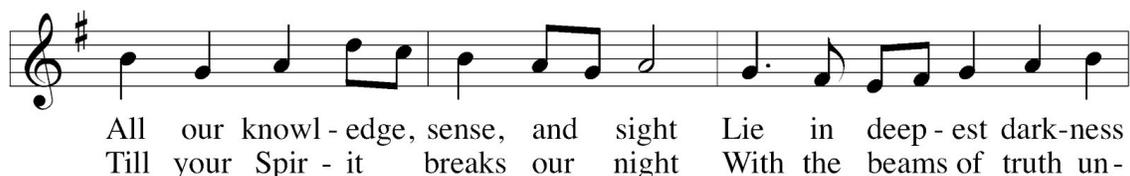
Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -

shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

You must work all good with - in us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's

ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;

Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
 Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
 ra - tion!
 va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
 Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; 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

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1–14

Abraham listened to the Lord's promise of a son while Sarah only laughed.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prayed that the Colossians would listen to the Lord's wisdom by his Spirit so that they may live lives pleasing to him.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

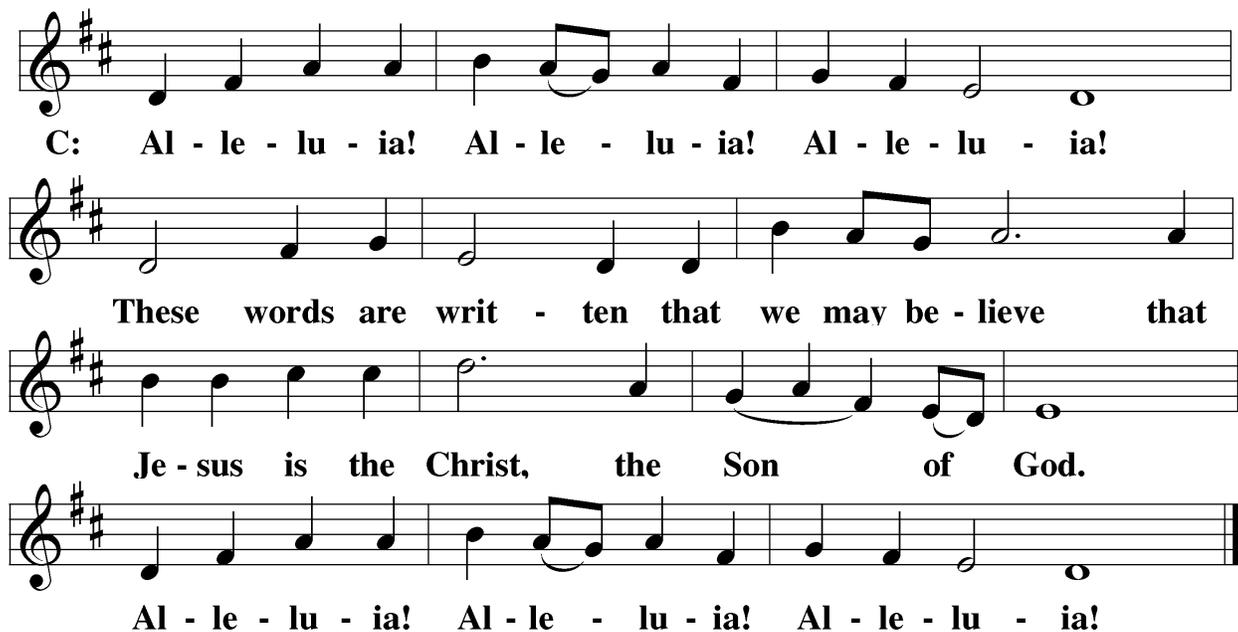
²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

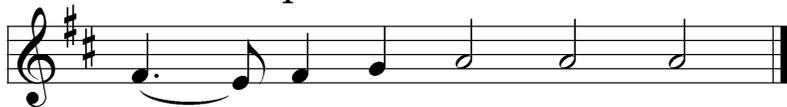
Mary chose to listen to the Lord; Jesus affirmed this as the one thing needful, which would not be taken from her.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and

asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

One Thing's Needful

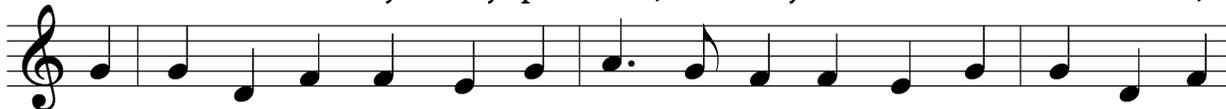
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1 One thing's need-ful; Lord, this trea - sure teach me high-ly to re-gard.
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed her e - ter-nal joy to find
3 Wis-dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re-vealed in you.



All else, though it first give plea-sure, is a yoke that press-es hard.
as in - tent each word she not - ed, at her Sav-ior's feet re-clined!
Let me find in you my plea-sure; make my will and ac-tions true,



Be-neath it the heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, no true, last - ing
How kin-dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, while hear - ing the
hu - mil - i - ty there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, in paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all
les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for -
wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
got for her Lord and found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
knowl - edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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Why Does God Visit?
He has a point * He has a promise

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

ORGANIST: Susan Phelps

MUSICIANS: Sam Eickhoff, Bev Gumm, Ann Marohn, and Christina Sprenger

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Brett Horne. 10:30 a.m. – Jim Van Alstine.

ALTAR GUILD: Sandra Weber, Karen Beining, Debbie Van Alstine.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Dale Bramstedt, Keith Leistekow.

10:30 a.m. Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten.

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: 7/10 & 7/11 - \$11,900 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,300). \$3,440 GROWING FORWARD. \$280 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$2,940 IN MEMORY OF GERMAINE DORO. \$35 IN MEMORY OF KAREN HERZOG.

ATTENDANCE: 7/10 & 7/11 8:00 A.M. – 175. 10:30 A.M. - 130. 6:30 P.M. – 45.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 17	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Sanctuary
Monday, July 18	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 19	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, July 20	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	6:30 p.m. School Board
Thursday, July 21	6:30 p.m. Craftmen’s Bible Study
Friday, July 22	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 24	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. SAVE THE DATE - St. Paul’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. After the late service, we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. More details to come!

2. Did You Know? 2022 marks the 160th anniversary of our St. Paul's congregation! In commemoration of this memorable milestone for our church, we will be sharing interesting facts about our church's history in each week's bulletin until a special anniversary service in fall. In 1931 the first Sunday School and Bible Classes were held. They were organized by Pastor H. A. Kuether who served our congregation from 1930-1949. He was the father to three of our former members: Eugene, Robert, and Richard Kuether. Learn more about the history of St. Paul's by checking out displays in the library. Portraits of former pastors of St. Paul's can be found in the member room.

3. Sunday Bible Study - Sunday morning Bible study is entitled "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches". In the book of Revelation, John received messages from God for seven churches that existed in his day. These were real churches, each facing challenges that threatened their existence and effectiveness. The focus of this study is to understand each church's context of ministry, the challenges faced by that church, and the instructions given to that church. We will be challenged to look for ways the lessons learned from these churches can be applied to St. Paul's. *This study is for the whole family.*

4. 7/17 Bible Study will take place in the sanctuary. Coffee and treats will be served in the commons.

5. Sunday Morning Child Care is offered in the preschool room during Family Bible Hour. Since the summer Bible class is geared for adults all the way down to about 3rd graders, children younger than that can be brought to child care during that time.

6. Crafts-Men Bible Study - Thursday, July 21 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll look at 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. A Joint Handbell Choir is being formed this fall with members of St. Paul's and Calvary, Sheboygan. 7th graders through adults are welcome. Ringing experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested, contact Jill Grzonka at 920-694-0881 or at jgrzonka@comcast.net.

8. St. Paul's Church and School received information that we will receive a \$50,000 grant from a business for our building project when we break ground! A stipulation of the grant requires anonymity. We thank Mike Leahy, Chad Marohn, and Jim Van Alstine for submitting paperwork for this.

9. July 22 Summer Party: The Activities Committee is hosting a special event Friday, July 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, trivia, and the movie "Encanto" will play on the big screen. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! More info to come.

10. Vacation Bible School at St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland: Children age 3 through grade 8 are invited to attend a fun week of Bible lessons, crafts, music and games. Our theme this year is *Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation*. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/SJSP> or contact the church at 920-693-8612 for more information. Dates: August 8-12. Time: 9:00-11:30 am

11. Wanna Get Away? Pastor Mueller and Pastor Don Scheuerlein [Christ Alone, Mequon] are leading a trip to Israel in January 2023. It's a direct flight to Israel from Chicago. The dates are January 10-19, 2023. [See the itinerary here.](#) It's a trip that sees the highlights of where Jesus ministered. We also see some old Roman areas of significance. Speak with Pastor Mueller for more information. Deadline for registration is October. pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

12. The St. Paul's Car Show: will take place August 13 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2. Besides all the awesome cars to take a look at, there will be a mingling magician from 10:00-12:00 (www.idealmagic52.com). Musician Andy Braun (www.andybraun.com) will perform favorites from CCR, the Beatles, and other folk-rock favorites from 12:00-2:00. There will also be a bounce house for the kids. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *Registration is now open online:* <https://forms.gle/VJ98kT4D7TCvxpWd7>. More info to come. There are informational flyers in the narthex. Please share them with friends and family that may be interested!

13. A note from Arline Hoppe's family, Ed and Sandy Strauss & Dave and Amy Hoppe: Would like to say thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for all the prayers during mom's decline in health and after her journey to heaven. As a church family you have shown love and compassion to our family and this is so precious. During her decline one day she said I don't think I know how to pray and we did the Lord's prayer and I told her just keep praying in Jesus name and God will hear the prayer. This seemed to comfort her. John 10:27 says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

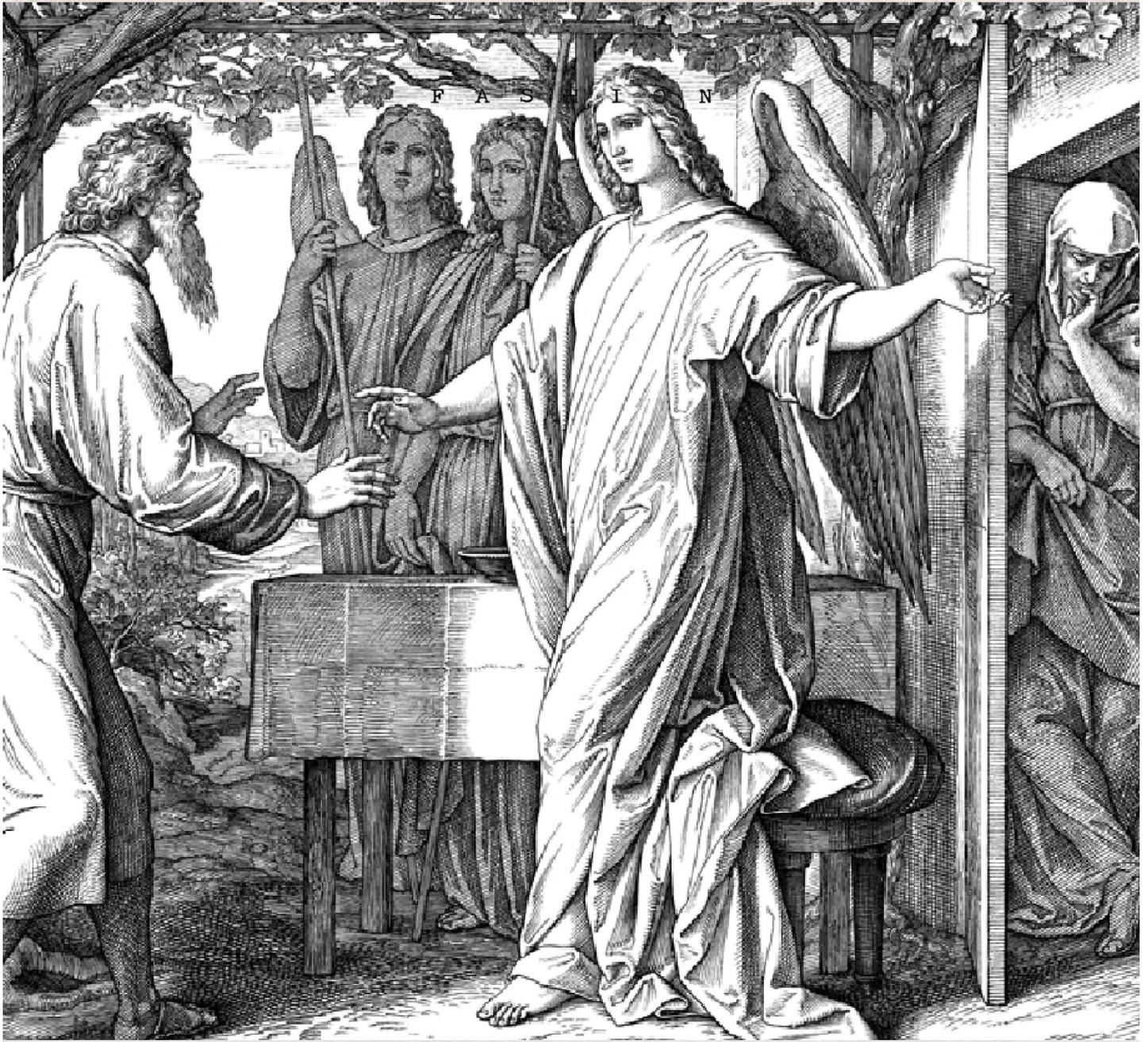
14. Pastor Bode is preaching at Good Shepherd in Plymouth this weekend.

15. The next information class/member class will start in September. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register.

16. Tuesday night open gym basketball will be closed for an additional week. The gym floors are getting a new coat of wax. We will return to the gym Tuesday July 26th from 7-8:30.



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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.

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Today's Worship Focus: *As Christians, we rightly prioritize service. We serve God and our neighbor with the abilities and blessings he's given us, just as Abraham served his guests and Mary hosted Jesus. Yet today we are reminded that the Lord must serve us first. He serves us with his Word and Sacrament. We call it a worship service because it is the Lord's service for our good now and eternally. As he serves us in this most important activity, we hang on his life-giving words and Listen to the Lord.*

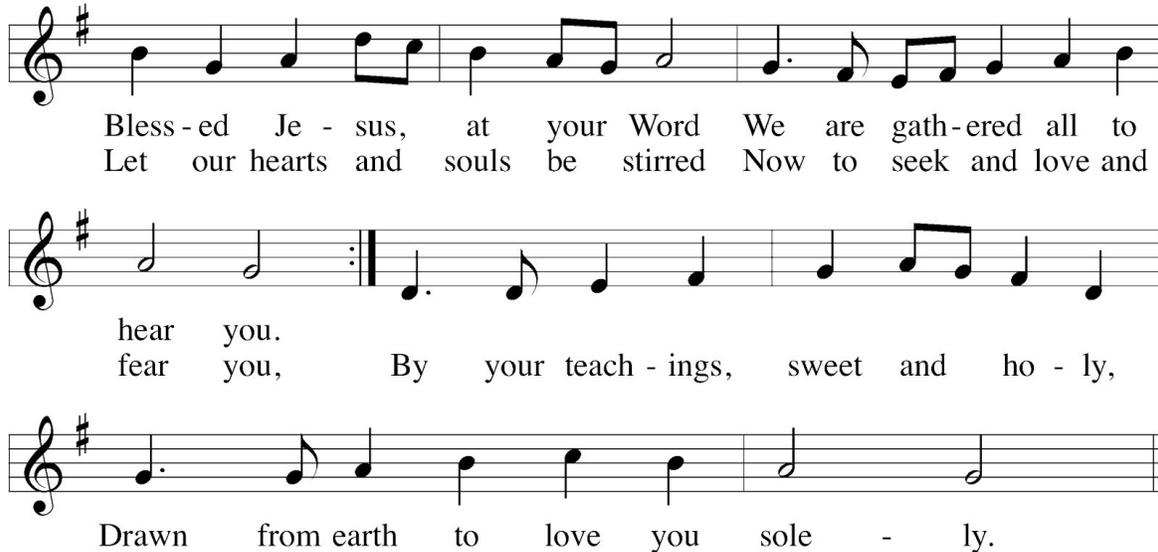
Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -

shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

You must work all good with - in us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's

ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;

Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o - Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal - ra - tion! va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "C: A - men."

Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1–14

Abraham listened to the Lord's promise of a son while Sarah only laughed.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prayed that the Colossians would listen to the Lord's wisdom by his Spirit so that they may live lives pleasing to him.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

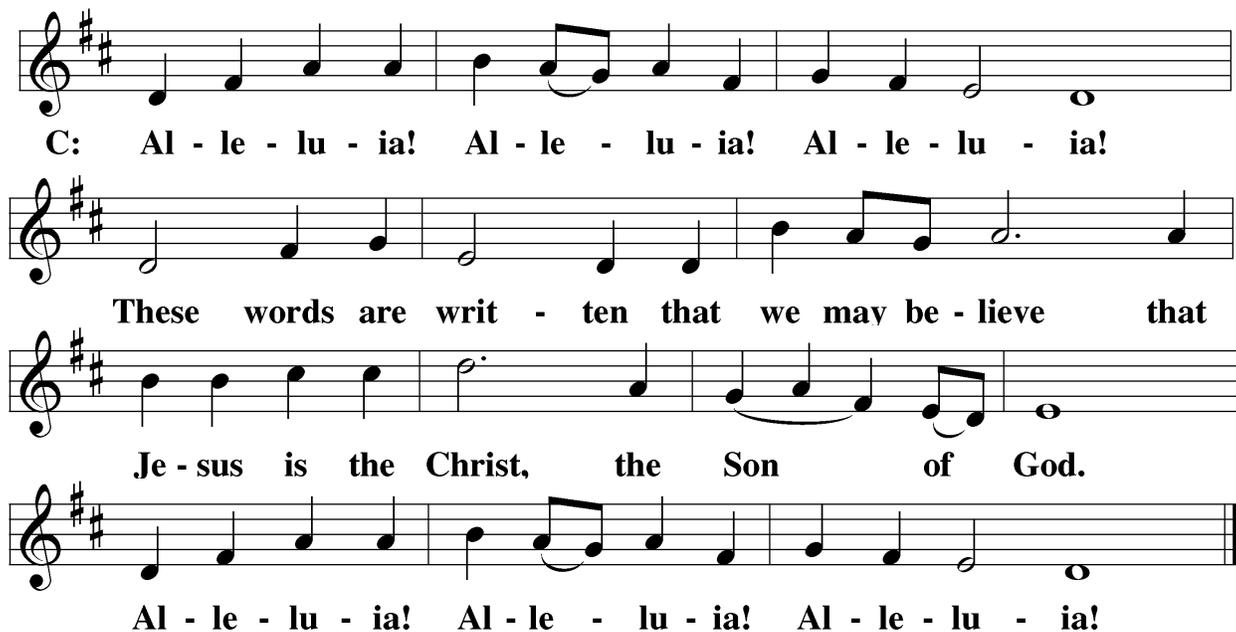
²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

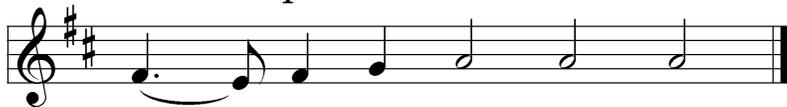
Mary chose to listen to the Lord; Jesus affirmed this as the one thing needful, which would not be taken from her.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and

asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

One Thing's Needful

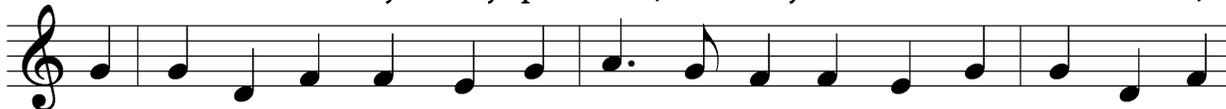
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1 One thing's need-ful; Lord, this trea - sure teach me high-ly to re-gard.
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed her e - ter-nal joy to find
3 Wis-dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re-vealed in you.



All else, though it first give plea-sure, is a yoke that press-es hard.
as in - tent each word she not - ed, at her Sav-ior's feet re-clined!
Let me find in you my plea-sure; make my will and ac-tions true,



Be-neath it the heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, no true, last - ing
How kin-dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, while hear - ing the
hu - mil - i - ty there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, in paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all
les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for -
wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
got for her Lord and found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
knowl - edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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Why Does God Visit?
He has a point * He has a promise

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

ORGANIST: Susan Phelps

MUSICIANS: Sam Eickhoff, Bev Gumm, Ann Marohn, and Christina Sprenger

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Brett Horne. 10:30 a.m. – Jim Van Alstine.

ALTAR GUILD: Sandra Weber, Karen Beining, Debbie Van Alstine.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Dale Bramstedt, Keith Leistekow.

10:30 a.m. Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten.

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: 7/10 & 7/11 - \$11,900 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,300). \$3,440 GROWING FORWARD. \$280 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$2,940 IN MEMORY OF GERMAINE DORO. \$35 IN MEMORY OF KAREN HERZOG.

ATTENDANCE: 7/10 & 7/11 8:00 A.M. – 175. 10:30 A.M. - 130. 6:30 P.M. – 45.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 17	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Sanctuary
Monday, July 18	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 19	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, July 20	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	6:30 p.m. School Board
Thursday, July 21	6:30 p.m. Craftmen’s Bible Study
Friday, July 22	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 24	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. SAVE THE DATE - St. Paul’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. After the late service, we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. More details to come!

2. Did You Know? 2022 marks the 160th anniversary of our St. Paul's congregation! In commemoration of this memorable milestone for our church, we will be sharing interesting facts about our church's history in each week's bulletin until a special anniversary service in fall. In 1931 the first Sunday School and Bible Classes were held. They were organized by Pastor H. A. Kuether who served our congregation from 1930-1949. He was the father to three of our former members: Eugene, Robert, and Richard Kuether. Learn more about the history of St. Paul's by checking out displays in the library. Portraits of former pastors of St. Paul's can be found in the member room.

3. Sunday Bible Study - Sunday morning Bible study is entitled "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches". In the book of Revelation, John received messages from God for seven churches that existed in his day. These were real churches, each facing challenges that threatened their existence and effectiveness. The focus of this study is to understand each church's context of ministry, the challenges faced by that church, and the instructions given to that church. We will be challenged to look for ways the lessons learned from these churches can be applied to St. Paul's. *This study is for the whole family.*

4. 7/17 Bible Study will take place in the sanctuary. Coffee and treats will be served in the commons.

5. Sunday Morning Child Care is offered in the preschool room during Family Bible Hour. Since the summer Bible class is geared for adults all the way down to about 3rd graders, children younger than that can be brought to child care during that time.

6. Crafts-Men Bible Study - Thursday, July 21 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll look at 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. A Joint Handbell Choir is being formed this fall with members of St. Paul's and Calvary, Sheboygan. 7th graders through adults are welcome. Ringing experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested, contact Jill Grzonka at 920-694-0881 or at jgrzonka@comcast.net.

8. St. Paul's Church and School received information that we will receive a \$50,000 grant from a business for our building project when we break ground! A stipulation of the grant requires anonymity. We thank Mike Leahy, Chad Marohn, and Jim Van Alstine for submitting paperwork for this.

9. July 22 Summer Party: The Activities Committee is hosting a special event Friday, July 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, trivia, and the movie "Encanto" will play on the big screen. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! More info to come.

10. Vacation Bible School at St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland: Children age 3 through grade 8 are invited to attend a fun week of Bible lessons, crafts, music and games. Our theme this year is *Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation*. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/SJSP> or contact the church at 920-693-8612 for more information. Dates: August 8-12. Time: 9:00-11:30 am

11. Wanna Get Away? Pastor Mueller and Pastor Don Scheuerlein [Christ Alone, Mequon] are leading a trip to Israel in January 2023. It's a direct flight to Israel from Chicago. The dates are January 10-19, 2023. [See the itinerary here.](#) It's a trip that sees the highlights of where Jesus ministered. We also see some old Roman areas of significance. Speak with Pastor Mueller for more information. Deadline for registration is October. pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

12. The St. Paul's Car Show: will take place August 13 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2. Besides all the awesome cars to take a look at, there will be a mingling magician from 10:00-12:00 (www.idealmagic52.com). Musician Andy Braun (www.andybraun.com) will perform favorites from CCR, the Beatles, and other folk-rock favorites from 12:00-2:00. There will also be a bounce house for the kids. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *Registration is now open online:* <https://forms.gle/VJ98kT4D7TCvxpWd7>. More info to come. There are informational flyers in the narthex. Please share them with friends and family that may be interested!

13. A note from Arline Hoppe's family, Ed and Sandy Strauss & Dave and Amy Hoppe: Would like to say thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for all the prayers during mom's decline in health and after her journey to heaven. As a church family you have shown love and compassion to our family and this is so precious. During her decline one day she said I don't think I know how to pray and we did the Lord's prayer and I told her just keep praying in Jesus name and God will hear the prayer. This seemed to comfort her. John 10:27 says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

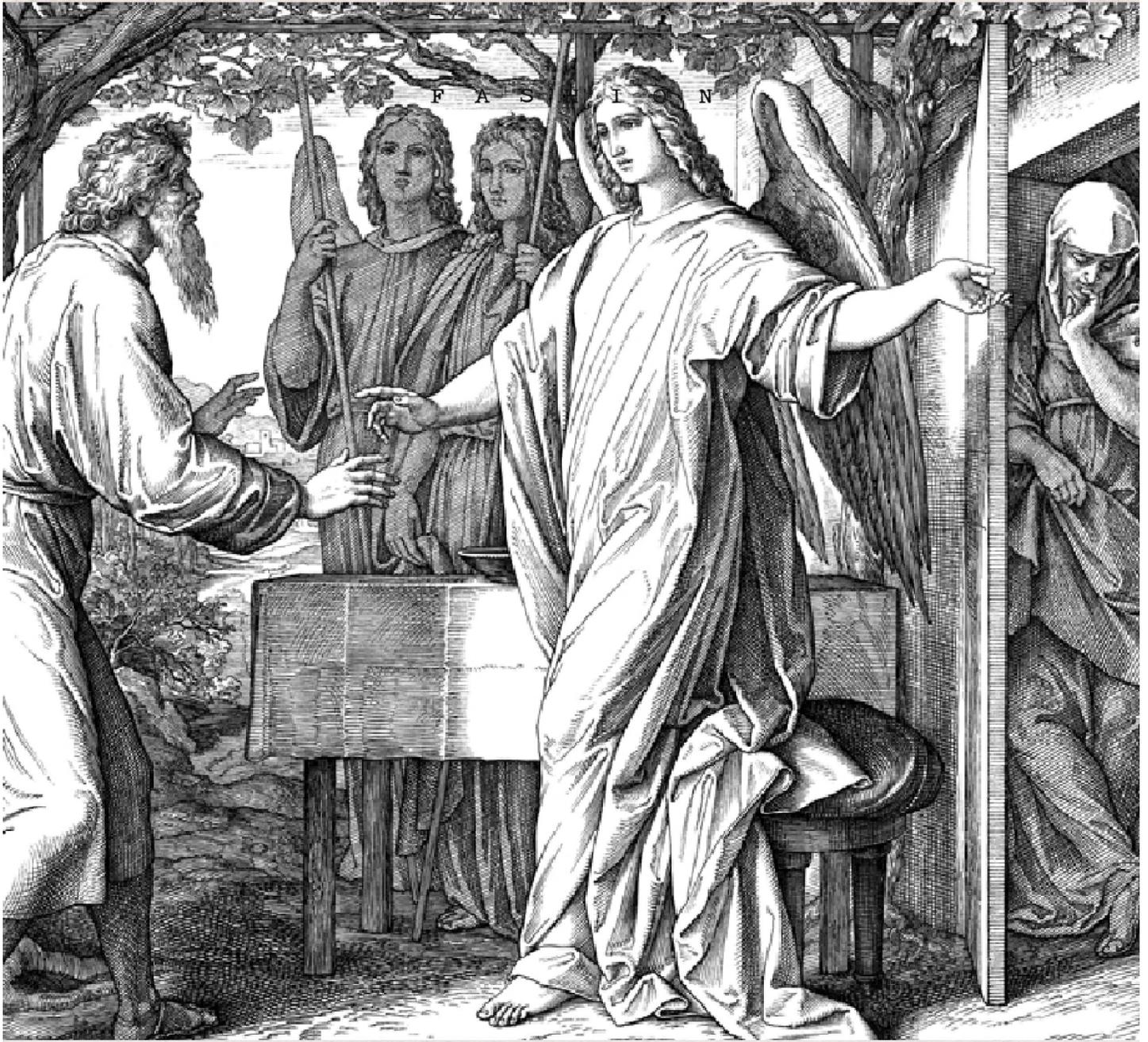
14. Pastor Bode is preaching at Good Shepherd in Plymouth this weekend.

15. The next information class/member class will start in September. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register.

16. Tuesday night open gym basketball will be closed for an additional week. The gym floors are getting a new coat of wax. We will return to the gym Tuesday July 26th from 7-8:30.



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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.

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Today's Worship Focus: *As Christians, we rightly prioritize service. We serve God and our neighbor with the abilities and blessings he's given us, just as Abraham served his guests and Mary hosted Jesus. Yet today we are reminded that the Lord must serve us first. He serves us with his Word and Sacrament. We call it a worship service because it is the Lord's service for our good now and eternally. As he serves us in this most important activity, we hang on his life-giving words and Listen to the Lord.*

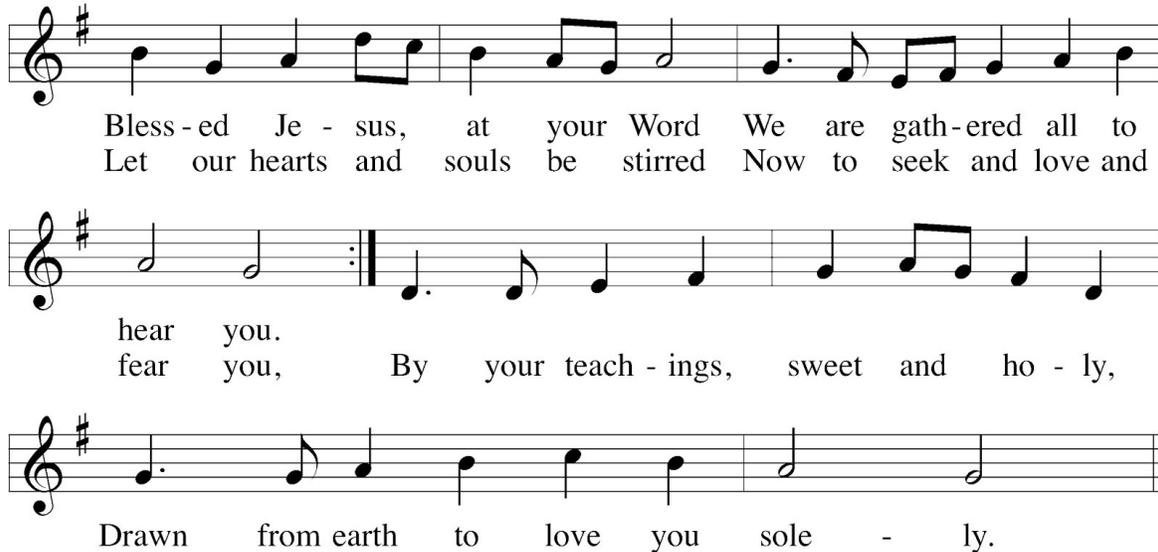
Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -

shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

You must work all good with - in us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's

ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;

Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
 Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
 ra - tion!
 va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
 Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; 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

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1–14

Abraham listened to the Lord's promise of a son while Sarah only laughed.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant."

"Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread."

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1–14

Paul prayed that the Colossians would listen to the Lord's wisdom by his Spirit so that they may live lives pleasing to him.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

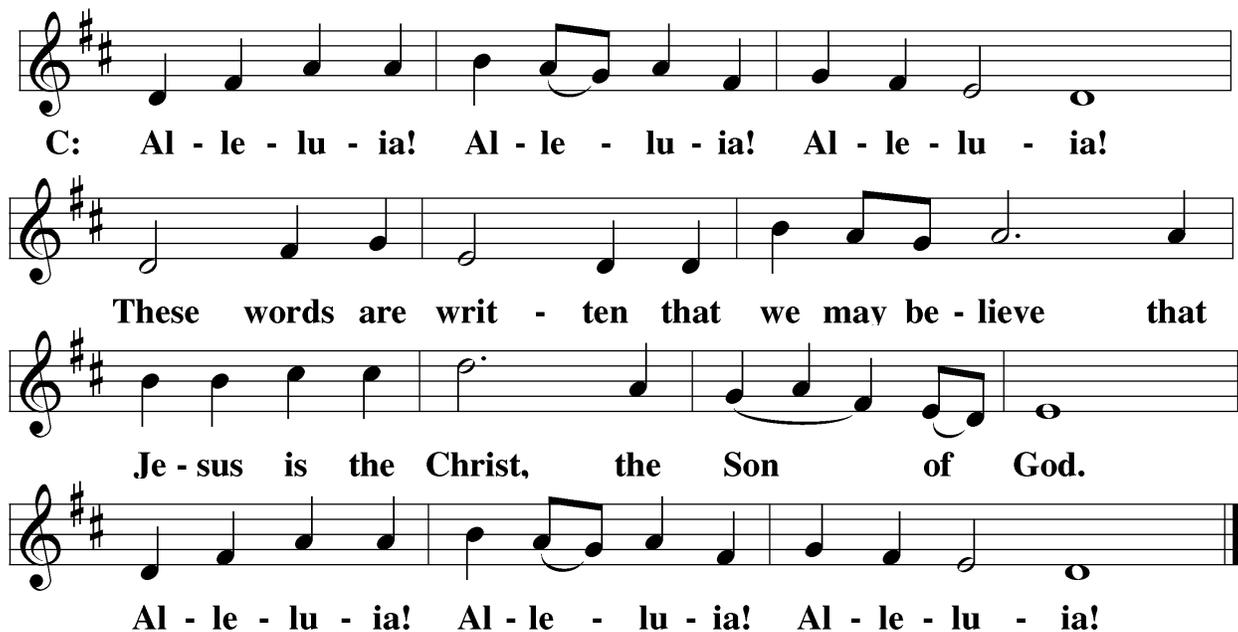
²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

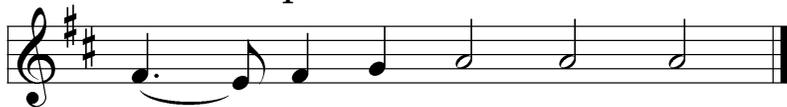
Mary chose to listen to the Lord; Jesus affirmed this as the one thing needful, which would not be taken from her.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and

asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

One Thing's Needful

CW 645



1 One thing's need-ful; Lord, this trea - sure teach me high-ly to re-gard.
2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed her e - ter-nal joy to find
3 Wis-dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re-vealed in you.



All else, though it first give plea-sure, is a yoke that press-es hard.
as in - tent each word she not - ed, at her Sav-ior's feet re-clined!
Let me find in you my plea-sure; make my will and ac-tions true,



Be-neath it the heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, no true, last - ing
How kin-dled her heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, while hear - ing the
hu - mil - i - ty there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, in paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all
les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for -
wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this



oth - ers are vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
got for her Lord and found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
knowl - edge di - vine, the bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

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Why Does God Visit?
He has a point * He has a promise

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CW 595



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
 loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
 and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
 har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
 pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
 good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
 heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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Stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be Seated

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

ORGANIST: Susan Phelps

MUSICIANS: Sam Eickhoff, Bev Gumm, Ann Marohn, and Christina Sprenger

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Brett Horne. 10:30 a.m. – Jim Van Alstine.

ALTAR GUILD: Sandra Weber, Karen Beining, Debbie Van Alstine.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Dale Bramstedt, Keith Leistekow.

10:30 a.m. Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten.

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: 7/10 & 7/11 - \$11,900 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,300). \$3,440 GROWING FORWARD. \$280 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$2,940 IN MEMORY OF GERMAINE DORO. \$35 IN MEMORY OF KAREN HERZOG.

ATTENDANCE: 7/10 & 7/11 8:00 A.M. – 175. 10:30 A.M. - 130. 6:30 P.M. – 45.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 17	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour in Sanctuary
Monday, July 18	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 19	7:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym
Wednesday, July 20	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Playdate
	6:30 p.m. School Board
Thursday, July 21	6:30 p.m. Craftmen’s Bible Study
Friday, July 22	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 24	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. SAVE THE DATE - St. Paul’s will celebrate its 160th anniversary on September 18th in both Sunday services. We have lined up Rev. Tom Unke (our former pastor) to preach that day. There will be a light breakfast served between services with historical displays. After the late service, we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. More details to come!

2. Did You Know? 2022 marks the 160th anniversary of our St. Paul's congregation! In commemoration of this memorable milestone for our church, we will be sharing interesting facts about our church's history in each week's bulletin until a special anniversary service in fall. In 1931 the first Sunday School and Bible Classes were held. They were organized by Pastor H. A. Kuether who served our congregation from 1930-1949. He was the father to three of our former members: Eugene, Robert, and Richard Kuether. Learn more about the history of St. Paul's by checking out displays in the library. Portraits of former pastors of St. Paul's can be found in the member room.

3. Sunday Bible Study - Sunday morning Bible study is entitled "The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches". In the book of Revelation, John received messages from God for seven churches that existed in his day. These were real churches, each facing challenges that threatened their existence and effectiveness. The focus of this study is to understand each church's context of ministry, the challenges faced by that church, and the instructions given to that church. We will be challenged to look for ways the lessons learned from these churches can be applied to St. Paul's. *This study is for the whole family.*

4. 7/17 Bible Study will take place in the sanctuary. Coffee and treats will be served in the commons.

5. Sunday Morning Child Care is offered in the preschool room during Family Bible Hour. Since the summer Bible class is geared for adults all the way down to about 3rd graders, children younger than that can be brought to child care during that time.

6. Crafts-Men Bible Study - Thursday, July 21 @ 6:30 p.m. We'll look at 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. A Joint Handbell Choir is being formed this fall with members of St. Paul's and Calvary, Sheboygan. 7th graders through adults are welcome. Ringing experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested, contact Jill Grzonka at 920-694-0881 or at jgrzonka@comcast.net.

8. St. Paul's Church and School received information that we will receive a \$50,000 grant from a business for our building project when we break ground! A stipulation of the grant requires anonymity. We thank Mike Leahy, Chad Marohn, and Jim Van Alstine for submitting paperwork for this.

9. July 22 Summer Party: The Activities Committee is hosting a special event Friday, July 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, trivia, and the movie "Encanto" will play on the big screen. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors! More info to come.

10. Vacation Bible School at St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church in Cleveland: Children age 3 through grade 8 are invited to attend a fun week of Bible lessons, crafts, music and games. Our theme this year is *Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation*. Register online at <https://vbsmate.com/SJSP> or contact the church at 920-693-8612 for more information. Dates: August 8-12. Time: 9:00-11:30 am

11. Wanna Get Away? Pastor Mueller and Pastor Don Scheuerlein [Christ Alone, Mequon] are leading a trip to Israel in January 2023. It's a direct flight to Israel from Chicago. The dates are January 10-19, 2023. [See the itinerary here.](#) It's a trip that sees the highlights of where Jesus ministered. We also see some old Roman areas of significance. Speak with Pastor Mueller for more information. Deadline for registration is October. pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

12. The St. Paul's Car Show: will take place August 13 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2. Besides all the awesome cars to take a look at, there will be a mingling magician from 10:00-12:00 (www.idealmagic52.com). Musician Andy Braun (www.andybraun.com) will perform favorites from CCR, the Beatles, and other folk-rock favorites from 12:00-2:00. There will also be a bounce house for the kids. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *Registration is now open online:* <https://forms.gle/VJ98kT4D7TCvxpWd7>. More info to come. There are informational flyers in the narthex. Please share them with friends and family that may be interested!

13. A note from Arline Hoppe's family, Ed and Sandy Strauss & Dave and Amy Hoppe: Would like to say thank you to the congregation of St. Paul's for all the prayers during mom's decline in health and after her journey to heaven. As a church family you have shown love and compassion to our family and this is so precious. During her decline one day she said I don't think I know how to pray and we did the Lord's prayer and I told her just keep praying in Jesus name and God will hear the prayer. This seemed to comfort her. John 10:27 says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. (28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand."

14. Pastor Bode is preaching at Good Shepherd in Plymouth this weekend.

15. The next information class/member class will start in September. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please speak with the pastors to register.

16. Tuesday night open gym basketball will be closed for an additional week. The gym floors are getting a new coat of wax. We will return to the gym Tuesday July 26th from 7-8:30.