

EASTER BRINGS US HOPE



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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.

Worship Focus: *They were so disappointed. Their beloved teacher was dead. They thought he was going to restore Israel's glory, and life would be amazing. We too become disappointed when life here leads to suffering and then death. Yet as that "stranger" unfolded the Scriptures before them on the way to Emmaus, their hearts burned within them. Their dismay was turned upside down as they listened to their risen Lord. They urged him to stay. As we listen to him today, the same happens for us. Easter brings us hope!*

Welcome

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

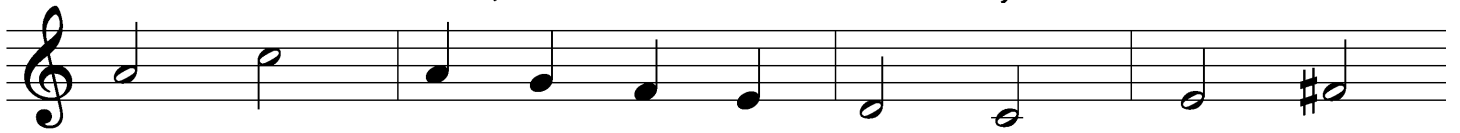
CW 446



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense and my Sav - ior,
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to
 3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence
 5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new with this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
 life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;
 hope for - ev - er; faith's strong hand the rock has found,
 I am tak - en; but by faith I now dis - cern
 be en - shroud - ed; in this bod - y I shall view



rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, though the
 shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
 grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven
 that from death I shall a - wak - en with my
 God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; in this



night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
 fear, or could the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
 death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
 Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.
 flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

Stand

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

And also with you.

Confession & Absolution

We gather today still in the glow of the most joyous and amazing celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. The sights and sounds of that celebration linger in our memory, not as a past event finished and forgotten, but as Peter says today, the basis for our “faith and hope” in God.

Today we remember that our only hope is built on a divine Savior whose crucifixion wounds were endured for us and for all.

Immovable Our Hope Remains

CW 832 st. 1

Sung by Soloist

1 Immovable our hope remains,
though shifting sands before us lie;
the One who washed away our stains
shall bear us safely to the skies.
The floods may rise, the winds may beat,
torrential rains descend,
yet God his own will not forget;
he'll love and keep us till the end.
You'll love and keep us till the end.

Immovable Our Hope Remains

CW 832 st. 2

Sung by All

2 This is e - ter - nal life: to know the liv - ing God and
Christ, the Son. The Sav - ior will not let us go un -
til his sav - ing work is done. Our debt was great, as



was our need, but now the price is paid. Who
 can be - hold Im - man - uel bleed and doubt his will - ing -
 ness to save? We trust your will - ing - ness to save.

“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory?”

“O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

That victory remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. That hope is kept alive as we daily repent of our sins and remain in the promises of God. For, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are afraid of losing hope, and we forget that we are witnesses to the death and resurrection of our Lord. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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

Amen.

Immovable Our Hope Remains

CW 832 sts. 3-4

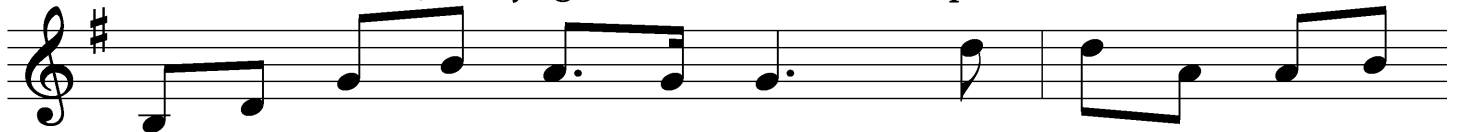
Sung by All



3 The Lord ac- quits, who can con- demn? Though Sa- tan's ac - cu-
4 Built in - to Christ, se - cure we stand, for with his Spir - it



sa - tions fly, his pow'r can nev - er reach our names, to
we've been sealed; by grace we'll see the prom - ised land where



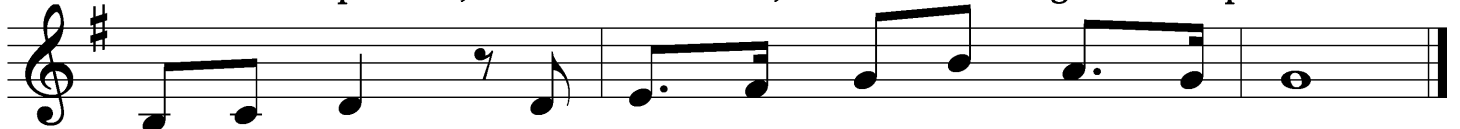
blot them from the Book of Life. The Son has sure - ly
ev - 'ry sor - row shall be healed. To God who gave his



made us free, his Word for - ev - er stands, and
on - ly Son, to Je - sus Christ, our Lord to



all our joy is know - ing we are grav - en on his
God the Spir - it, Three in One, be songs of praise for -



wound - ed hands. We're grav - en on your wound - ed hands.
ev - er - more. We'll sing your praise for - ev - er - more.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be Seated

First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 32–41

The people were cut to the heart and looking for hope, which they found in the risen Lord, his Spirit, and his promises in baptism.

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

³⁵until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.” ’

³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Anthem

What He’s Done

Sung by Trio

See, on the hill of Calvary my Savior bled for me, my Jesus set me free. Look at the wounds that give me life, grace flowing from his side, no greater sacrifice.

Refrain: What he’s done, what he’s done. All the glory and the honor to the Son. My sins are forgiven, my future is heaven. I praise God for what he’s done.

Sing for the freedom he has won. Even death is dead and done. His life has overcome. Speak! Say the Name above all names, over ev’ry broken place. He is risen from the grave! *Refrain*

Now on a throne of majesty, the Father’s will complete. He reigns in victory. Sing! Hallelujah to the King! He is worthy to receive all the worship we can bring. *Refrain*

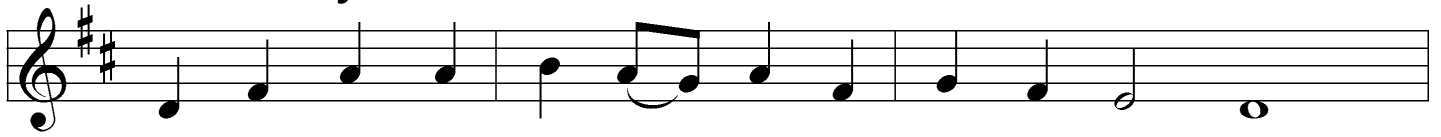
Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-21

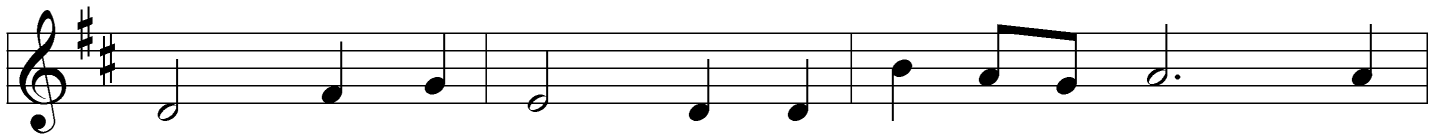
Since we have hope in God, who raised and glorified Jesus, we live as foreigners among those with an empty way of life.

¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

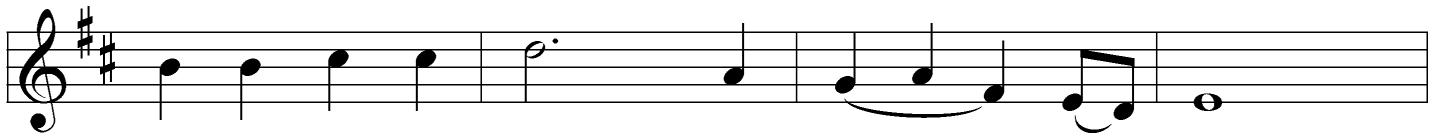
Verse of the Day



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



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



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



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

Stand

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

The disciples' hearts burned within them, renewed with hope, as Jesus explained to them what was written about him in the Scriptures.

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

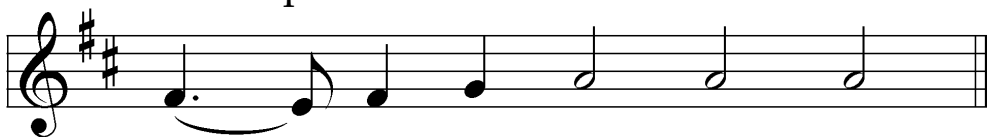
²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

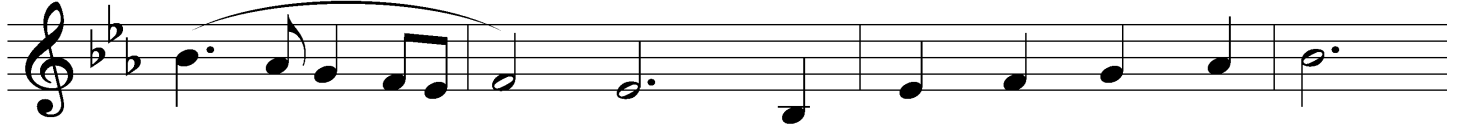
Be Seated

This Joyful Eastertide

CW 449



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber till trump from east to west



has sprung to life this mor - row.
my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,



our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Sermon

1 Peter 1

Would You Like Some *Politics* with Your Religion?

Your Father, the Judge * Your Savior, without defect * Your faith and hope, in God

Stand

Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy during this Easter season, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

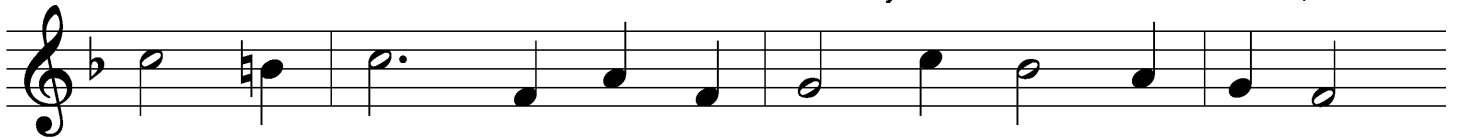
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

CW 680



1 Bap-tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me to be hence-forth your
3 My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; your prom-ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— re - ceive it all, O



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



a - mong your saints, your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
 the fruit of all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
 if words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
 help me your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



dead to sin, your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 com - fort me when threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 come de - filed; for - give, lift up, re - store your child.
 am or own serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

Stand

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



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

Be Seated

Abide with Me

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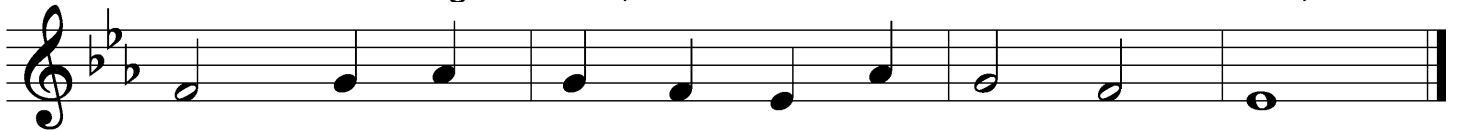
1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,
6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
7 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
but kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
and though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,
ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
on to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still if thou a - bide with me.
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me!

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PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

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ALTAR GUILD: Ione Prange, Lisa Specht, Christina Sprenger.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Dan Radue, Austin Radue, Nick Binsfeld, Chad Pennings.

10:30a.m.-Tom Ehrenberg, Logan Schroeder, Joe Grzonka, Jamie Hass. 6:00

p.m.–Bill Reichardt.

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: 4/9 & 4/10 - \$15,340 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$16,700). \$54,000 GROWING FORWARD (\$400 INCLUDED IN MATCHING FUNDS). \$250 TO FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE: 4/9 & 4/10: 8:00 A.M. – 164. 10:30 A.M. – 123. 6:30 P.M. – 37.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, April 23	Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, April 24	4:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, April 25	7:00 p.m. Mindful Mom’s Night Out
Wednesday, April 26	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
Thurs, April 27	5:30 p.m. Doro/Kakuk Rehearsal
Friday, April 28	3:00 p.m. Caitlin Doro & Cody Kakuk Wedding
Saturday, April 29	3:00 p.m. Examination

Sunday, April 30	8:00 a.m. Worship
	10:30 a.m. Worship with Confirmation
	9:10 a.m. History Committee Meeting
	9:15 a.m. Sunday School (No Bible Class)
	12:00 p.m. Gym, Commons, and Kitchen Reserved

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Sunday Bible Study** - We continue our study of roles and look at how they function for the good of the church. This Sunday we will take a look at the role of the church member. Are there any expectations or responsibilities for our members? Come and join us in the gym. We will begin at around 9:20.
2. **April Communion Schedule** - Due to scheduling issues related to the Easter services, Holy Communion will be offered on April 30-May 1 (fifth weekend).
3. **Confirmation Weekend** is April 29-30. We will give thanks to the Lord for his Spirit's work in six young people, giving them faith in their Savior, growth in the Scriptures, preparing them to receive Communion and promise faithfulness to the Lord. Examination is at 3:00 pm on April 29. Confirmation and first Communion will be on April 30 in the 10:30 service. The Confirmands are Gretchen Andersen, Everly Berg, Faith Marohn, Veda Ostermann, Bronx Romanoski, and Caleb Walleser.
4. **LWMS Spring Rally** will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran in Brillion. Registration is 8-9 a.m. Rally begins at 9 a.m. Fellowship luncheon served at noon. LWMS mission offerings will be collected until April 24. The box is in the narthex. Please make checks out to LWMS Shoreline Circuit.
5. **LWMS National Convention** will be June 22-25, 2023 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The theme for the 60th annual convention is "Peace Like a River." Registration forms are available online. Information on the mission speakers and workshops will be found on the LWMS website at www.lwms.org For more information, contact Marilyn Toepel.
6. **LWMS mission offerings** will be collected until April 24. The box will be in the narthex. Please make checks out to LWMS Shoreline Circuit.
7. **WELS Youth Night** - Please mark your calendars for the next WELS Youth Night! We are going to try and host one more event before summer. Contact Mike Leahy with any questions: mleahy@live.com

Who Can Attend: High school students

Date: Saturday 5/13/2023

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Registration Deadline: 5/6/2023

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/EfVYyaYyhXD1Tq469>

Call Updates

- 1. Principal & Early Childhood Director Calls** - Michael and MeLissa Wieting have accepted their calls to serve as teachers and administrators. We praise God that he has led them to accept our calls and thrilled to have them join our ministry team. Please keep the Wieting family in your prayers as they finish up their year and plan their transition. Please keep Trinity, Minocqua's ministry in your prayers as well as they look to address staffing needs.
- 2. Calling Season** - The Lord has blessed St. Paul's this call season. At a time when staffing has become a challenge across our synod, we were blessed to fill all four of our full-time teaching/administration needs. Staffing additions for 2023-2024 include:
 - Miss Deb Doletzky - 2nd Grade Teacher
 - Mrs. Emily Panzer - 4K Teacher
 - Mr. Michael Wieting - 7th-8th half-time Teacher / Principal
 - Mrs. MeLissa Wieting - 3K half-time Teacher / Early Childhood Director

In Other News

- 1. Family Dance Party** - The Activities committee is planning another fun Family Dance Party Friday, May 19 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Pizza will be served from 6:00-7:00.
COST: freewill offering collection
SPECTATORS WELCOME!
We'll have the gym set up for the occasion, with lights and awesome family-appropriate tunes! Register in the member room by May 14 to help the committee plan for the event. Contact Luther Curia with any questions.
luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org 920.287.8575
- 2. WELS Night at The Brewers is on for 2023!** Save the date and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at the ballpark on Friday, July 7 to watch the Brewers take on the Reds. Tickets are discounted up to 50% and are reserved all together in a block. **NEW FOR 2023** - Each church that purchases a group of 20 or more tickets will enter a drawing to qualify for the opportunity to have a member from their congregation represent WELS Night by throwing out a first pitch prior to the game! Please contact our office to purchase the group tickets so we can qualify for the drawing, to be seated together, and save on service fees. There is a flier with more information on the bulletin board in the commons.
- 3. Take a trip to Greece in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul!** The trip is right after Easter next year, from April 1-10, 2024. We will see Athens, Thessalonica, Philippi, Corinth, and a three day Mediterranean cruise that will visit Patmos (where John wrote Revelation), Ephesus, and more. Contact Pastor Mueller for info! *Update: I have ten people officially registered, and seven more in process. If you are interested/planning to come, sign up sooner than later to guarantee a spot.*
- 4. Help Name Some Rooms!** We have two rooms in the new facility we would like to name (other than the generic names on the blueprints). The two rooms are the entryway (also currently called the gathering area) and the new meeting room/multi-

purpose room. The reason for naming this is that we can't have *two* commons areas or *three* entryways into the building (narthex, current school entry and new school entry). It's also for clarity for announcements and print materials to let someone know where to meet. Some suggestions might be for the meeting space: *the garden, the shepherd room, the grove*. A suggestion for the entry is: *Eden or ...?* We will sift your suggestions down to the top five for each and have the congregation vote on the best one. Please send your suggestions to secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org. *No last names please!*

5. **St. Paul's History Committee** will meet on Sunday, April 30th at 9:10 a.m. in the library. We will discuss the collecting of items for the cornerstone in the new building. Also, a possible display for St. Paul's Ladies Aid 100th Anniversary.
6. **Worship Greeters** We are seeking members willing to smile and welcome people before worship services. This is a great opportunity to get to know more of our growing congregation. If interested in more details, please see the sign-up sheet in the member room or speak with Katie Schuenemann.
7. **Mindful Moms is hosting a Mom's Night Out** on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 at St. Paul's. Moms, come join us for charcuterie, games, and friends! If you're able, please bring one or two ingredients to add to our group charcuterie boards. We will be making two boards-a meat and cheese board and a dessert board. Please RSVP to Amanda Bode at mrsabode@gmail.com or on our Facebook Group.
8. **Millersville Road Repair** and Paving begins Monday April 17. They will start on the road east of St. Paul's from Badger to Hwy 42. If you are coming to our campus during the week, please approach from the Neumann Plumbing side (Hwy 32). If you are coming on Sunday(s), most likely there will be through access from either direction. Sometime in May construction will switch to the opposite side. The entire project is slated to be finished (weather permitting) in June.
9. **Capital Campaign Update:** The Lord continues to shower St. Paul's with blessings. Since the matching gift was announced in December, an additional \$84,650 has been given or pledged, which has a total impact to the campaign of \$126,975. Work on grant requests has also continued and we were recently notified of a \$50,000 grant that is being gifted to St. Paul's! Additionally, all of the Kohler plumbing products have been received and Neumann plumbing will begin installing them soon. As a reminder, please be sure to indicate "matching gift" with any new gifts or pledges. We have much to be thankful for indeed. With the Lord's continued blessings, these and other on-going activities will help to reduce the potential mortgage from \$3.1M to the planned \$2.6M. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.
10. **Join us on Sunday, June 11th** for food and fellowship as we say goodbye to the Marohn family. Keep an eye out for sign-ups coming out at the end of April.
11. **Save the Dates!** The building expansion is scheduled for completion on August 4. With that date we have planned a dedication date for the facility in our services on **August 13**. We will also install our new teachers [Deb Doletzky and Emily Panzer] that day. Martin Luther College President Rev. Rich Gurgel will serve as our preacher that day. We are also planning an Open House on **August 19**.

12. **New Narthex Carpeting** was put in this week. Thank you to all involved in planning and coordinating this project!
13. **The Cemetery Committee** would like the winter wreaths removed from monuments by May 1. Thanks for your cooperation.
14. **Former member Don Becker** has completed the new offering deposit stands for the narthex and delivered them this past Friday. He is building one more piece of furniture for us. When it is finished, the three pieces will be measured and fitted with granite tops. *Thank you, Don!*