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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.

This Week's Focus: *The last couple weekends of Epiphany, God has revealed that Jesus came for all. Today, God reveals how dire our situation was. Because of our sin, we needed a sacrifice, the shedding of blood, death. But it had to be a special sacrifice. Only God could take away the sins of all people. So John points his disciples to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. We can tell others as well, so that they also may see" Christ Revealed as the Lamb of God".*

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

Lamb of God

CW 550

The 1st-4th graders of St. Paul's Lutheran School will sing verse 1 and the first refrain.



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Stand

Invocation

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



C: A - men.

Confession

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
 sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your
 grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
 mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
 glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
 ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
 joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

It is too small a thing for the Lamb of God to restore Israel; his salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

Follow the Lamb of God, who forgave all our sins at the cross; put off your old self and live strong in the faith.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Trio

Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Behold the Lamb of God.

Stand

The Gospel according to John chapter 1.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

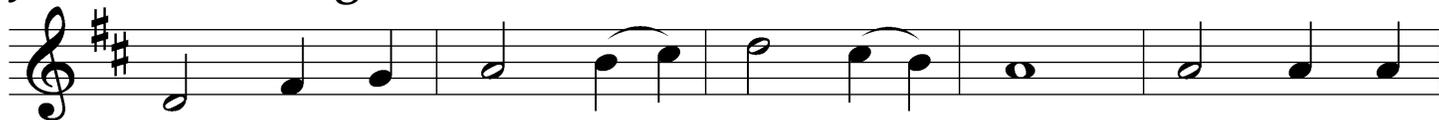
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

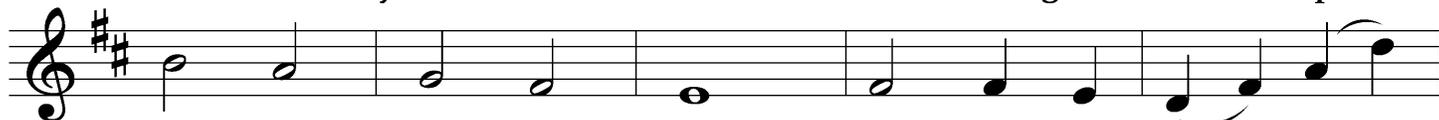
Be seated

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon

Colossians 2

*You Have Fullness in Christ
Fully Alive – Fully Strong*

Stand

Create in Me a Clean Heart

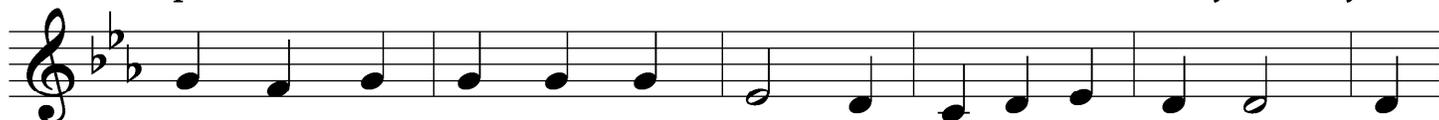
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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

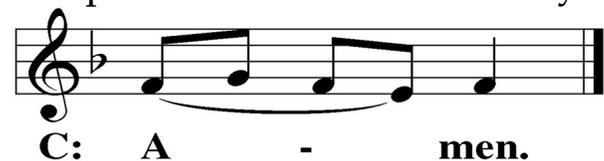
Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

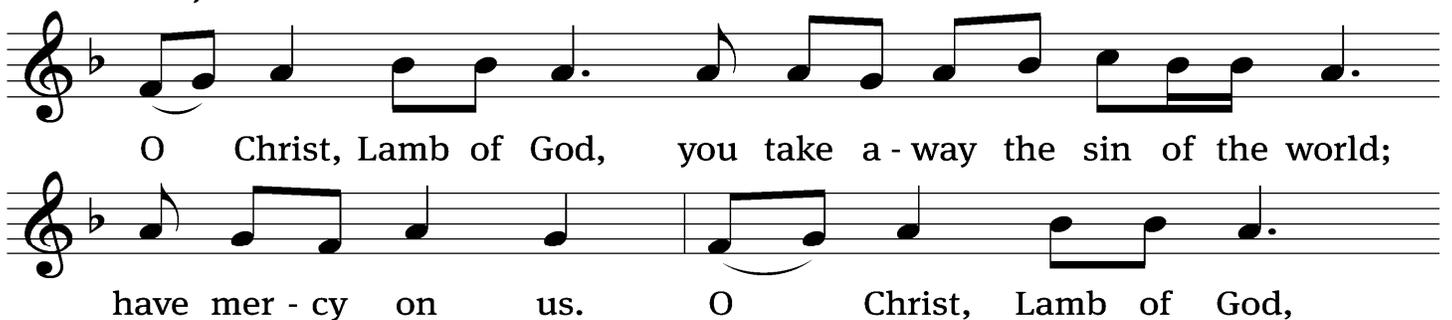
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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



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

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

grant us your peace. A - men.

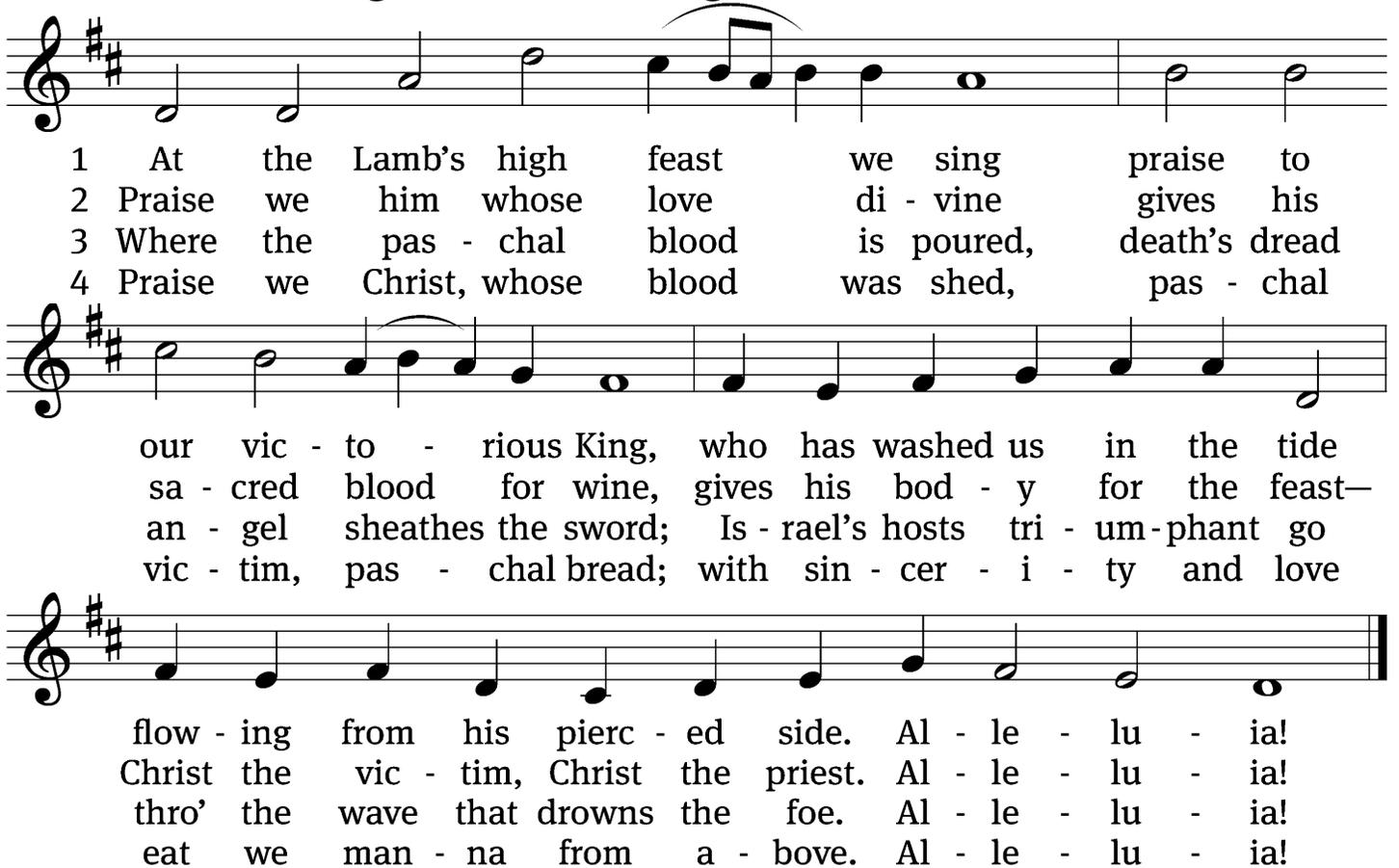
Be seated

Distribution

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

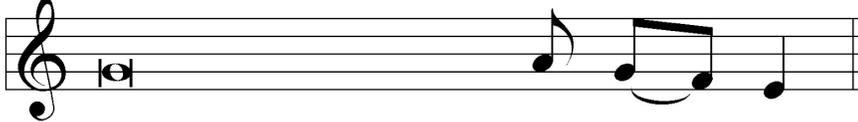
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Stand

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



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

Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744 sts. 1-2



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:00 – MIKE AUSTRENG, CHAD MAROHN;

10:30 – TODD MARTEN, ERIC VANT HUL

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Allen Kraemer, Trevor Athorp, Ray Price, Dan Goetsch, James Bilgo.

10:30 a.m. Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Jeremy Nesemann, Aidan Dailey.

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: 1/15 & 1/16 - \$13,000 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$5,528 GROWING FORWARD (AND \$15,000 OF NEW PLEDGES TOWARD THE MATCHING FUNDS). \$500 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$20 EUGENE RABE MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE 1/15 & 1/16 - 8:00 A.M. – 167. 10:30 A.M. – 159. 6:30 P.M. – 35.

In our prayers this week...

1. Thanksgiving for another year of growing in Christ at St. Paul’s and going in Christ from St. Paul’s.
2. Thanksgiving to the Lord for those who have served in congregational boards and committees over the past year, and the Lord’s blessing on those who will be elected at our annual meeting today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, January 22	Grades 1-4 Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Brat Fry/Annual Voters’ Meeting
Monday, January 23	5:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 24	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, January 26	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m. Dartball
Saturday, January 28	6:00 p.m. Fellowship at 3 Sheeps
Sunday, January 29	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. **Sunday Bible Study:** Racism has been a contentious issue in our country in recent years. We've already been through the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. What are the current concerns? What does God's Word say? Sunday morning Bible study continues this weekend on the Lutheran Church's Response to Racism.
2. **3K teacher call** -- On January 15, St. Paul's called Miss Amanda Ehrenberg to serve as our full-time 3K teacher. Miss Ehrenberg currently serves as preschool teacher and early childhood director at St. Paul in South Haven, MI. Please keep Miss Ehrenberg in your prayers as she begins her deliberation process. You are free to reach out to her via email with words of encouragement - stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com
3. **On January 22nd**, we have the return of our Mid-Winter Brat Fry that will take place following the second service. There is a signup in the member room to help coordinate how much food to prepare. You can also sign up online: [CLICK HERE](#). Our Annual Voters' Meeting will take place after the brat fry, around 12:30/12:45 p.m. At this meeting we will have elections for new members of our boards and committees, as well as a proposal from the Officers to amend the Bylaws to add a vice president position to the Board of Officers and Council. The Trustees will also be

bringing a motion to expand the Board of Trustees to 5 members, from the current total of 4.

4. **Pastor Bode** has received a call to serve as associate pastor at Water of Life in Racine and Caledonia, WI. This congregation has two campuses and helps operate a school that is on multiple campuses as well. Pastor Bode is being asked to focus especially on inreach, helping members reconnect to worship and congregational involvement. He welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks.
5. **Principal Chad Marohn** received a call on December 15 to be the principal of Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's kingdom.
6. **Capital Campaign Update:** As the final building costs become more clear, we could have a potential mortgage around \$3.1M which is about \$500,000 higher than originally planned. There are still on-going activities to reduce the mortgage, but any additional gifts or pledges will help offset the amount of the mortgage. A generous donor at St. Paul's will match \$.50 on the dollar up to \$65,000. If pledges and gifts are given (above and beyond already pledged amounts) up to \$130,000, we will maximize this gift! (Each dollar gifted then is worth \$1.50.)
7. **Living Nativity Blankets** need to be returned by Wednesday, January 25th so we can put them all away. Thanks!
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!
9. **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Staff Minister Luther Curia will begin a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world. The

study will cover Jesus coming into the world (Luke), Jesus beginning his Ministry (Gospels), and Jesus among the people (Gospels). **Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning 1/24.** The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!

10. **Bible Information Class beginning** on January 24th at 6pm. This course is our path to membership at St. Paul's or a great refresher of your catechism training. The class is *only 9 weeks* and each session runs two hours. Please register by contacting Pastor Mueller.
11. **The Apostle Paul's** first missionary journey was to the area of Galatia. Encouraging those new congregations in the central teachings of the faith was vital. These things are still vital. Starting February 16th (Thursday evenings at 6:30) join an evening study of the book of **Galatians**. You'll grow as we keep in step with the Spirit and stand firm in the freedom Christ won for us! Register with Pastor Mueller.
12. **3 Sheeps:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy fellowship and fun at 3 Sheeps on January 28 from 6:00-9:00. Feel free to bring food/snacks to share; some will be provided. We have a section reserved and are looking forward to some cornhole too! See you there!
13. **Building Project Update** - This month we have seen the completion of the fire wall between the current building and addition. This past week several more steel beams went up into position!
14. **Prayers for China** - 1.3 billion people in China are not Christians. During the 15 days of the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival from January 22 - February 5, 316NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS Christians, invites us to pray for mission work there. More information and prayer suggestions are available at 316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer. Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
15. **The Lutheran Pioneers** will start their winter session on Wednesday, January 18th for boys and girls in 1st - 8th grade. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m., learning about woodworking tools

and safety, with the goal of making a pinewood derby car. If you are interested, you can find more information printed for you on the bulletin table in the narthex or talk to Mike Heilman.

- 16. PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating student between now and **February 8th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office or the marked drawer in the member room with payment by the 8th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 18th.** Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: katieb82@hotmail.com.
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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.

This Week's Focus: *The last couple weekends of Epiphany, God has revealed that Jesus came for all. Today, God reveals how dire our situation was. Because of our sin, we needed a sacrifice, the shedding of blood, death. But it had to be a special sacrifice. Only God could take away the sins of all people. So John points his disciples to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. We can tell others as well, so that they also may see" Christ Revealed as the Lamb of God".*

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

Lamb of God

CW 550

The 1st-4th graders of St. Paul's Lutheran School will sing verse 1 and the first refrain.

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the
 ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious
 blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Stand

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
 sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your
 grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
 mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
 glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
 ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
 joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

It is too small a thing for the Lamb of God to restore Israel; his salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

Follow the Lamb of God, who forgave all our sins at the cross; put off your old self and live strong in the faith.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Trio

Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Behold the Lamb of God.

Stand

The Gospel according to John chapter 1.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

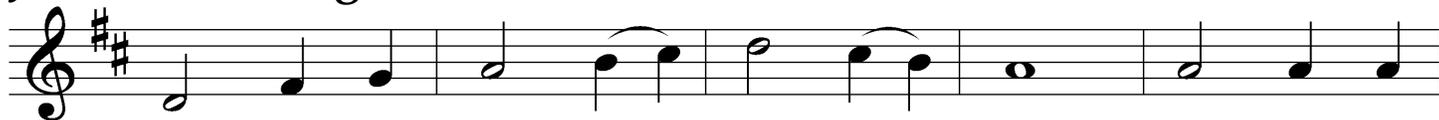
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

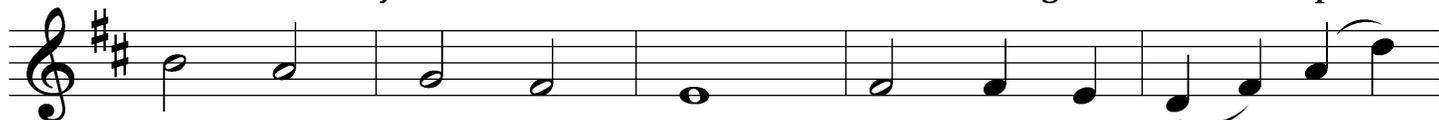
Be seated

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon

Colossians 2

*You Have Fullness in Christ
Fully Alive – Fully Strong*

Stand

Create in Me a Clean Heart

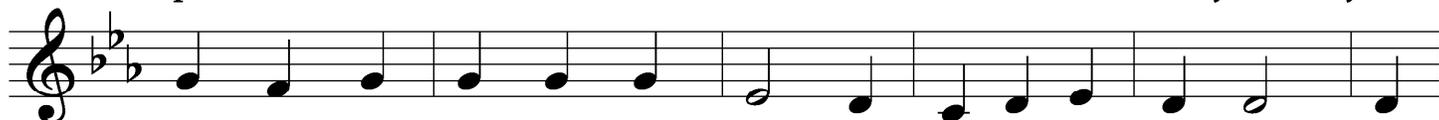
CW 942



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

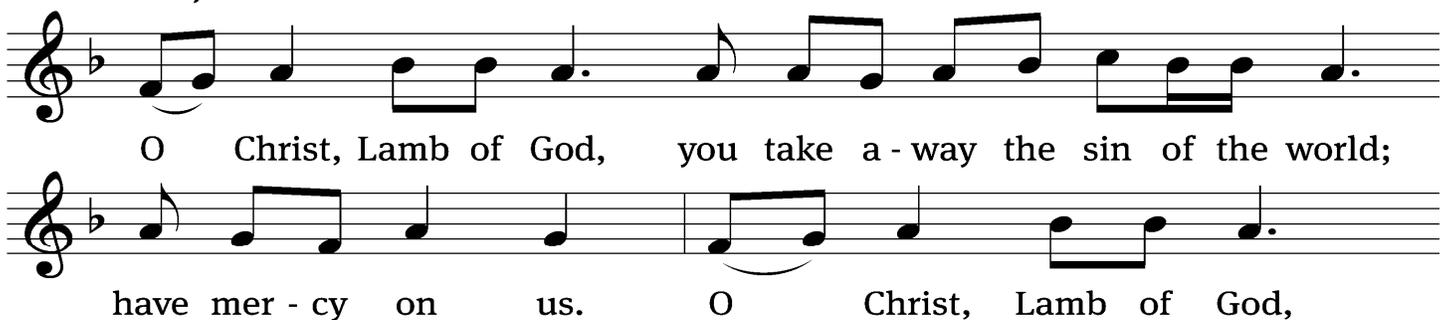
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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



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

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

grant us your peace. A - men.

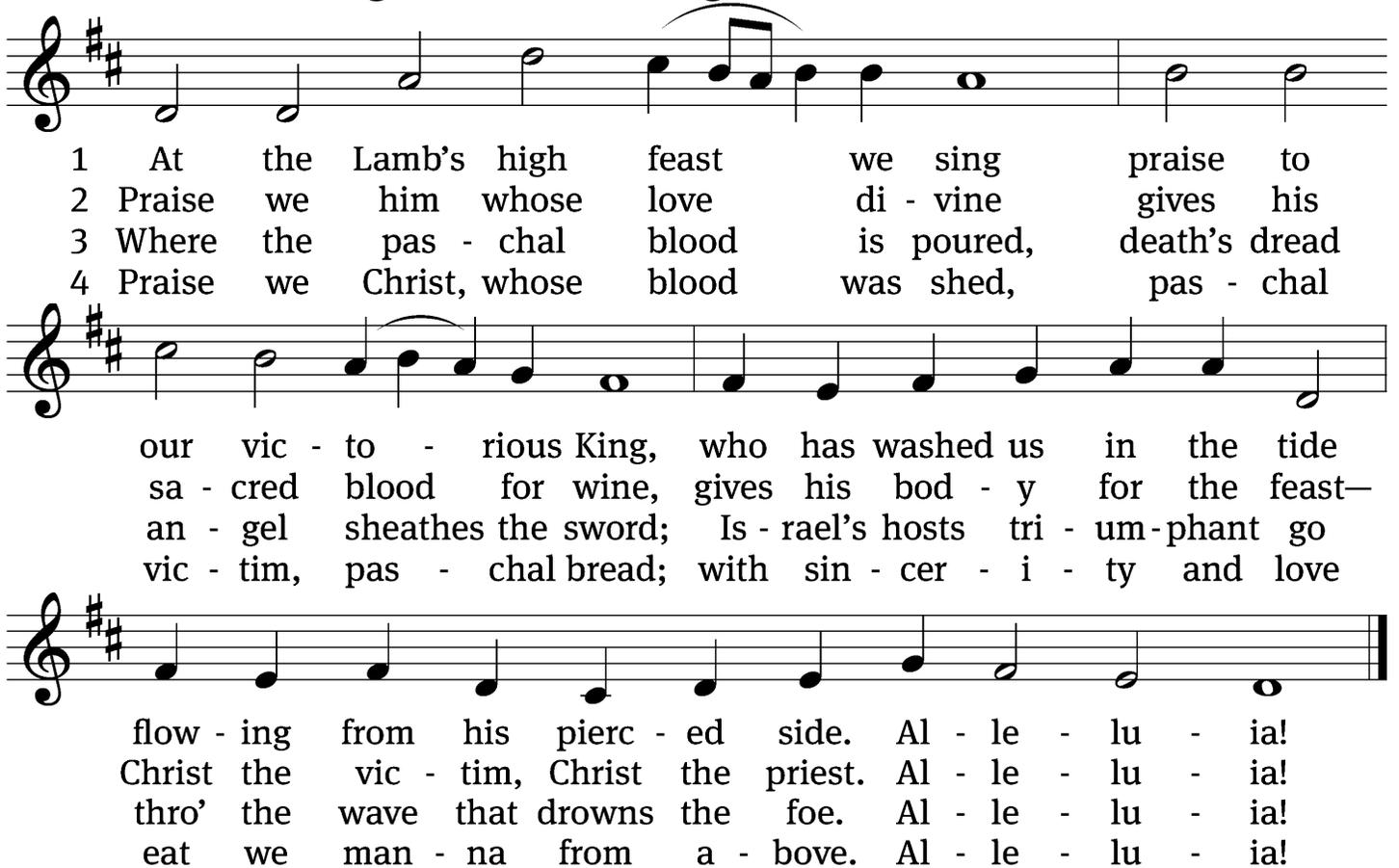
Be seated

Distribution

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

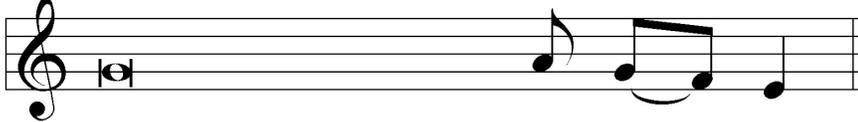
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Stand

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



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

Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744 sts. 1-2



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:00 – MIKE AUSTRENG, CHAD MAROHN;

10:30 – TODD MARTEN, ERIC VANT HUL

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Allen Kraemer, Trevor Athorp, Ray Price, Dan Goetsch, James Bilgo.

10:30 a.m. Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Jeremy Nesemann, Aidan Dailey.

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: 1/15 & 1/16 - \$13,000 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$5,528 GROWING FORWARD (AND \$15,000 OF NEW PLEDGES TOWARD THE MATCHING FUNDS). \$500 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$20 EUGENE RABE MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE 1/15 & 1/16 - 8:00 A.M. – 167. 10:30 A.M. – 159. 6:30 P.M. – 35.

In our prayers this week...

1. Thanksgiving for another year of growing in Christ at St. Paul’s and going in Christ from St. Paul’s.
2. Thanksgiving to the Lord for those who have served in congregational boards and committees over the past year, and the Lord’s blessing on those who will be elected at our annual meeting today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, January 22	Grades 1-4 Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Brat Fry/Annual Voters’ Meeting
Monday, January 23	5:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 24	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, January 26	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m. Dartball
Saturday, January 28	6:00 p.m. Fellowship at 3 Sheeps
Sunday, January 29	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. **Sunday Bible Study:** Racism has been a contentious issue in our country in recent years. We've already been through the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. What are the current concerns? What does God's Word say? Sunday morning Bible study continues this weekend on the Lutheran Church's Response to Racism.
2. **3K teacher call** -- On January 15, St. Paul's called Miss Amanda Ehrenberg to serve as our full-time 3K teacher. Miss Ehrenberg currently serves as preschool teacher and early childhood director at St. Paul in South Haven, MI. Please keep Miss Ehrenberg in your prayers as she begins her deliberation process. You are free to reach out to her via email with words of encouragement - stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com
3. **On January 22nd**, we have the return of our Mid-Winter Brat Fry that will take place following the second service. There is a signup in the member room to help coordinate how much food to prepare. You can also sign up online: [CLICK HERE](#). Our Annual Voters' Meeting will take place after the brat fry, around 12:30/12:45 p.m. At this meeting we will have elections for new members of our boards and committees, as well as a proposal from the Officers to amend the Bylaws to add a vice president position to the Board of Officers and Council. The Trustees will also be

bringing a motion to expand the Board of Trustees to 5 members, from the current total of 4.

4. **Pastor Bode** has received a call to serve as associate pastor at Water of Life in Racine and Caledonia, WI. This congregation has two campuses and helps operate a school that is on multiple campuses as well. Pastor Bode is being asked to focus especially on inreach, helping members reconnect to worship and congregational involvement. He welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks.
5. **Principal Chad Marohn** received a call on December 15 to be the principal of Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's kingdom.
6. **Capital Campaign Update:** As the final building costs become more clear, we could have a potential mortgage around \$3.1M which is about \$500,000 higher than originally planned. There are still on-going activities to reduce the mortgage, but any additional gifts or pledges will help offset the amount of the mortgage. A generous donor at St. Paul's will match \$.50 on the dollar up to \$65,000. If pledges and gifts are given (above and beyond already pledged amounts) up to \$130,000, we will maximize this gift! (Each dollar gifted then is worth \$1.50.)
7. **Living Nativity Blankets** need to be returned by Wednesday, January 25th so we can put them all away. Thanks!
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!
9. **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Staff Minister Luther Curia will begin a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world. The

study will cover Jesus coming into the world (Luke), Jesus beginning his Ministry (Gospels), and Jesus among the people (Gospels). **Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning 1/24.** The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!

10. **Bible Information Class beginning** on January 24th at 6pm. This course is our path to membership at St. Paul's or a great refresher of your catechism training. The class is *only 9 weeks* and each session runs two hours. Please register by contacting Pastor Mueller.
11. **The Apostle Paul's** first missionary journey was to the area of Galatia. Encouraging those new congregations in the central teachings of the faith was vital. These things are still vital. Starting February 16th (Thursday evenings at 6:30) join an evening study of the book of **Galatians**. You'll grow as we keep in step with the Spirit and stand firm in the freedom Christ won for us! Register with Pastor Mueller.
12. **3 Sheeps:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy fellowship and fun at 3 Sheeps on January 28 from 6:00-9:00. Feel free to bring food/snacks to share; some will be provided. We have a section reserved and are looking forward to some cornhole too! See you there!
13. **Building Project Update** - This month we have seen the completion of the fire wall between the current building and addition. This past week several more steel beams went up into position!
14. **Prayers for China** - 1.3 billion people in China are not Christians. During the 15 days of the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival from January 22 - February 5, 316NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS Christians, invites us to pray for mission work there. More information and prayer suggestions are available at 316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer. Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
15. **The Lutheran Pioneers** will start their winter session on Wednesday, January 18th for boys and girls in 1st - 8th grade. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m., learning about woodworking tools

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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.

This Week's Focus: *The last couple weekends of Epiphany, God has revealed that Jesus came for all. Today, God reveals how dire our situation was. Because of our sin, we needed a sacrifice, the shedding of blood, death. But it had to be a special sacrifice. Only God could take away the sins of all people. So John points his disciples to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. We can tell others as well, so that they also may see" Christ Revealed as the Lamb of God".*

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

Lamb of God

CW 550

The 1st-4th graders of St. Paul's Lutheran School will sing verse 1 and the first refrain.

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the
 ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious
 blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Stand

Invocation

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



C: A - men.

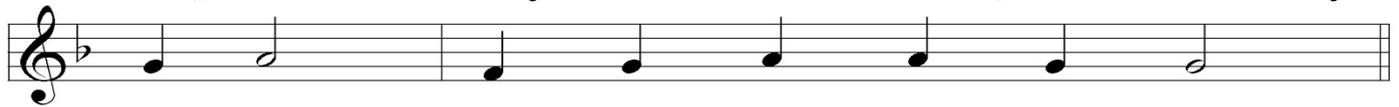
Confession

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
 sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your
 grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
 mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
 glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
 ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
 joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

It is too small a thing for the Lamb of God to restore Israel; his salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

Follow the Lamb of God, who forgave all our sins at the cross; put off your old self and live strong in the faith.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Trio

Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Behold the Lamb of God.

Stand

The Gospel according to John chapter 1.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

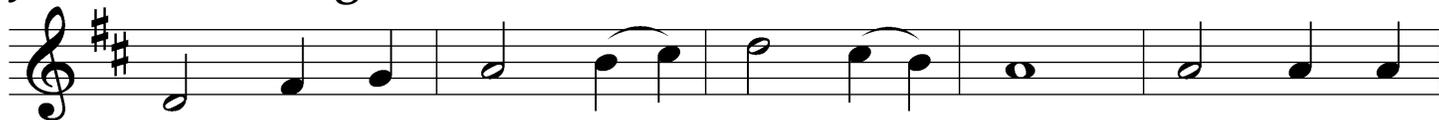
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

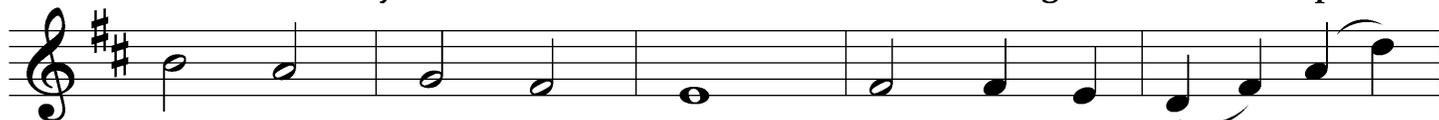
Be seated

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon

Colossians 2

*You Have Fullness in Christ
Fully Alive – Fully Strong*

Stand

Create in Me a Clean Heart

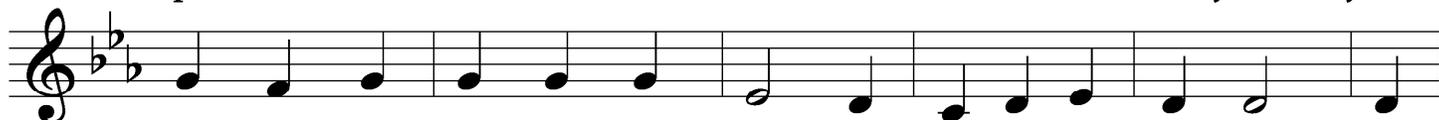
CW 942



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

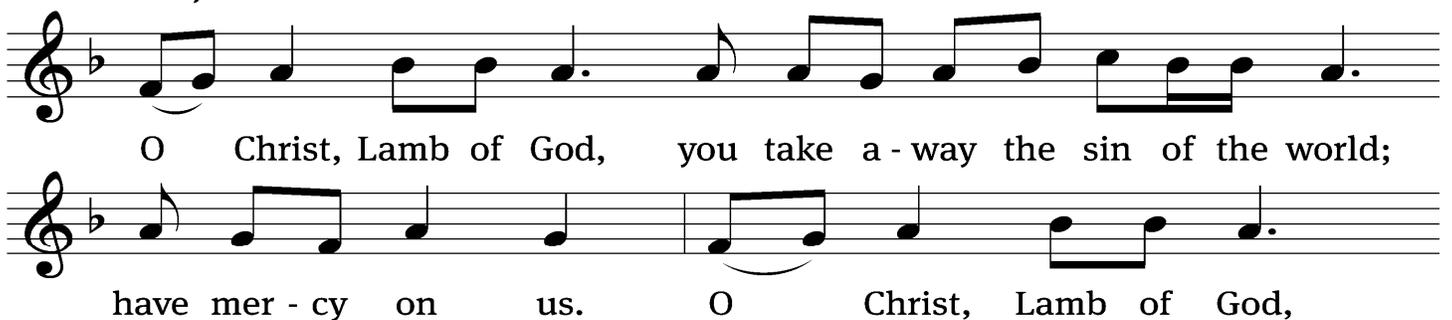
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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



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

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

grant us your peace. A - men.

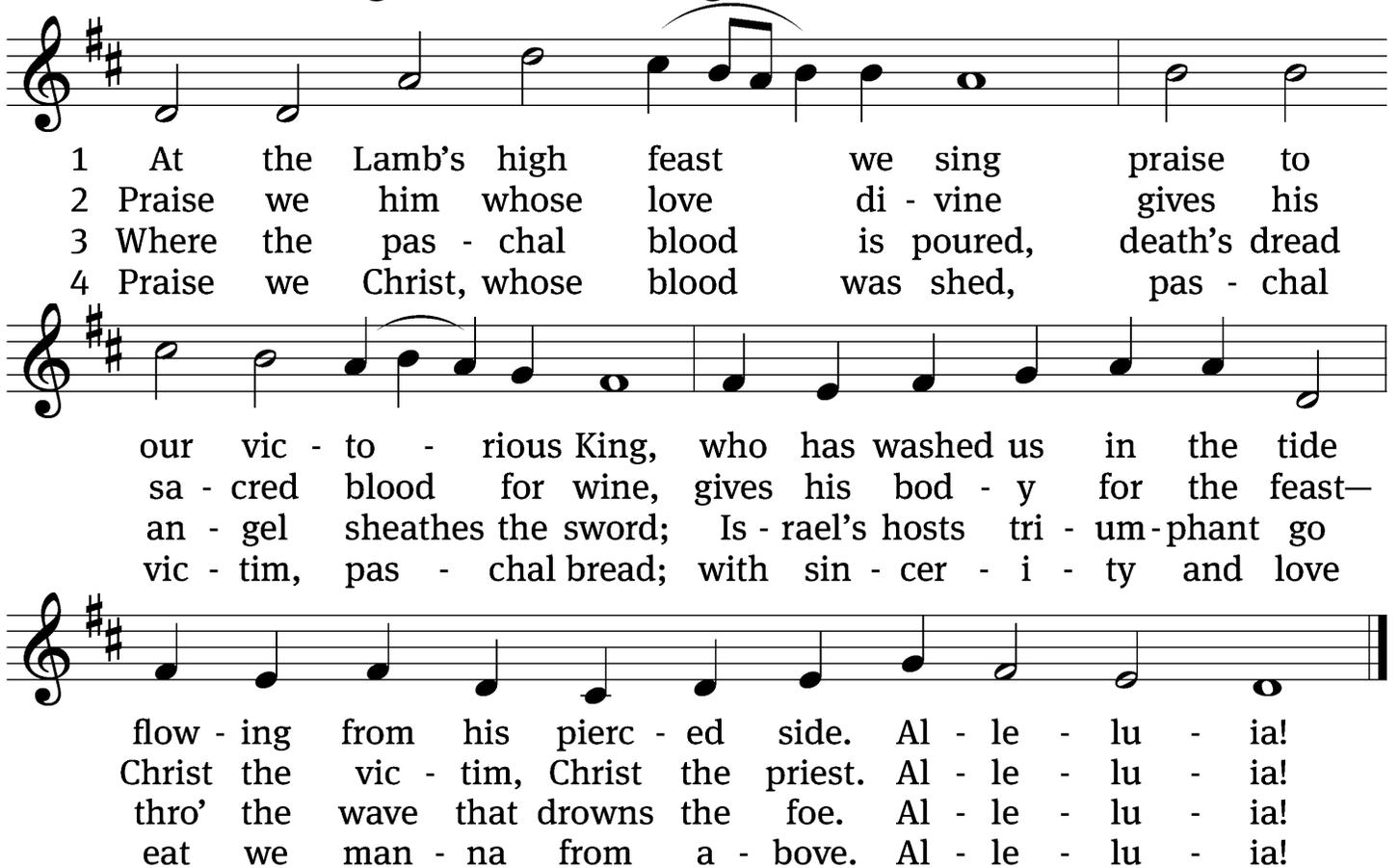
Be seated

Distribution

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

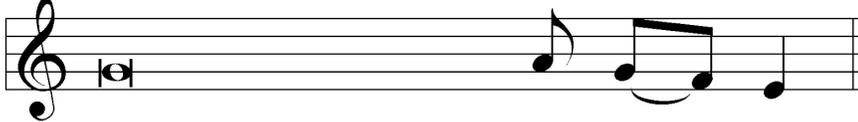
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Stand

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



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

Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744 sts. 1-2



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:00 – MIKE AUSTRENG, CHAD MAROHN;

10:30 – TODD MARTEN, ERIC VANT HUL

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Allen Kraemer, Trevor Athorp, Ray Price, Dan Goetsch, James Bilgo.

10:30 a.m. Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Jeremy Nesemann, Aidan Dailey.

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: 1/15 & 1/16 - \$13,000 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$5,528 GROWING FORWARD (AND \$15,000 OF NEW PLEDGES TOWARD THE MATCHING FUNDS). \$500 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$20 EUGENE RABE MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE 1/15 & 1/16 - 8:00 A.M. – 167. 10:30 A.M. – 159. 6:30 P.M. – 35.

In our prayers this week...

1. Thanksgiving for another year of growing in Christ at St. Paul’s and going in Christ from St. Paul’s.
2. Thanksgiving to the Lord for those who have served in congregational boards and committees over the past year, and the Lord’s blessing on those who will be elected at our annual meeting today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, January 22	Grades 1-4 Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Brat Fry/Annual Voters’ Meeting
Monday, January 23	5:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 24	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, January 26	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m. Dartball
Saturday, January 28	6:00 p.m. Fellowship at 3 Sheeps
Sunday, January 29	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Racism has been a contentious issue in our country in recent years. We've already been through the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. What are the current concerns? What does God's Word say? Sunday morning Bible study continues this weekend on the Lutheran Church's Response to Racism.
- 2. 3K teacher call** -- On January 15, St. Paul's called Miss Amanda Ehrenberg to serve as our full-time 3K teacher. Miss Ehrenberg currently serves as preschool teacher and early childhood director at St. Paul in South Haven, MI. Please keep Miss Ehrenberg in your prayers as she begins her deliberation process. You are free to reach out to her via email with words of encouragement - stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com
- 3. On January 22nd**, we have the return of our Mid-Winter Brat Fry that will take place following the second service. There is a signup in the member room to help coordinate how much food to prepare. You can also sign up online: [CLICK HERE](#). Our Annual Voters' Meeting will take place after the brat fry, around 12:30/12:45 p.m. At this meeting we will have elections for new members of our boards and committees, as well as a proposal from the Officers to amend the Bylaws to add a vice president position to the Board of Officers and Council. The Trustees will also be

bringing a motion to expand the Board of Trustees to 5 members, from the current total of 4.

4. **Pastor Bode** has received a call to serve as associate pastor at Water of Life in Racine and Caledonia, WI. This congregation has two campuses and helps operate a school that is on multiple campuses as well. Pastor Bode is being asked to focus especially on inreach, helping members reconnect to worship and congregational involvement. He welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks.
5. **Principal Chad Marohn** received a call on December 15 to be the principal of Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's kingdom.
6. **Capital Campaign Update:** As the final building costs become more clear, we could have a potential mortgage around \$3.1M which is about \$500,000 higher than originally planned. There are still on-going activities to reduce the mortgage, but any additional gifts or pledges will help offset the amount of the mortgage. A generous donor at St. Paul's will match \$.50 on the dollar up to \$65,000. If pledges and gifts are given (above and beyond already pledged amounts) up to \$130,000, we will maximize this gift! (Each dollar gifted then is worth \$1.50.)
7. **Living Nativity Blankets** need to be returned by Wednesday, January 25th so we can put them all away. Thanks!
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!
9. **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Staff Minister Luther Curia will begin a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world. The

study will cover Jesus coming into the world (Luke), Jesus beginning his Ministry (Gospels), and Jesus among the people (Gospels). **Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning 1/24.** The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!

10. **Bible Information Class beginning** on January 24th at 6pm. This course is our path to membership at St. Paul's or a great refresher of your catechism training. The class is *only 9 weeks* and each session runs two hours. Please register by contacting Pastor Mueller.
11. **The Apostle Paul's** first missionary journey was to the area of Galatia. Encouraging those new congregations in the central teachings of the faith was vital. These things are still vital. Starting February 16th (Thursday evenings at 6:30) join an evening study of the book of **Galatians**. You'll grow as we keep in step with the Spirit and stand firm in the freedom Christ won for us! Register with Pastor Mueller.
12. **3 Sheeps:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy fellowship and fun at 3 Sheeps on January 28 from 6:00-9:00. Feel free to bring food/snacks to share; some will be provided. We have a section reserved and are looking forward to some cornhole too! See you there!
13. **Building Project Update** - This month we have seen the completion of the fire wall between the current building and addition. This past week several more steel beams went up into position!
14. **Prayers for China** - 1.3 billion people in China are not Christians. During the 15 days of the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival from January 22 - February 5, 316NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS Christians, invites us to pray for mission work there. More information and prayer suggestions are available at 316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer. Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
15. **The Lutheran Pioneers** will start their winter session on Wednesday, January 18th for boys and girls in 1st - 8th grade. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m., learning about woodworking tools

and safety, with the goal of making a pinewood derby car. If you are interested, you can find more information printed for you on the bulletin table in the narthex or talk to Mike Heilman.

- 16. PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating student between now and **February 8th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office or the marked drawer in the member room with payment by the 8th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 18th.** Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: katieb82@hotmail.com.
- 17. Pickleball, y'all!** Now's your chance! Young adults, old adults, and everyone in between! It's a really big DILL! Join us every Wednesday night starting on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. for indoor fun and fellowship! No experience required! We'll teach you the rules. Extra pickleball paddles will be available for use! Any questions, please contact Nathan or Molly Meitner at (608)-498-7605 or molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.



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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.

This Week's Focus: *The last couple weekends of Epiphany, God has revealed that Jesus came for all. Today, God reveals how dire our situation was. Because of our sin, we needed a sacrifice, the shedding of blood, death. But it had to be a special sacrifice. Only God could take away the sins of all people. So John points his disciples to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. We can tell others as well, so that they also may see" Christ Revealed as the Lamb of God".*

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

Lamb of God

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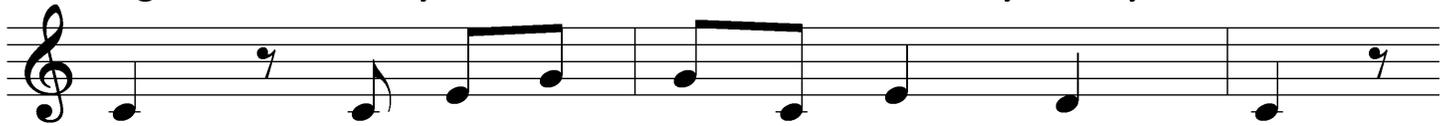
The 1st-4th graders of St. Paul's Lutheran School will sing verse 1 and the first refrain.



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre-cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Stand

Invocation

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



C: A - men.

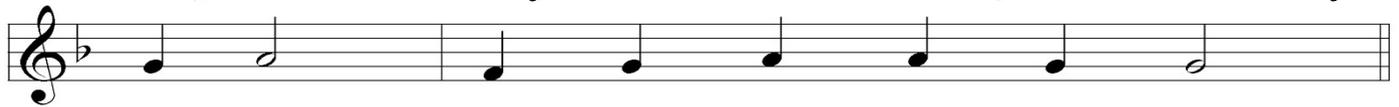
Confession

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
 sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your
 grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
 mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
 glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
 ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
 joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

It is too small a thing for the Lamb of God to restore Israel; his salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

Follow the Lamb of God, who forgave all our sins at the cross; put off your old self and live strong in the faith.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Trio

Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Behold the Lamb of God.

Stand

The Gospel according to John chapter 1.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

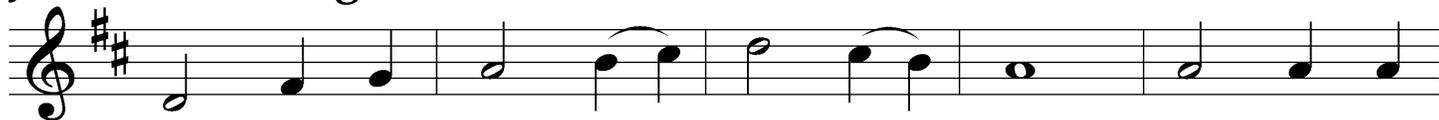
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

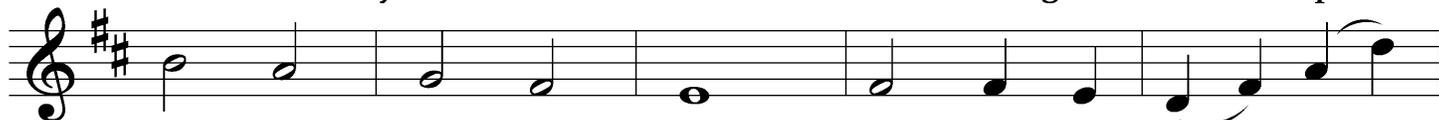
Be seated

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon

Colossians 2

*You Have Fullness in Christ
Fully Alive – Fully Strong*

Stand

Create in Me a Clean Heart

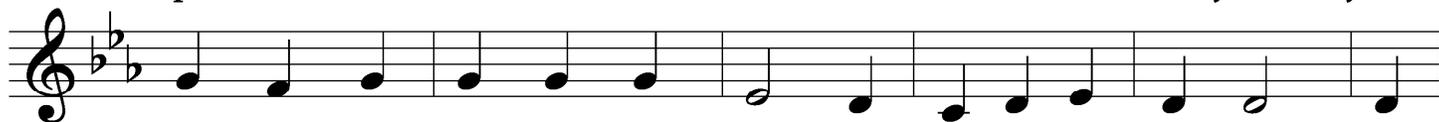
CW 942



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

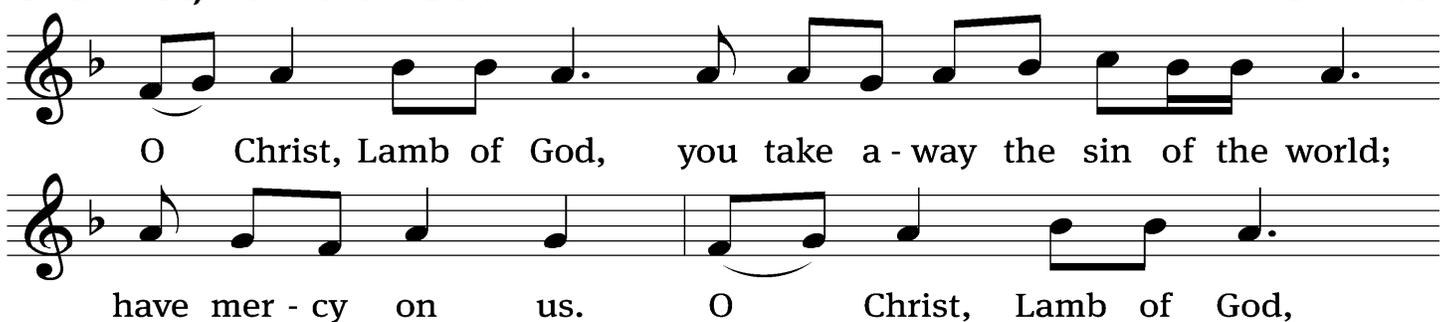
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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



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

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

grant us your peace. A - men.

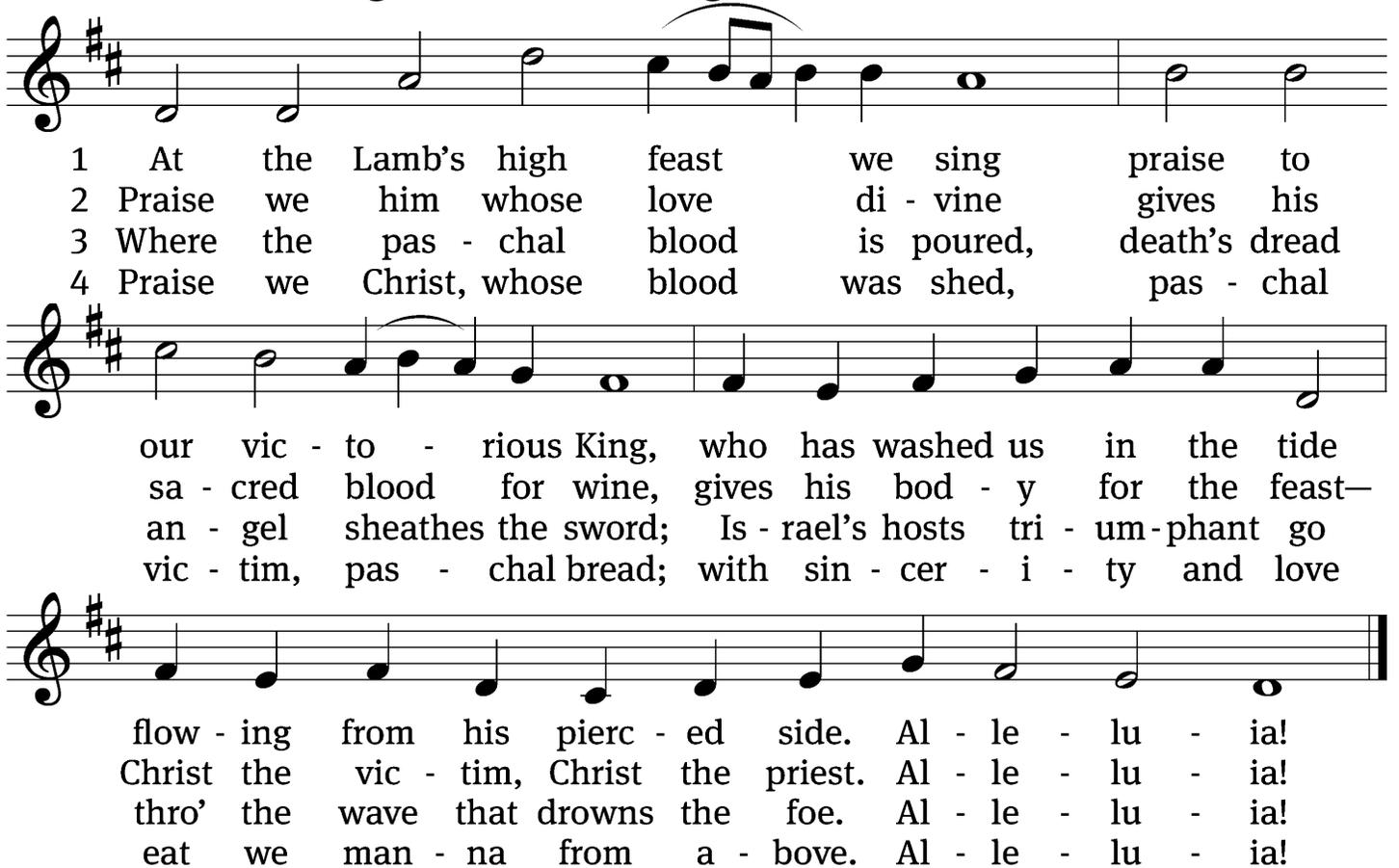
Be seated

Distribution

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

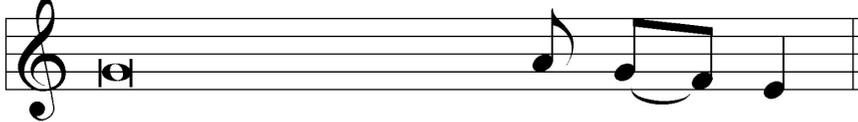
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Stand

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



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

Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744 sts. 1-2



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:00 – MIKE AUSTRENG, CHAD MAROHN;

10:30 – TODD MARTEN, ERIC VANT HUL

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Allen Kraemer, Trevor Athorp, Ray Price, Dan Goetsch, James Bilgo.

10:30 a.m. Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Jeremy Nesemann, Aidan Dailey.

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: 1/15 & 1/16 - \$13,000 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$5,528 GROWING FORWARD (AND \$15,000 OF NEW PLEDGES TOWARD THE MATCHING FUNDS). \$500 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$20 EUGENE RABE MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE 1/15 & 1/16 - 8:00 A.M. – 167. 10:30 A.M. – 159. 6:30 P.M. – 35.

In our prayers this week...

1. Thanksgiving for another year of growing in Christ at St. Paul’s and going in Christ from St. Paul’s.
2. Thanksgiving to the Lord for those who have served in congregational boards and committees over the past year, and the Lord’s blessing on those who will be elected at our annual meeting today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, January 22	Grades 1-4 Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Brat Fry/Annual Voters’ Meeting
Monday, January 23	5:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 24	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, January 26	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m. Dartball
Saturday, January 28	6:00 p.m. Fellowship at 3 Sheeps
Sunday, January 29	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Racism has been a contentious issue in our country in recent years. We've already been through the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. What are the current concerns? What does God's Word say? Sunday morning Bible study continues this weekend on the Lutheran Church's Response to Racism.
- 2. 3K teacher call** -- On January 15, St. Paul's called Miss Amanda Ehrenberg to serve as our full-time 3K teacher. Miss Ehrenberg currently serves as preschool teacher and early childhood director at St. Paul in South Haven, MI. Please keep Miss Ehrenberg in your prayers as she begins her deliberation process. You are free to reach out to her via email with words of encouragement - stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com
- 3. On January 22nd**, we have the return of our Mid-Winter Brat Fry that will take place following the second service. There is a signup in the member room to help coordinate how much food to prepare. You can also sign up online: [CLICK HERE](#). Our Annual Voters' Meeting will take place after the brat fry, around 12:30/12:45 p.m. At this meeting we will have elections for new members of our boards and committees, as well as a proposal from the Officers to amend the Bylaws to add a vice president position to the Board of Officers and Council. The Trustees will also be

bringing a motion to expand the Board of Trustees to 5 members, from the current total of 4.

4. **Pastor Bode** has received a call to serve as associate pastor at Water of Life in Racine and Caledonia, WI. This congregation has two campuses and helps operate a school that is on multiple campuses as well. Pastor Bode is being asked to focus especially on inreach, helping members reconnect to worship and congregational involvement. He welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks.
5. **Principal Chad Marohn** received a call on December 15 to be the principal of Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's kingdom.
6. **Capital Campaign Update:** As the final building costs become more clear, we could have a potential mortgage around \$3.1M which is about \$500,000 higher than originally planned. There are still on-going activities to reduce the mortgage, but any additional gifts or pledges will help offset the amount of the mortgage. A generous donor at St. Paul's will match \$.50 on the dollar up to \$65,000. If pledges and gifts are given (above and beyond already pledged amounts) up to \$130,000, we will maximize this gift! (Each dollar gifted then is worth \$1.50.)
7. **Living Nativity Blankets** need to be returned by Wednesday, January 25th so we can put them all away. Thanks!
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!
9. **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Staff Minister Luther Curia will begin a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world. The

study will cover Jesus coming into the world (Luke), Jesus beginning his Ministry (Gospels), and Jesus among the people (Gospels). **Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning 1/24.** The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!

10. **Bible Information Class beginning** on January 24th at 6pm. This course is our path to membership at St. Paul's or a great refresher of your catechism training. The class is *only 9 weeks* and each session runs two hours. Please register by contacting Pastor Mueller.
11. **The Apostle Paul's** first missionary journey was to the area of Galatia. Encouraging those new congregations in the central teachings of the faith was vital. These things are still vital. Starting February 16th (Thursday evenings at 6:30) join an evening study of the book of **Galatians**. You'll grow as we keep in step with the Spirit and stand firm in the freedom Christ won for us! Register with Pastor Mueller.
12. **3 Sheeps:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy fellowship and fun at 3 Sheeps on January 28 from 6:00-9:00. Feel free to bring food/snacks to share; some will be provided. We have a section reserved and are looking forward to some cornhole too! See you there!
13. **Building Project Update** - This month we have seen the completion of the fire wall between the current building and addition. This past week several more steel beams went up into position!
14. **Prayers for China** - 1.3 billion people in China are not Christians. During the 15 days of the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival from January 22 - February 5, 316NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS Christians, invites us to pray for mission work there. More information and prayer suggestions are available at 316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer. Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
15. **The Lutheran Pioneers** will start their winter session on Wednesday, January 18th for boys and girls in 1st - 8th grade. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m., learning about woodworking tools

and safety, with the goal of making a pinewood derby car. If you are interested, you can find more information printed for you on the bulletin table in the narthex or talk to Mike Heilman.

- 16. PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating student between now and **February 8th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office or the marked drawer in the member room with payment by the 8th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 18th.** Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: katieb82@hotmail.com.
- 17. Pickleball, y'all!** Now's your chance! Young adults, old adults, and everyone in between! It's a really big DILL! Join us every Wednesday night starting on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. for indoor fun and fellowship! No experience required! We'll teach you the rules. Extra pickleball paddles will be available for use! Any questions, please contact Nathan or Molly Meitner at (608)-498-7605 or molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.



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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.

This Week's Focus: *The last couple weekends of Epiphany, God has revealed that Jesus came for all. Today, God reveals how dire our situation was. Because of our sin, we needed a sacrifice, the shedding of blood, death. But it had to be a special sacrifice. Only God could take away the sins of all people. So John points his disciples to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. We can tell others as well, so that they also may see " Christ Revealed as the Lamb of God".*

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

Lamb of God

CW 550

The 1st-4th graders of St. Paul's Lutheran School will sing verse 1 and the first refrain.



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Stand

Invocation

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



C: A - men.

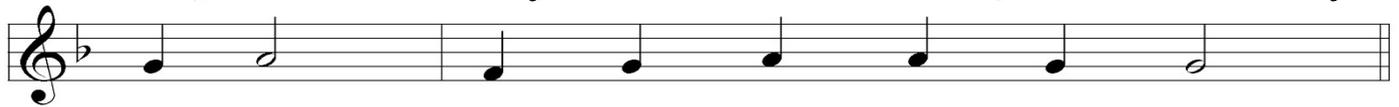
Confession

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
 sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your
 grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
 mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
 glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
 ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
 joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

It is too small a thing for the Lamb of God to restore Israel; his salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

Follow the Lamb of God, who forgave all our sins at the cross; put off your old self and live strong in the faith.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Trio

Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Behold the Lamb of God.

Stand

The Gospel according to John chapter 1.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

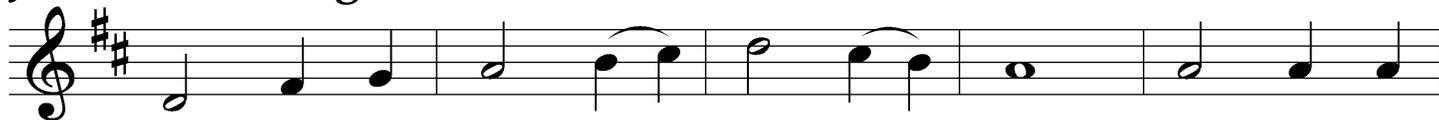
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

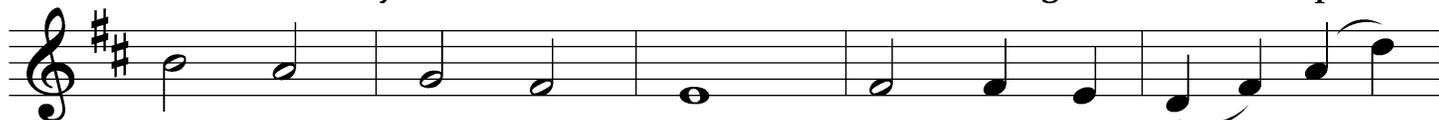
Be seated

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon

Colossians 2

*You Have Fullness in Christ
Fully Alive – Fully Strong*

Stand

Create in Me a Clean Heart

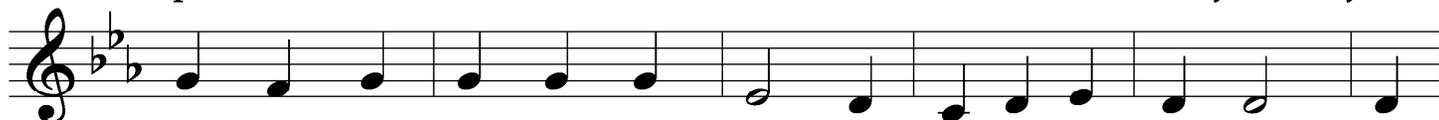
CW 942



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

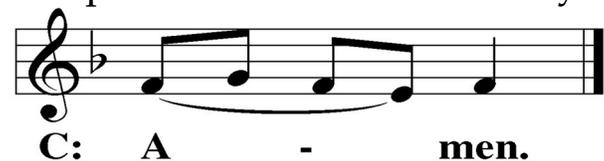
Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

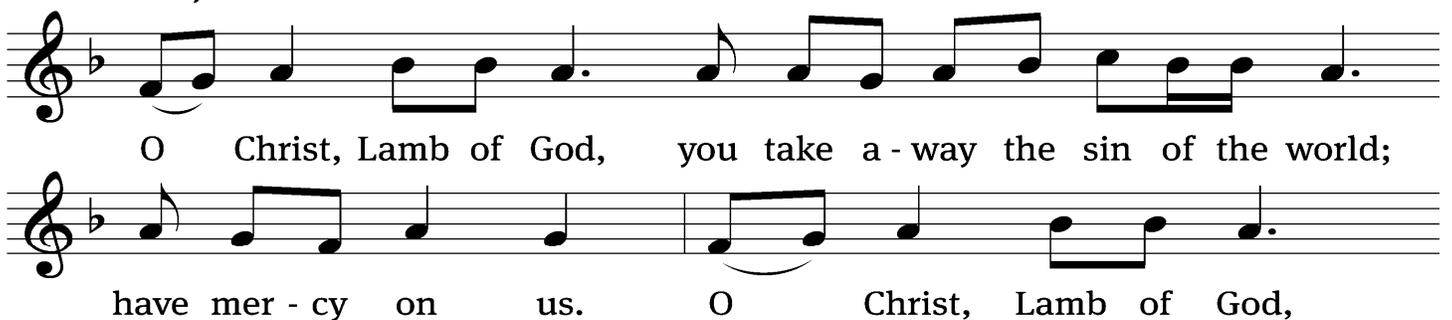
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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



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

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

grant us your peace. A - men.

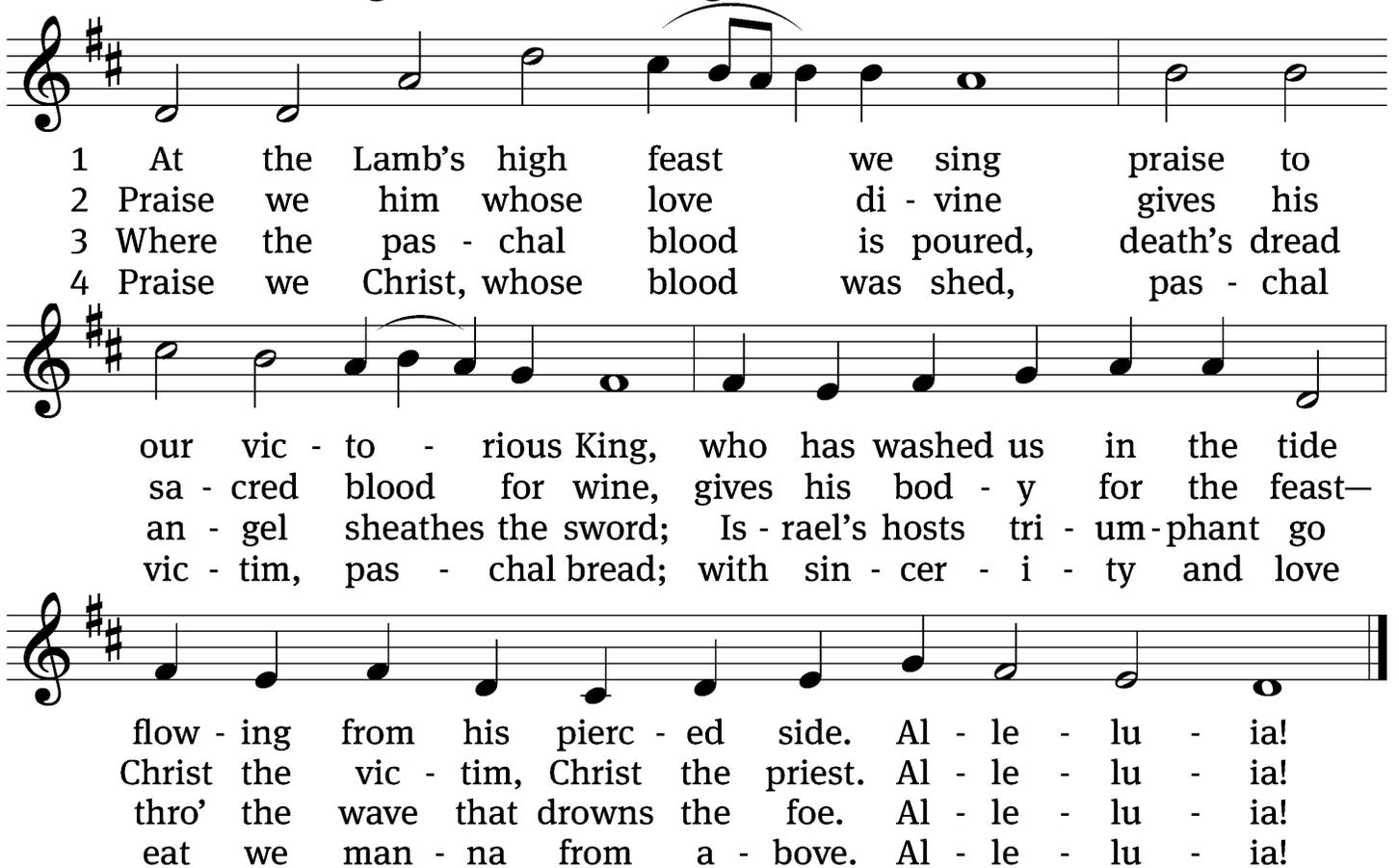
Be seated

Distribution

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

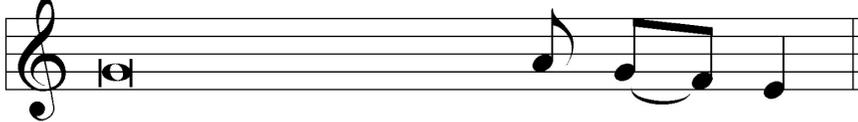
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Stand

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



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

Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744 sts. 1-2



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.

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10:30 – TODD MARTEN, ERIC VANT HUL

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10:30 a.m. Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Jeremy Nesemann, Aidan Dailey.

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: 1/15 & 1/16 - \$13,000 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$5,528 GROWING FORWARD (AND \$15,000 OF NEW PLEDGES TOWARD THE MATCHING FUNDS). \$500 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$20 EUGENE RABE MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE 1/15 & 1/16 - 8:00 A.M. – 167. 10:30 A.M. – 159. 6:30 P.M. – 35.

In our prayers this week...

1. Thanksgiving for another year of growing in Christ at St. Paul’s and going in Christ from St. Paul’s.
2. Thanksgiving to the Lord for those who have served in congregational boards and committees over the past year, and the Lord’s blessing on those who will be elected at our annual meeting today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, January 22	Grades 1-4 Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Brat Fry/Annual Voters’ Meeting
Monday, January 23	5:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 24	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, January 26	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m. Dartball
Saturday, January 28	6:00 p.m. Fellowship at 3 Sheeps
Sunday, January 29	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Racism has been a contentious issue in our country in recent years. We've already been through the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. What are the current concerns? What does God's Word say? Sunday morning Bible study continues this weekend on the Lutheran Church's Response to Racism.
- 2. 3K teacher call** -- On January 15, St. Paul's called Miss Amanda Ehrenberg to serve as our full-time 3K teacher. Miss Ehrenberg currently serves as preschool teacher and early childhood director at St. Paul in South Haven, MI. Please keep Miss Ehrenberg in your prayers as she begins her deliberation process. You are free to reach out to her via email with words of encouragement - stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com
- 3. On January 22nd**, we have the return of our Mid-Winter Brat Fry that will take place following the second service. There is a signup in the member room to help coordinate how much food to prepare. You can also sign up online: [CLICK HERE](#). Our Annual Voters' Meeting will take place after the brat fry, around 12:30/12:45 p.m. At this meeting we will have elections for new members of our boards and committees, as well as a proposal from the Officers to amend the Bylaws to add a vice president position to the Board of Officers and Council. The Trustees will also be

bringing a motion to expand the Board of Trustees to 5 members, from the current total of 4.

4. **Pastor Bode** has received a call to serve as associate pastor at Water of Life in Racine and Caledonia, WI. This congregation has two campuses and helps operate a school that is on multiple campuses as well. Pastor Bode is being asked to focus especially on inreach, helping members reconnect to worship and congregational involvement. He welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks.
5. **Principal Chad Marohn** received a call on December 15 to be the principal of Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's kingdom.
6. **Capital Campaign Update:** As the final building costs become more clear, we could have a potential mortgage around \$3.1M which is about \$500,000 higher than originally planned. There are still on-going activities to reduce the mortgage, but any additional gifts or pledges will help offset the amount of the mortgage. A generous donor at St. Paul's will match \$.50 on the dollar up to \$65,000. If pledges and gifts are given (above and beyond already pledged amounts) up to \$130,000, we will maximize this gift! (Each dollar gifted then is worth \$1.50.)
7. **Living Nativity Blankets** need to be returned by Wednesday, January 25th so we can put them all away. Thanks!
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!
9. **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Staff Minister Luther Curia will begin a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world. The

study will cover Jesus coming into the world (Luke), Jesus beginning his Ministry (Gospels), and Jesus among the people (Gospels). **Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning 1/24.** The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!

10. **Bible Information Class beginning** on January 24th at 6pm. This course is our path to membership at St. Paul's or a great refresher of your catechism training. The class is *only 9 weeks* and each session runs two hours. Please register by contacting Pastor Mueller.
11. **The Apostle Paul's** first missionary journey was to the area of Galatia. Encouraging those new congregations in the central teachings of the faith was vital. These things are still vital. Starting February 16th (Thursday evenings at 6:30) join an evening study of the book of **Galatians**. You'll grow as we keep in step with the Spirit and stand firm in the freedom Christ won for us! Register with Pastor Mueller.
12. **3 Sheeps:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy fellowship and fun at 3 Sheeps on January 28 from 6:00-9:00. Feel free to bring food/snacks to share; some will be provided. We have a section reserved and are looking forward to some cornhole too! See you there!
13. **Building Project Update** - This month we have seen the completion of the fire wall between the current building and addition. This past week several more steel beams went up into position!
14. **Prayers for China** - 1.3 billion people in China are not Christians. During the 15 days of the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival from January 22 - February 5, 316NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS Christians, invites us to pray for mission work there. More information and prayer suggestions are available at 316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer. Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
15. **The Lutheran Pioneers** will start their winter session on Wednesday, January 18th for boys and girls in 1st - 8th grade. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m., learning about woodworking tools

and safety, with the goal of making a pinewood derby car. If you are interested, you can find more information printed for you on the bulletin table in the narthex or talk to Mike Heilman.

- 16. PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating student between now and **February 8th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office or the marked drawer in the member room with payment by the 8th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 18th.** Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: katieb82@hotmail.com.
- 17. Pickleball, y'all!** Now's your chance! Young adults, old adults, and everyone in between! It's a really big DILL! Join us every Wednesday night starting on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. for indoor fun and fellowship! No experience required! We'll teach you the rules. Extra pickleball paddles will be available for use! Any questions, please contact Nathan or Molly Meitner at (608)-498-7605 or molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.



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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.

This Week's Focus: *The last couple weekends of Epiphany, God has revealed that Jesus came for all. Today, God reveals how dire our situation was. Because of our sin, we needed a sacrifice, the shedding of blood, death. But it had to be a special sacrifice. Only God could take away the sins of all people. So John points his disciples to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. We can tell others as well, so that they also may see" Christ Revealed as the Lamb of God".*

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

Lamb of God

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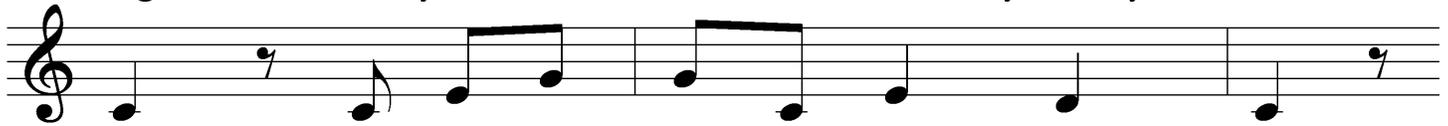
The 1st-4th graders of St. Paul's Lutheran School will sing verse 1 and the first refrain.



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Stand

Invocation

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



C: A - men.

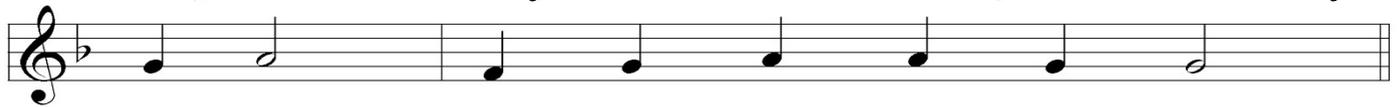
Confession

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
 sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your
 grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
 mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
 glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
 ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
 joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

It is too small a thing for the Lamb of God to restore Israel; his salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

Follow the Lamb of God, who forgave all our sins at the cross; put off your old self and live strong in the faith.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Trio

Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Behold the Lamb of God.

Stand

The Gospel according to John chapter 1.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

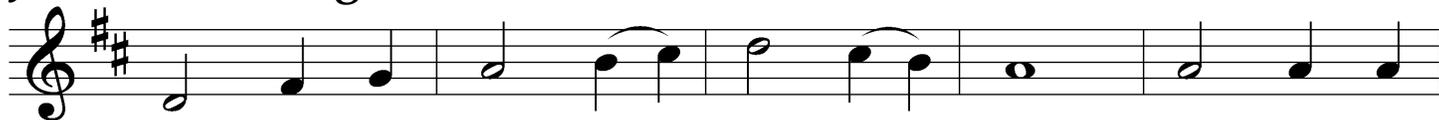
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

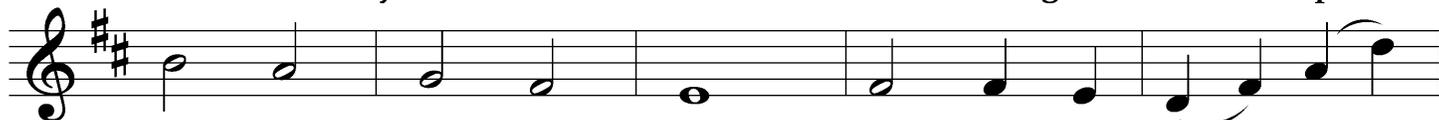
Be seated

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon

Colossians 2

*You Have Fullness in Christ
Fully Alive – Fully Strong*

Stand

Create in Me a Clean Heart

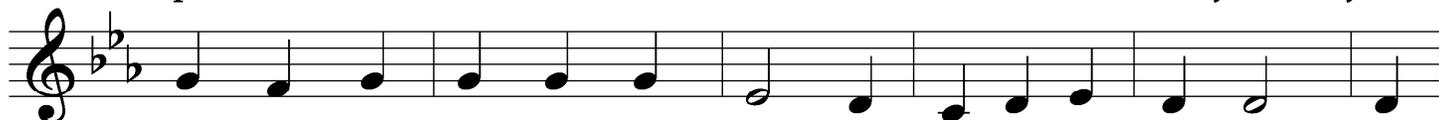
CW 942



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

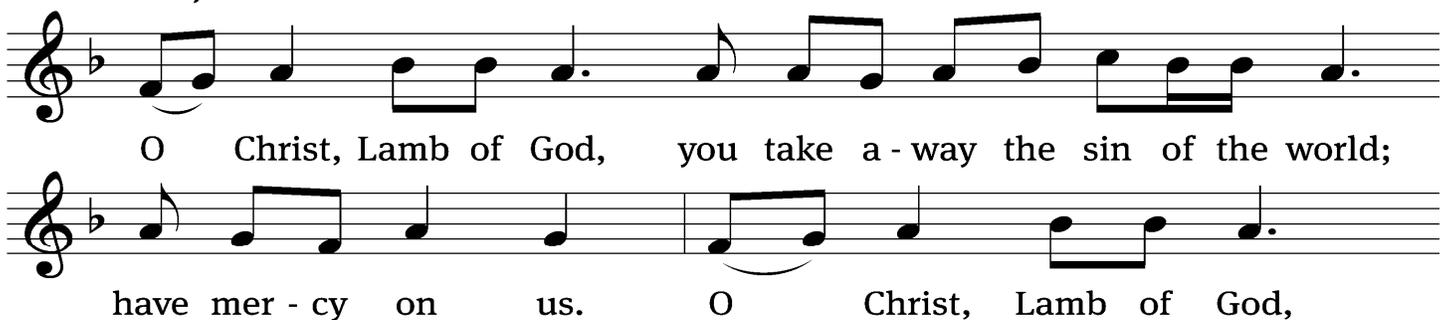
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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



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

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

grant us your peace. A - men.

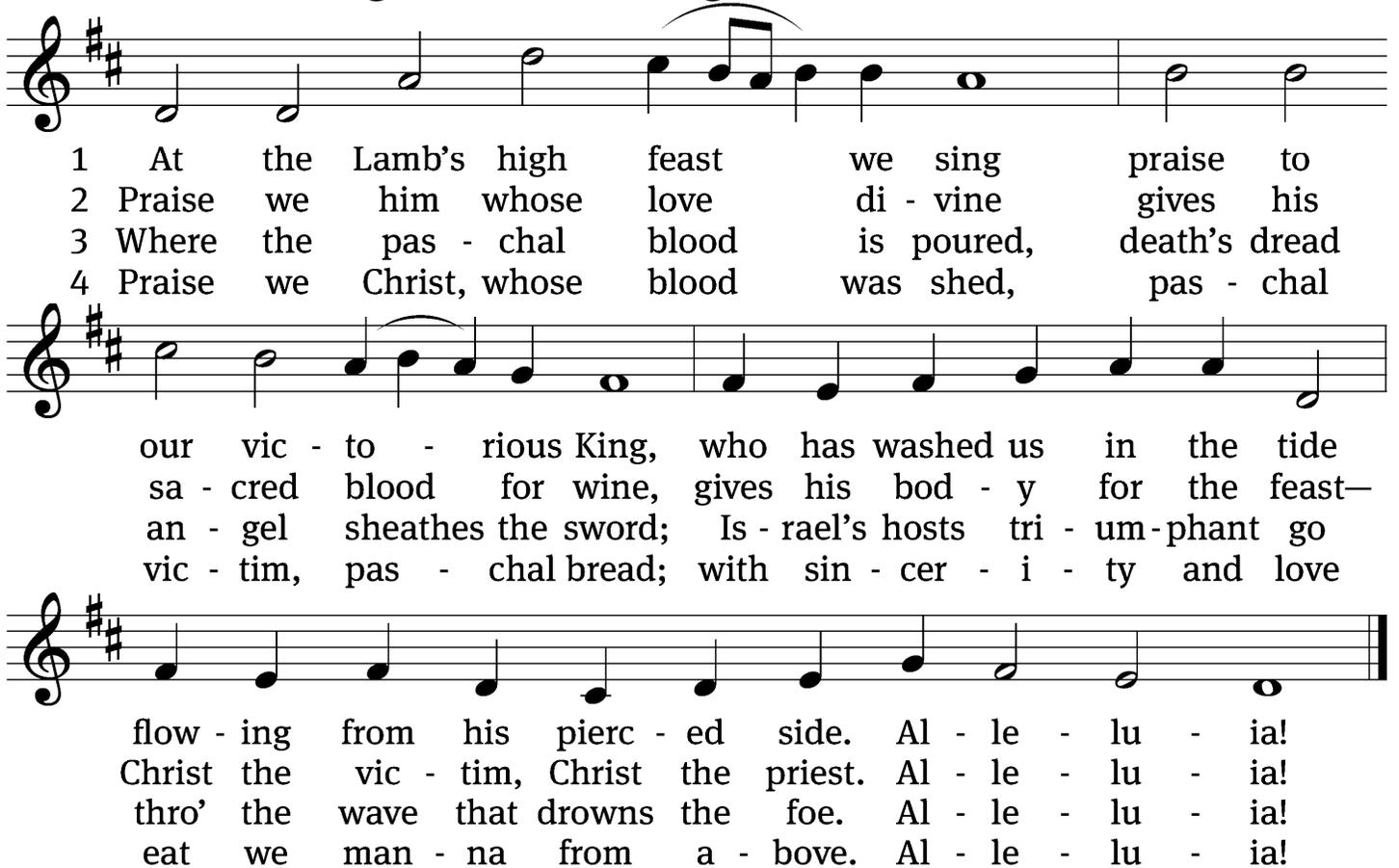
Be seated

Distribution

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

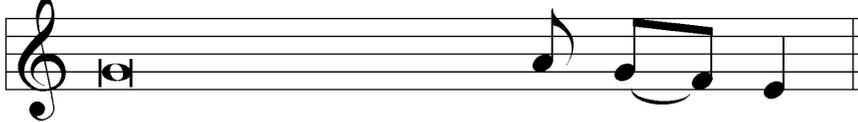
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Stand

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



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

Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744 sts. 1-2



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.

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10:30 – TODD MARTEN, ERIC VANT HUL

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10:30 a.m. Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Jeremy Nesemann, Aidan Dailey.

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: 1/15 & 1/16 - \$13,000 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$5,528 GROWING FORWARD (AND \$15,000 OF NEW PLEDGES TOWARD THE MATCHING FUNDS). \$500 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$20 EUGENE RABE MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE 1/15 & 1/16 - 8:00 A.M. – 167. 10:30 A.M. – 159. 6:30 P.M. – 35.

In our prayers this week...

1. Thanksgiving for another year of growing in Christ at St. Paul’s and going in Christ from St. Paul’s.
2. Thanksgiving to the Lord for those who have served in congregational boards and committees over the past year, and the Lord’s blessing on those who will be elected at our annual meeting today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, January 22	Grades 1-4 Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Brat Fry/Annual Voters’ Meeting
Monday, January 23	5:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 24	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, January 26	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m. Dartball
Saturday, January 28	6:00 p.m. Fellowship at 3 Sheeps
Sunday, January 29	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

1. **Sunday Bible Study:** Racism has been a contentious issue in our country in recent years. We've already been through the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. What are the current concerns? What does God's Word say? Sunday morning Bible study continues this weekend on the Lutheran Church's Response to Racism.
2. **3K teacher call** -- On January 15, St. Paul's called Miss Amanda Ehrenberg to serve as our full-time 3K teacher. Miss Ehrenberg currently serves as preschool teacher and early childhood director at St. Paul in South Haven, MI. Please keep Miss Ehrenberg in your prayers as she begins her deliberation process. You are free to reach out to her via email with words of encouragement - stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com
3. **On January 22nd**, we have the return of our Mid-Winter Brat Fry that will take place following the second service. There is a signup in the member room to help coordinate how much food to prepare. You can also sign up online: [CLICK HERE](#). Our Annual Voters' Meeting will take place after the brat fry, around 12:30/12:45 p.m. At this meeting we will have elections for new members of our boards and committees, as well as a proposal from the Officers to amend the Bylaws to add a vice president position to the Board of Officers and Council. The Trustees will also be

bringing a motion to expand the Board of Trustees to 5 members, from the current total of 4.

4. **Pastor Bode** has received a call to serve as associate pastor at Water of Life in Racine and Caledonia, WI. This congregation has two campuses and helps operate a school that is on multiple campuses as well. Pastor Bode is being asked to focus especially on inreach, helping members reconnect to worship and congregational involvement. He welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks.
5. **Principal Chad Marohn** received a call on December 15 to be the principal of Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's kingdom.
6. **Capital Campaign Update:** As the final building costs become more clear, we could have a potential mortgage around \$3.1M which is about \$500,000 higher than originally planned. There are still on-going activities to reduce the mortgage, but any additional gifts or pledges will help offset the amount of the mortgage. A generous donor at St. Paul's will match \$.50 on the dollar up to \$65,000. If pledges and gifts are given (above and beyond already pledged amounts) up to \$130,000, we will maximize this gift! (Each dollar gifted then is worth \$1.50.)
7. **Living Nativity Blankets** need to be returned by Wednesday, January 25th so we can put them all away. Thanks!
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!
9. **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Staff Minister Luther Curia will begin a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world. The

study will cover Jesus coming into the world (Luke), Jesus beginning his Ministry (Gospels), and Jesus among the people (Gospels). **Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning 1/24.** The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!

10. **Bible Information Class beginning** on January 24th at 6pm. This course is our path to membership at St. Paul's or a great refresher of your catechism training. The class is *only 9 weeks* and each session runs two hours. Please register by contacting Pastor Mueller.
11. **The Apostle Paul's** first missionary journey was to the area of Galatia. Encouraging those new congregations in the central teachings of the faith was vital. These things are still vital. Starting February 16th (Thursday evenings at 6:30) join an evening study of the book of **Galatians**. You'll grow as we keep in step with the Spirit and stand firm in the freedom Christ won for us! Register with Pastor Mueller.
12. **3 Sheeps:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy fellowship and fun at 3 Sheeps on January 28 from 6:00-9:00. Feel free to bring food/snacks to share; some will be provided. We have a section reserved and are looking forward to some cornhole too! See you there!
13. **Building Project Update** - This month we have seen the completion of the fire wall between the current building and addition. This past week several more steel beams went up into position!
14. **Prayers for China** - 1.3 billion people in China are not Christians. During the 15 days of the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival from January 22 - February 5, 316NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS Christians, invites us to pray for mission work there. More information and prayer suggestions are available at 316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer. Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
15. **The Lutheran Pioneers** will start their winter session on Wednesday, January 18th for boys and girls in 1st - 8th grade. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m., learning about woodworking tools

and safety, with the goal of making a pinewood derby car. If you are interested, you can find more information printed for you on the bulletin table in the narthex or talk to Mike Heilman.

- 16. PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating student between now and **February 8th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office or the marked drawer in the member room with payment by the 8th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 18th.** Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: katieb82@hotmail.com.
- 17. Pickleball, y'all!** Now's your chance! Young adults, old adults, and everyone in between! It's a really big DILL! Join us every Wednesday night starting on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. for indoor fun and fellowship! No experience required! We'll teach you the rules. Extra pickleball paddles will be available for use! Any questions, please contact Nathan or Molly Meitner at (608)-498-7605 or molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.



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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.

This Week's Focus: *The last couple weekends of Epiphany, God has revealed that Jesus came for all. Today, God reveals how dire our situation was. Because of our sin, we needed a sacrifice, the shedding of blood, death. But it had to be a special sacrifice. Only God could take away the sins of all people. So John points his disciples to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. We can tell others as well, so that they also may see" Christ Revealed as the Lamb of God".*

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

Lamb of God

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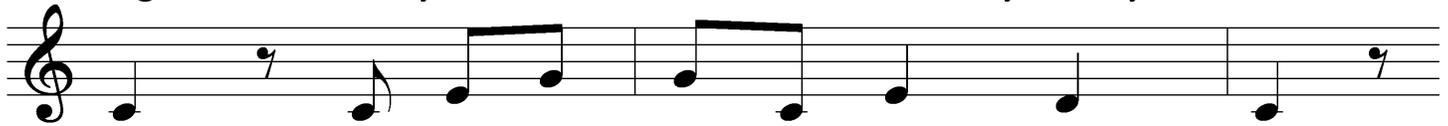
The 1st-4th graders of St. Paul's Lutheran School will sing verse 1 and the first refrain.



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre-cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Stand

Invocation

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



C: A - men.

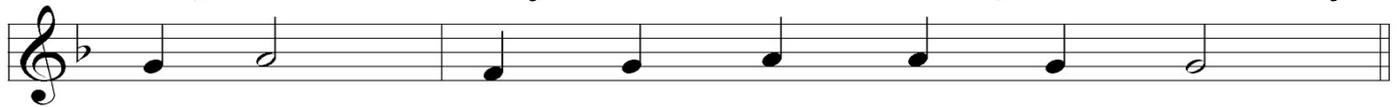
Confession

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
 sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your
 grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
 mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
 glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
 ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
 joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

It is too small a thing for the Lamb of God to restore Israel; his salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

Follow the Lamb of God, who forgave all our sins at the cross; put off your old self and live strong in the faith.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Trio

Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Behold the Lamb of God.

Stand

The Gospel according to John chapter 1.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

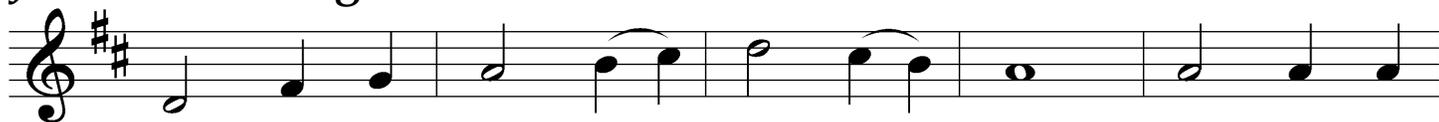
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

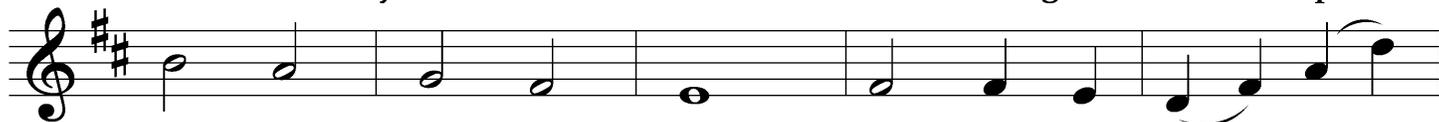
Be seated

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon

Colossians 2

*You Have Fullness in Christ
Fully Alive – Fully Strong*

Stand

Create in Me a Clean Heart

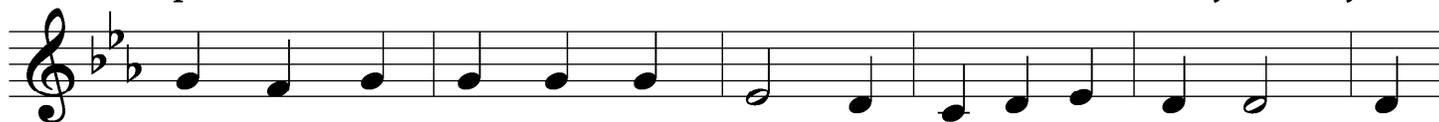
CW 942



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

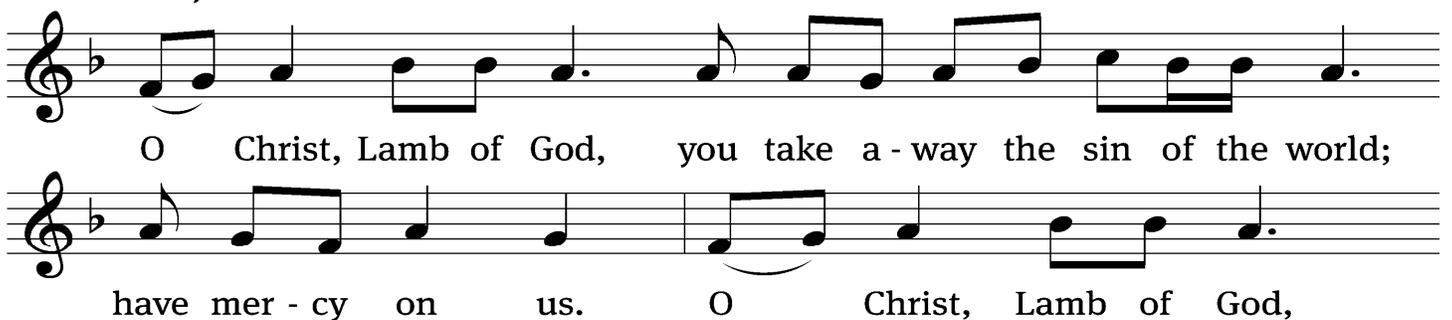
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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



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

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

grant us your peace. A - men.

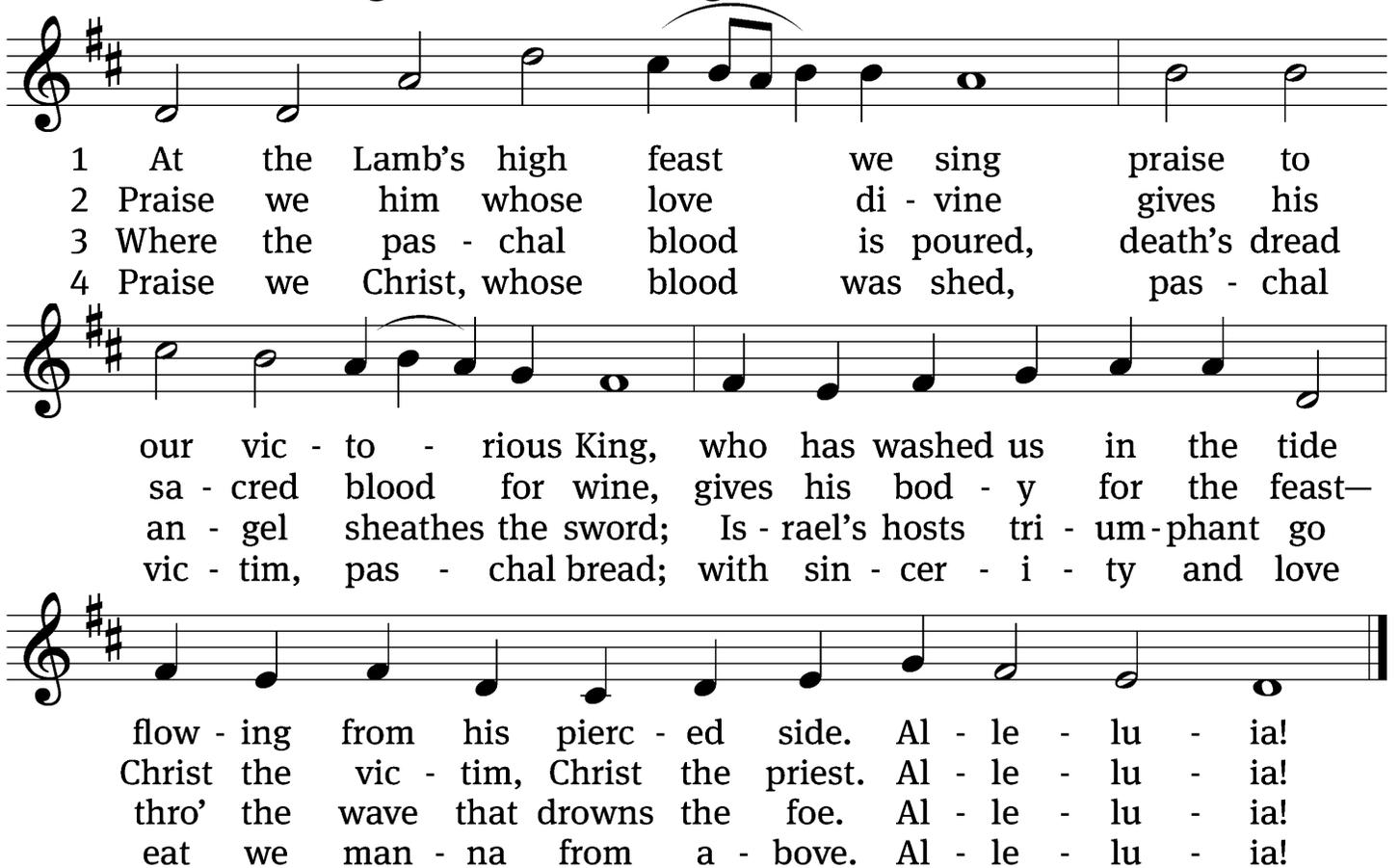
Be seated

Distribution

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

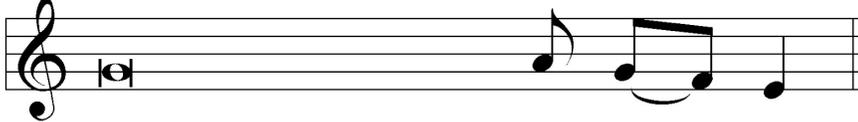
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Stand

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



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

Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744 sts. 1-2



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.

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10:30 – TODD MARTEN, ERIC VANT HUL

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10:30 a.m. Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Jeremy Nesemann, Aidan Dailey.

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: 1/15 & 1/16 - \$13,000 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$5,528 GROWING FORWARD (AND \$15,000 OF NEW PLEDGES TOWARD THE MATCHING FUNDS). \$500 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$20 EUGENE RABE MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE 1/15 & 1/16 - 8:00 A.M. – 167. 10:30 A.M. – 159. 6:30 P.M. – 35.

In our prayers this week...

1. Thanksgiving for another year of growing in Christ at St. Paul’s and going in Christ from St. Paul’s.
2. Thanksgiving to the Lord for those who have served in congregational boards and committees over the past year, and the Lord’s blessing on those who will be elected at our annual meeting today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, January 22	Grades 1-4 Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Brat Fry/Annual Voters’ Meeting
Monday, January 23	5:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 24	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, January 26	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m. Dartball
Saturday, January 28	6:00 p.m. Fellowship at 3 Sheeps
Sunday, January 29	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Racism has been a contentious issue in our country in recent years. We've already been through the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. What are the current concerns? What does God's Word say? Sunday morning Bible study continues this weekend on the Lutheran Church's Response to Racism.
- 2. 3K teacher call** -- On January 15, St. Paul's called Miss Amanda Ehrenberg to serve as our full-time 3K teacher. Miss Ehrenberg currently serves as preschool teacher and early childhood director at St. Paul in South Haven, MI. Please keep Miss Ehrenberg in your prayers as she begins her deliberation process. You are free to reach out to her via email with words of encouragement - stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com
- 3. On January 22nd**, we have the return of our Mid-Winter Brat Fry that will take place following the second service. There is a signup in the member room to help coordinate how much food to prepare. You can also sign up online: [CLICK HERE](#). Our Annual Voters' Meeting will take place after the brat fry, around 12:30/12:45 p.m. At this meeting we will have elections for new members of our boards and committees, as well as a proposal from the Officers to amend the Bylaws to add a vice president position to the Board of Officers and Council. The Trustees will also be

bringing a motion to expand the Board of Trustees to 5 members, from the current total of 4.

4. **Pastor Bode** has received a call to serve as associate pastor at Water of Life in Racine and Caledonia, WI. This congregation has two campuses and helps operate a school that is on multiple campuses as well. Pastor Bode is being asked to focus especially on inreach, helping members reconnect to worship and congregational involvement. He welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks.
5. **Principal Chad Marohn** received a call on December 15 to be the principal of Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's kingdom.
6. **Capital Campaign Update:** As the final building costs become more clear, we could have a potential mortgage around \$3.1M which is about \$500,000 higher than originally planned. There are still on-going activities to reduce the mortgage, but any additional gifts or pledges will help offset the amount of the mortgage. A generous donor at St. Paul's will match \$.50 on the dollar up to \$65,000. If pledges and gifts are given (above and beyond already pledged amounts) up to \$130,000, we will maximize this gift! (Each dollar gifted then is worth \$1.50.)
7. **Living Nativity Blankets** need to be returned by Wednesday, January 25th so we can put them all away. Thanks!
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!
9. **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Staff Minister Luther Curia will begin a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world. The

study will cover Jesus coming into the world (Luke), Jesus beginning his Ministry (Gospels), and Jesus among the people (Gospels). **Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning 1/24.** The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!

10. **Bible Information Class beginning** on January 24th at 6pm. This course is our path to membership at St. Paul's or a great refresher of your catechism training. The class is *only 9 weeks* and each session runs two hours. Please register by contacting Pastor Mueller.
11. **The Apostle Paul's** first missionary journey was to the area of Galatia. Encouraging those new congregations in the central teachings of the faith was vital. These things are still vital. Starting February 16th (Thursday evenings at 6:30) join an evening study of the book of **Galatians**. You'll grow as we keep in step with the Spirit and stand firm in the freedom Christ won for us! Register with Pastor Mueller.
12. **3 Sheeps:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy fellowship and fun at 3 Sheeps on January 28 from 6:00-9:00. Feel free to bring food/snacks to share; some will be provided. We have a section reserved and are looking forward to some cornhole too! See you there!
13. **Building Project Update** - This month we have seen the completion of the fire wall between the current building and addition. This past week several more steel beams went up into position!
14. **Prayers for China** - 1.3 billion people in China are not Christians. During the 15 days of the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival from January 22 - February 5, 316NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS Christians, invites us to pray for mission work there. More information and prayer suggestions are available at 316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer. Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
15. **The Lutheran Pioneers** will start their winter session on Wednesday, January 18th for boys and girls in 1st - 8th grade. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m., learning about woodworking tools

and safety, with the goal of making a pinewood derby car. If you are interested, you can find more information printed for you on the bulletin table in the narthex or talk to Mike Heilman.

- 16. PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating student between now and **February 8th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office or the marked drawer in the member room with payment by the 8th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 18th.** Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: katieb82@hotmail.com.
- 17. Pickleball, y'all!** Now's your chance! Young adults, old adults, and everyone in between! It's a really big DILL! Join us every Wednesday night starting on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. for indoor fun and fellowship! No experience required! We'll teach you the rules. Extra pickleball paddles will be available for use! Any questions, please contact Nathan or Molly Meitner at (608)-498-7605 or molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.



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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.

This Week's Focus: *The last couple weekends of Epiphany, God has revealed that Jesus came for all. Today, God reveals how dire our situation was. Because of our sin, we needed a sacrifice, the shedding of blood, death. But it had to be a special sacrifice. Only God could take away the sins of all people. So John points his disciples to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. We can tell others as well, so that they also may see" Christ Revealed as the Lamb of God".*

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

Lamb of God

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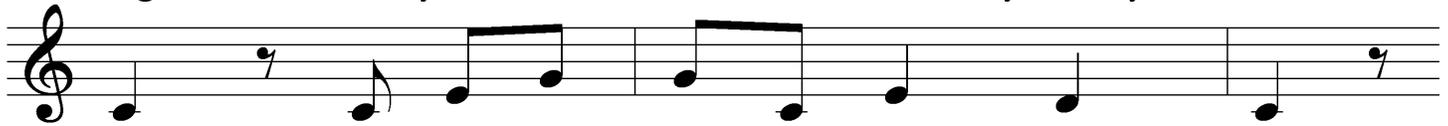
The 1st-4th graders of St. Paul's Lutheran School will sing verse 1 and the first refrain.



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre-cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Stand

Invocation

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



C: A - men.

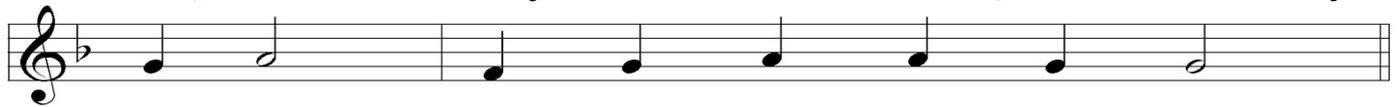
Confession

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
 sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your
 grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
 mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
 glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
 ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
 joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

It is too small a thing for the Lamb of God to restore Israel; his salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

Follow the Lamb of God, who forgave all our sins at the cross; put off your old self and live strong in the faith.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Trio

Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Behold the Lamb of God.

Stand

The Gospel according to John chapter 1.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

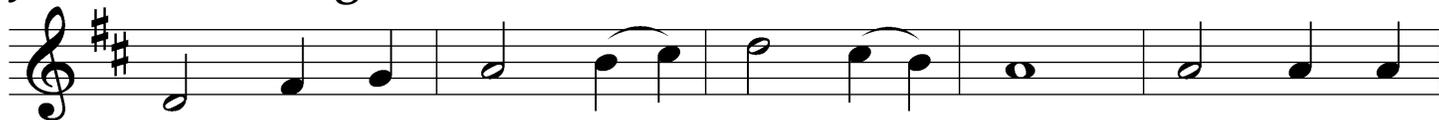
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

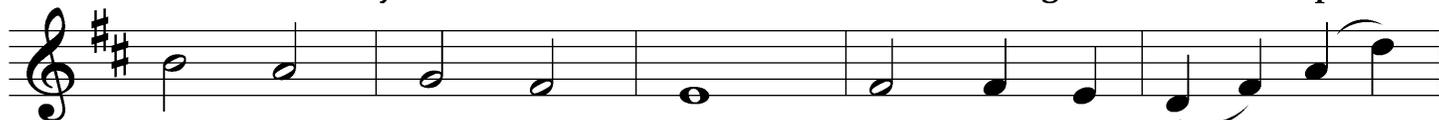
Be seated

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon

Colossians 2

*You Have Fullness in Christ
Fully Alive – Fully Strong*

Stand

Create in Me a Clean Heart

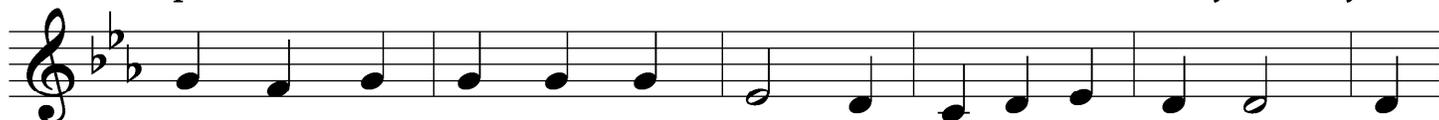
CW 942



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

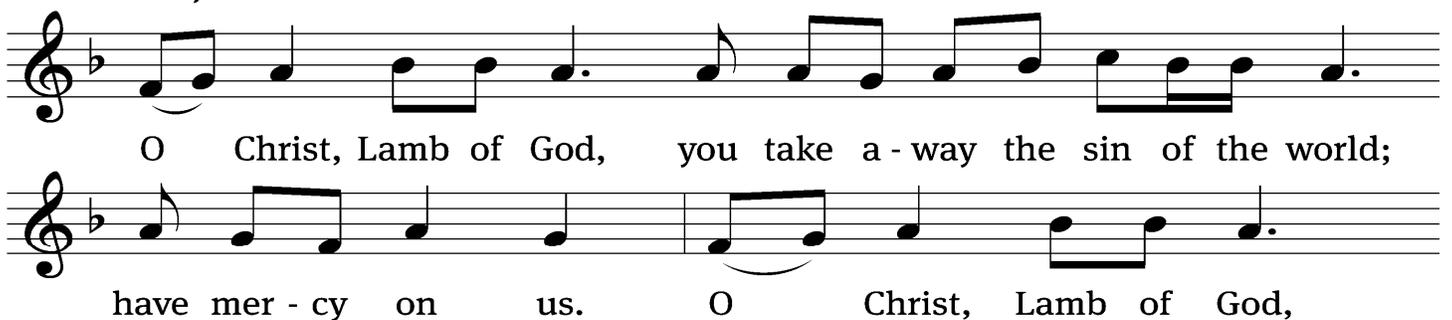
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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



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

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

grant us your peace. A - men.

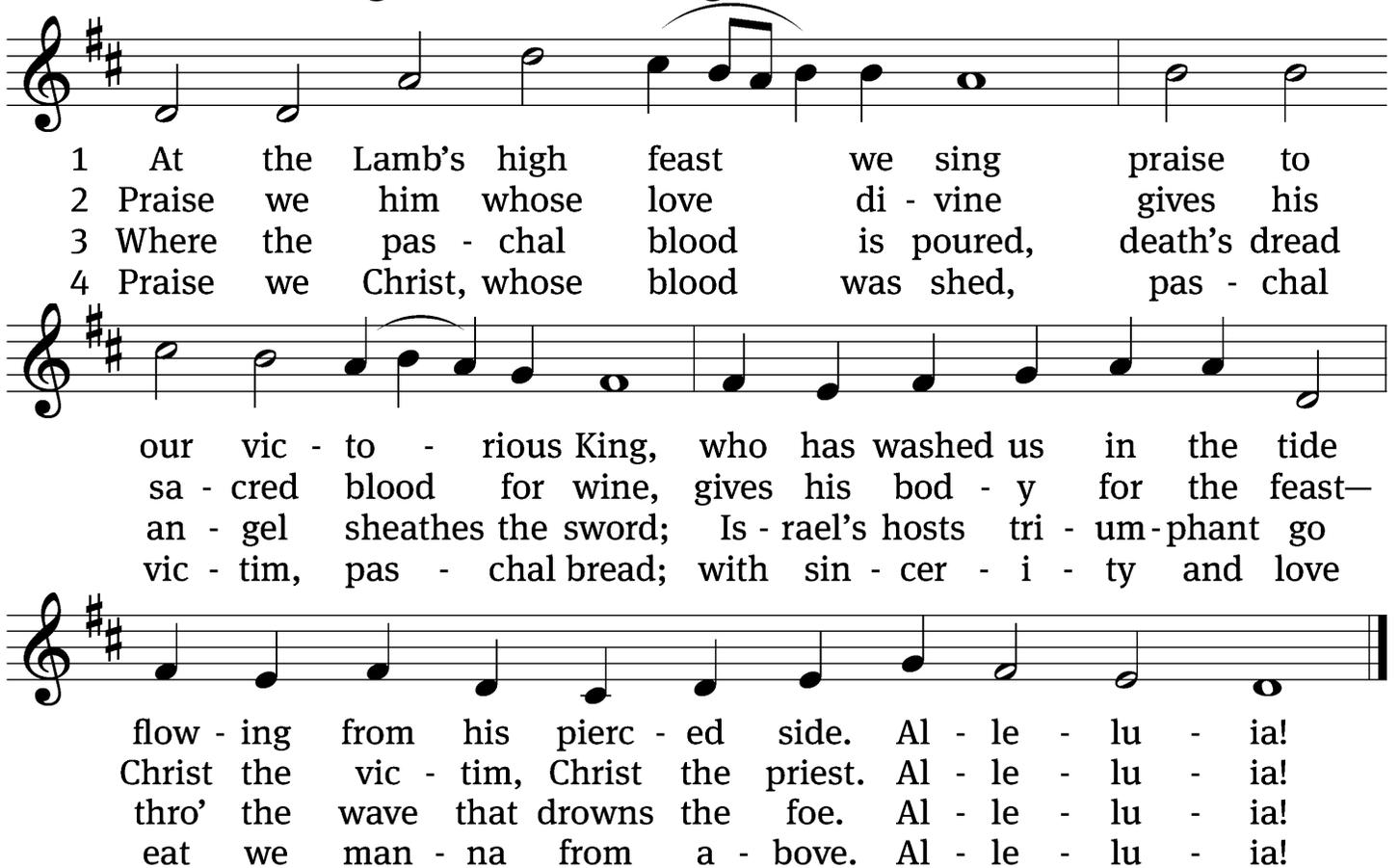
Be seated

Distribution

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

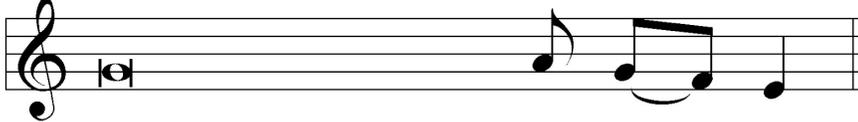
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

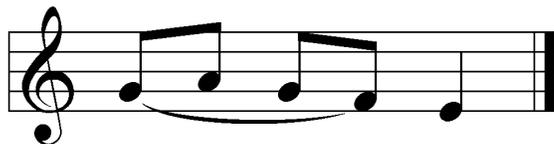
Stand

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



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

Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744 sts. 1-2



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.

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10:30 – TODD MARTEN, ERIC VANT HUL

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Allen Kraemer, Trevor Athorp, Ray Price, Dan Goetsch, James Bilgo.

10:30 a.m. Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Jeremy Nesemann, Aidan Dailey.

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: 1/15 & 1/16 - \$13,000 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$5,528 GROWING FORWARD (AND \$15,000 OF NEW PLEDGES TOWARD THE MATCHING FUNDS). \$500 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$20 EUGENE RABE MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE 1/15 & 1/16 - 8:00 A.M. – 167. 10:30 A.M. – 159. 6:30 P.M. – 35.

In our prayers this week...

1. Thanksgiving for another year of growing in Christ at St. Paul’s and going in Christ from St. Paul’s.
2. Thanksgiving to the Lord for those who have served in congregational boards and committees over the past year, and the Lord’s blessing on those who will be elected at our annual meeting today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, January 22	Grades 1-4 Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Brat Fry/Annual Voters’ Meeting
Monday, January 23	5:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 24	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, January 26	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m. Dartball
Saturday, January 28	6:00 p.m. Fellowship at 3 Sheeps
Sunday, January 29	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Racism has been a contentious issue in our country in recent years. We've already been through the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. What are the current concerns? What does God's Word say? Sunday morning Bible study continues this weekend on the Lutheran Church's Response to Racism.
- 2. 3K teacher call** -- On January 15, St. Paul's called Miss Amanda Ehrenberg to serve as our full-time 3K teacher. Miss Ehrenberg currently serves as preschool teacher and early childhood director at St. Paul in South Haven, MI. Please keep Miss Ehrenberg in your prayers as she begins her deliberation process. You are free to reach out to her via email with words of encouragement - stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com
- 3. On January 22nd**, we have the return of our Mid-Winter Brat Fry that will take place following the second service. There is a signup in the member room to help coordinate how much food to prepare. You can also sign up online: [CLICK HERE](#). Our Annual Voters' Meeting will take place after the brat fry, around 12:30/12:45 p.m. At this meeting we will have elections for new members of our boards and committees, as well as a proposal from the Officers to amend the Bylaws to add a vice president position to the Board of Officers and Council. The Trustees will also be

bringing a motion to expand the Board of Trustees to 5 members, from the current total of 4.

4. **Pastor Bode** has received a call to serve as associate pastor at Water of Life in Racine and Caledonia, WI. This congregation has two campuses and helps operate a school that is on multiple campuses as well. Pastor Bode is being asked to focus especially on inreach, helping members reconnect to worship and congregational involvement. He welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks.
5. **Principal Chad Marohn** received a call on December 15 to be the principal of Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's kingdom.
6. **Capital Campaign Update:** As the final building costs become more clear, we could have a potential mortgage around \$3.1M which is about \$500,000 higher than originally planned. There are still on-going activities to reduce the mortgage, but any additional gifts or pledges will help offset the amount of the mortgage. A generous donor at St. Paul's will match \$.50 on the dollar up to \$65,000. If pledges and gifts are given (above and beyond already pledged amounts) up to \$130,000, we will maximize this gift! (Each dollar gifted then is worth \$1.50.)
7. **Living Nativity Blankets** need to be returned by Wednesday, January 25th so we can put them all away. Thanks!
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!
9. **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Staff Minister Luther Curia will begin a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world. The

study will cover Jesus coming into the world (Luke), Jesus beginning his Ministry (Gospels), and Jesus among the people (Gospels). **Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning 1/24.** The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!

10. **Bible Information Class beginning** on January 24th at 6pm. This course is our path to membership at St. Paul's or a great refresher of your catechism training. The class is *only 9 weeks* and each session runs two hours. Please register by contacting Pastor Mueller.
11. **The Apostle Paul's** first missionary journey was to the area of Galatia. Encouraging those new congregations in the central teachings of the faith was vital. These things are still vital. Starting February 16th (Thursday evenings at 6:30) join an evening study of the book of **Galatians**. You'll grow as we keep in step with the Spirit and stand firm in the freedom Christ won for us! Register with Pastor Mueller.
12. **3 Sheeps:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy fellowship and fun at 3 Sheeps on January 28 from 6:00-9:00. Feel free to bring food/snacks to share; some will be provided. We have a section reserved and are looking forward to some cornhole too! See you there!
13. **Building Project Update** - This month we have seen the completion of the fire wall between the current building and addition. This past week several more steel beams went up into position!
14. **Prayers for China** - 1.3 billion people in China are not Christians. During the 15 days of the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival from January 22 - February 5, 316NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS Christians, invites us to pray for mission work there. More information and prayer suggestions are available at 316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer. Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
15. **The Lutheran Pioneers** will start their winter session on Wednesday, January 18th for boys and girls in 1st - 8th grade. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m., learning about woodworking tools

and safety, with the goal of making a pinewood derby car. If you are interested, you can find more information printed for you on the bulletin table in the narthex or talk to Mike Heilman.

- 16. PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating student between now and **February 8th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office or the marked drawer in the member room with payment by the 8th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 18th.** Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: katieb82@hotmail.com.
- 17. Pickleball, y'all!** Now's your chance! Young adults, old adults, and everyone in between! It's a really big DILL! Join us every Wednesday night starting on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. for indoor fun and fellowship! No experience required! We'll teach you the rules. Extra pickleball paddles will be available for use! Any questions, please contact Nathan or Molly Meitner at (608)-498-7605 or molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.



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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.

This Week's Focus: *The last couple weekends of Epiphany, God has revealed that Jesus came for all. Today, God reveals how dire our situation was. Because of our sin, we needed a sacrifice, the shedding of blood, death. But it had to be a special sacrifice. Only God could take away the sins of all people. So John points his disciples to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus. We can tell others as well, so that they also may see" Christ Revealed as the Lamb of God".*

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

Lamb of God

CW 550

The 1st-4th graders of St. Paul's Lutheran School will sing verse 1 and the first refrain.

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the
 ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious
 blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Stand

Invocation

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



C: A - men.

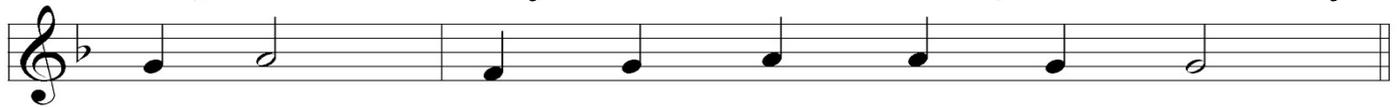
Confession

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
 sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your
 grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
 mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
 glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
 ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
 joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1–6

It is too small a thing for the Lamb of God to restore Israel; his salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

¹Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6–15

Follow the Lamb of God, who forgave all our sins at the cross; put off your old self and live strong in the faith.

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Trio

Behold the Lamb of God

Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Behold the Lamb of God.

Stand

The Gospel according to John chapter 1.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

³²Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

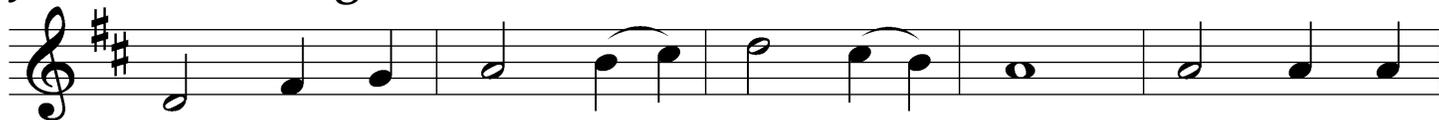
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

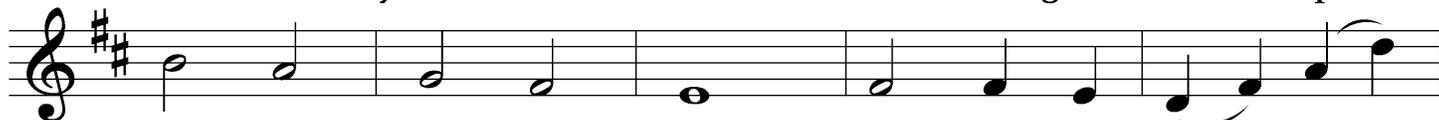
Be seated

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CW 380



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made and end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loosed their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon

Colossians 2

*You Have Fullness in Christ
Fully Alive – Fully Strong*

Stand

Create in Me a Clean Heart

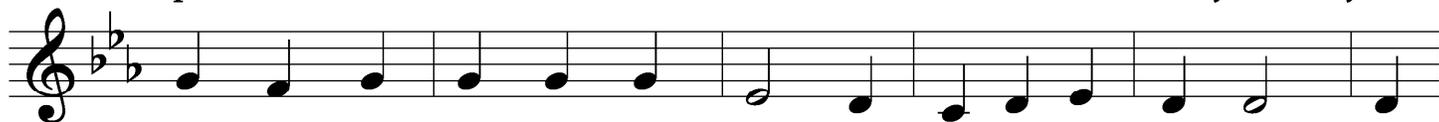
CW 942



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

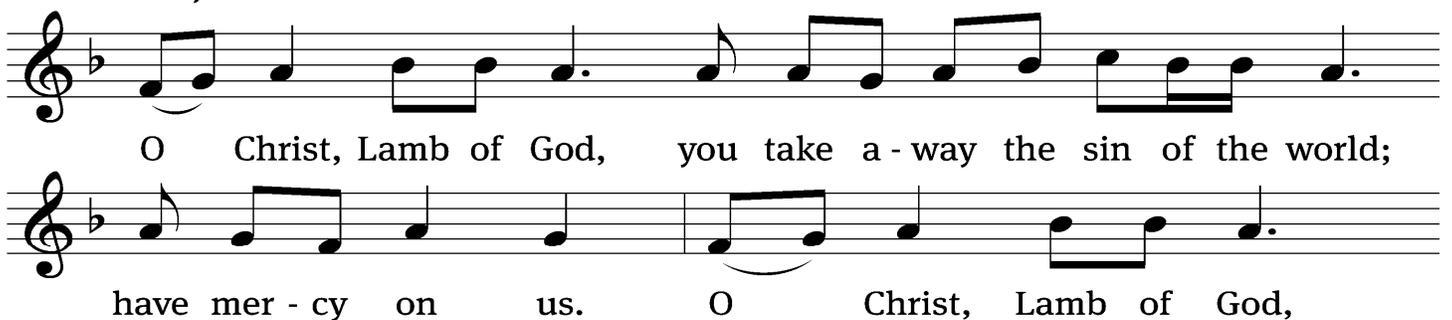
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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



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

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

grant us your peace. A - men.

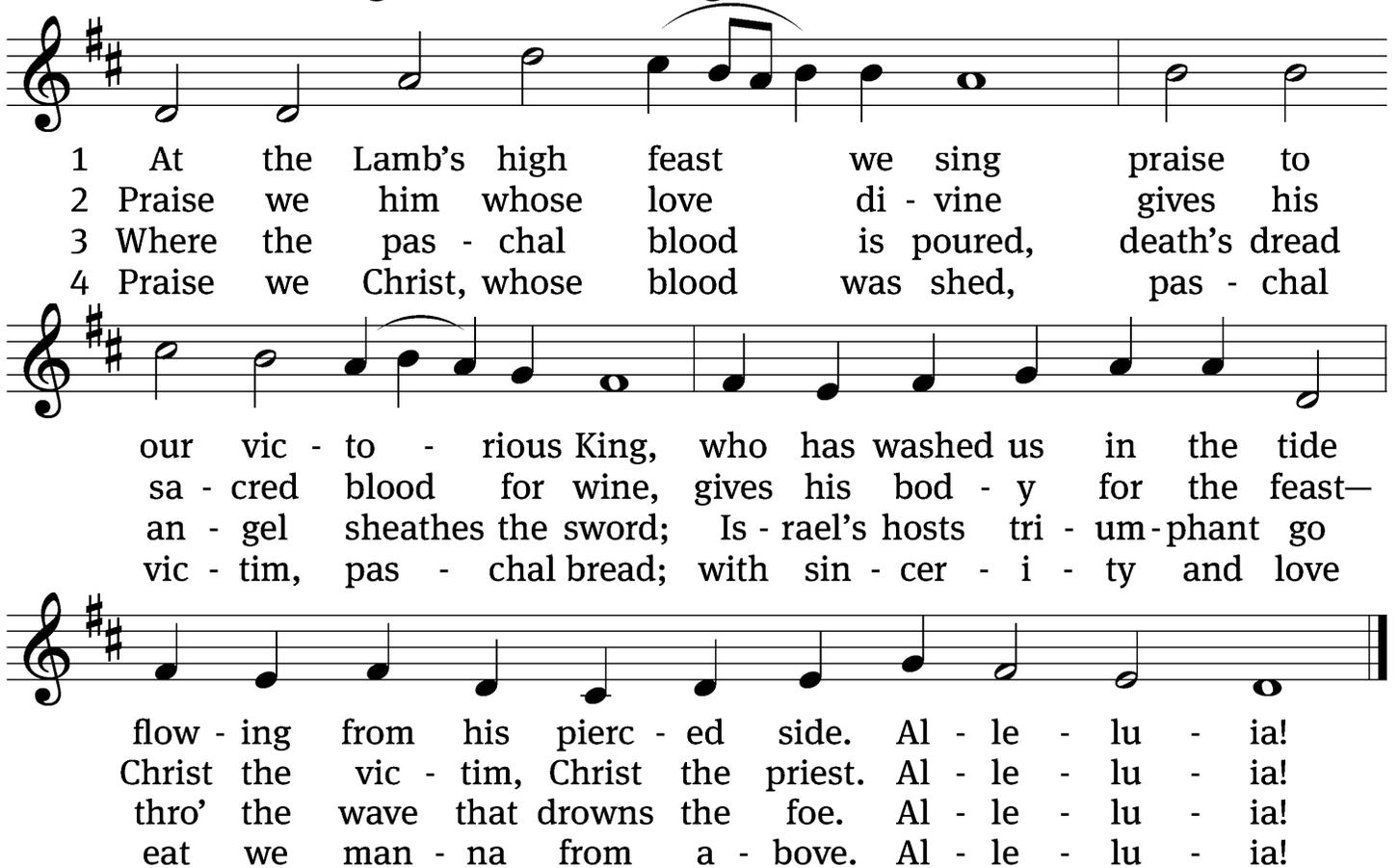
Be seated

Distribution

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

CW 675



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

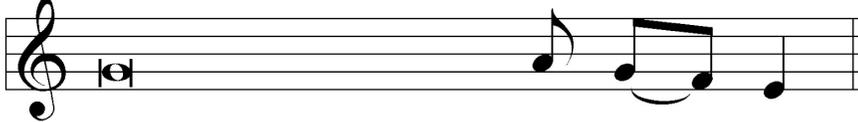
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Stand

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



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

Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744 sts. 1-2



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are



round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, now are for - giv - en.

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10:30 a.m. Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Jeremy Nesemann, Aidan Dailey.

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: 1/15 & 1/16 - \$13,000 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$5,528 GROWING FORWARD (AND \$15,000 OF NEW PLEDGES TOWARD THE MATCHING FUNDS). \$500 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$20 EUGENE RABE MEMORIAL.

ATTENDANCE 1/15 & 1/16 - 8:00 A.M. – 167. 10:30 A.M. – 159. 6:30 P.M. – 35.

In our prayers this week...

1. Thanksgiving for another year of growing in Christ at St. Paul’s and going in Christ from St. Paul’s.
2. Thanksgiving to the Lord for those who have served in congregational boards and committees over the past year, and the Lord’s blessing on those who will be elected at our annual meeting today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, January 22	Grades 1-4 Sing Both Services Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Brat Fry/Annual Voters’ Meeting
Monday, January 23	5:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 24	6:00 p.m. BIC
	6:30 p.m. Jesus the Messiah Bible Study
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study

	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music & Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, January 26	1:30 p.m. Ladies Aid
	7:00 p.m. Dartball
Saturday, January 28	6:00 p.m. Fellowship at 3 Sheeps
Sunday, January 29	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

- 1. Sunday Bible Study:** Racism has been a contentious issue in our country in recent years. We've already been through the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement. What are the current concerns? What does God's Word say? Sunday morning Bible study continues this weekend on the Lutheran Church's Response to Racism.
- 2. 3K teacher call** -- On January 15, St. Paul's called Miss Amanda Ehrenberg to serve as our full-time 3K teacher. Miss Ehrenberg currently serves as preschool teacher and early childhood director at St. Paul in South Haven, MI. Please keep Miss Ehrenberg in your prayers as she begins her deliberation process. You are free to reach out to her via email with words of encouragement - stpaulpreschoolsouthhaven@gmail.com
- 3. On January 22nd**, we have the return of our Mid-Winter Brat Fry that will take place following the second service. There is a signup in the member room to help coordinate how much food to prepare. You can also sign up online: [CLICK HERE](#). Our Annual Voters' Meeting will take place after the brat fry, around 12:30/12:45 p.m. At this meeting we will have elections for new members of our boards and committees, as well as a proposal from the Officers to amend the Bylaws to add a vice president position to the Board of Officers and Council. The Trustees will also be

bringing a motion to expand the Board of Trustees to 5 members, from the current total of 4.

4. **Pastor Bode** has received a call to serve as associate pastor at Water of Life in Racine and Caledonia, WI. This congregation has two campuses and helps operate a school that is on multiple campuses as well. Pastor Bode is being asked to focus especially on inreach, helping members reconnect to worship and congregational involvement. He welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks.
5. **Principal Chad Marohn** received a call on December 15 to be the principal of Cornerstone Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep him in your prayers and encourage him as he deliberates where he can best serve in God's kingdom.
6. **Capital Campaign Update:** As the final building costs become more clear, we could have a potential mortgage around \$3.1M which is about \$500,000 higher than originally planned. There are still on-going activities to reduce the mortgage, but any additional gifts or pledges will help offset the amount of the mortgage. A generous donor at St. Paul's will match \$.50 on the dollar up to \$65,000. If pledges and gifts are given (above and beyond already pledged amounts) up to \$130,000, we will maximize this gift! (Each dollar gifted then is worth \$1.50.)
7. **Living Nativity Blankets** need to be returned by Wednesday, January 25th so we can put them all away. Thanks!
8. **Lenten Meals** - Would you or a group of people be willing to sign-up to make a meal for this upcoming Lenten season? If so, please contact Erin Radue in the office to sign-up. Thanks!
9. **Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Staff Minister Luther Curia will begin a study entitled "Jesus the Messiah". We will look at a chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, participants will encounter God's plan of redemption in Scripture through study of the biblical narrative, the essential doctrines of faith, and the call to join in God's mission locally and around the world. The

study will cover Jesus coming into the world (Luke), Jesus beginning his Ministry (Gospels), and Jesus among the people (Gospels). **Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning 1/24.** The study will run through 4/4; come when you can!

10. **Bible Information Class beginning** on January 24th at 6pm. This course is our path to membership at St. Paul's or a great refresher of your catechism training. The class is *only 9 weeks* and each session runs two hours. Please register by contacting Pastor Mueller.
11. **The Apostle Paul's** first missionary journey was to the area of Galatia. Encouraging those new congregations in the central teachings of the faith was vital. These things are still vital. Starting February 16th (Thursday evenings at 6:30) join an evening study of the book of **Galatians**. You'll grow as we keep in step with the Spirit and stand firm in the freedom Christ won for us! Register with Pastor Mueller.
12. **3 Sheeps:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy fellowship and fun at 3 Sheeps on January 28 from 6:00-9:00. Feel free to bring food/snacks to share; some will be provided. We have a section reserved and are looking forward to some cornhole too! See you there!
13. **Building Project Update** - This month we have seen the completion of the fire wall between the current building and addition. This past week several more steel beams went up into position!
14. **Prayers for China** - 1.3 billion people in China are not Christians. During the 15 days of the Chinese New Year and Spring Festival from January 22 - February 5, 316NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS Christians, invites us to pray for mission work there. More information and prayer suggestions are available at 316NOW.org/15-days-of-prayer. Ephesians 6:18 "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
15. **The Lutheran Pioneers** will start their winter session on Wednesday, January 18th for boys and girls in 1st - 8th grade. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m., learning about woodworking tools

and safety, with the goal of making a pinewood derby car. If you are interested, you can find more information printed for you on the bulletin table in the narthex or talk to Mike Heilman.

- 16. PTF Pizza Fundraiser** - The students of St. Paul's are once again selling delicious homemade pizzas! Pizzas may be purchased from any participating student between now and **February 8th**. Or, pick up an order form from the member room and return it to the office or the marked drawer in the member room with payment by the 8th. **Pizzas will be made and ready for pickup at the school on Saturday, February 18th.** Contact Katie Meyer with any questions: katieb82@hotmail.com.
- 17. Pickleball, y'all!** Now's your chance! Young adults, old adults, and everyone in between! It's a really big DILL! Join us every Wednesday night starting on January 11th at 6:30 p.m. for indoor fun and fellowship! No experience required! We'll teach you the rules. Extra pickleball paddles will be available for use! Any questions, please contact Nathan or Molly Meitner at (608)-498-7605 or molly.meitner@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.