

GIVE LEGALISM A REST





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A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!

We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!

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 (3K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Worship focus: The Pharisees fed off of laws. They had set up hundreds of extra laws – many of them about the Sabbath – all thinking they could satisfy God by their own behavior. So, when Jesus' hungry disciples picked some grain on the Sabbath, the Pharisees accused them of unlawful working. Jesus was fed up with this attitude of legalism, which is still served up by Christians today. Trying to please God with the law alone is a recipe for self-righteousness or despair. By the law, God craves complete holiness and will toss away anything less. Today, Jesus teaches the true meaning of the Sabbath and says to "Give Legalism a Rest".

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

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Stand

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

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

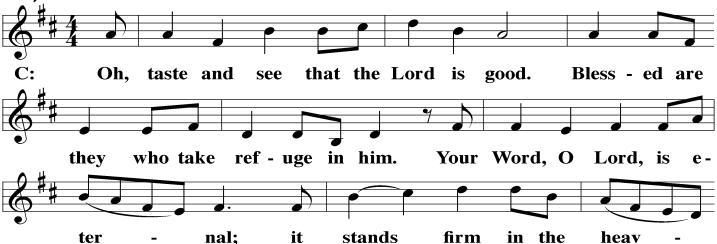
We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy. Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

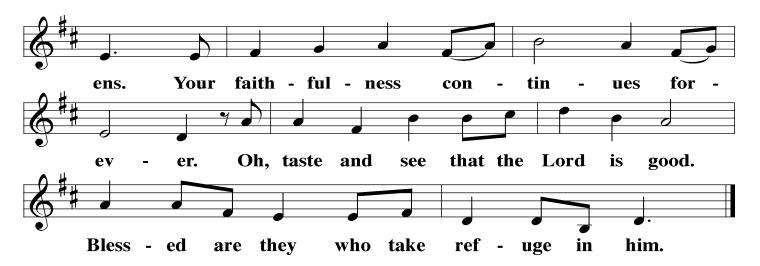
God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

Oh, Taste and See





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving his Word of comfort that we may find our rest in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The LORD commanded the Sabbath as a day of rest for his people and reflection on his deliverance. ¹²"Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

CW 818

Based on Psalm 62

The soloist will sing verse 1 and the first refrain.



- 1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone,
- 2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone
- 3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone
- my rock and my sal va tion; a - mid the world's temp-ta - tions;
- and trust in him com-plete ly;



SECOND LESSON

Colossians 2:13–17

Christ canceled the law's charges against us so that no one can judge us about Sabbaths or snacks.

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.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Duet Peace

When my mind is like a battlefield and my heart is overcome by fear, and hope seems like a ship that's lost at sea. My enemies on every side and I'm tempted to run and hide. Your gentle whisper reaches out to me.

Refrain: Peace holds me when I'm broken. Sweet peace that passes understanding. When the whole wide world is crashing down I fall to my knees and breathe in your peace.

Fiery arrows whistling, the terror of the night sets in. But I can feel your angels all around. I am resting underneath the shelter of your mighty wings. Your promises are where my hope is found. *Refrain*

I remember who you are. You're the God who's never far, so I will not be afraid. God, you always keep me safe in your arms. *Refrain*

Stand

GOSPEL *Mark 2:23—3:6*

When the Jews practiced the Sabbath legalistically, Jesus taught them of God's loving purpose behind the day of rest.

23One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

¹Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ²Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

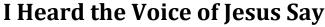
⁴Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

⁵He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Be Seated



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Deuteronomy 5



Get Real Rest God gives it – We live it

Stand

SERMON

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,

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good

citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

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

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

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

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

Lord's Prayer

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

Be Seated

It Is Well with My Soul

CW 850

Stand

Prayer

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



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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Be Seated

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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MUSICIANS: Gillian & Luther Curia and Emma Sprenger

ALTAR GUILD: Sheryl Nehls, Debbie Van Alstine, Rachel Rehbein.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Chuck Schelk, Richard Nack, Darin Reinemann, Tim Klapperich.

10:30a.m. - Nathan Kracht, Derek Pantel, Jim Van Alstine, Kris Sturm. 6:00 p.m. - Chad Pennings.

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: 5/26 & 5/27 - \$11,625 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,600). \$3,025 - BLACKTOP FUND (\$7,145 RAISED SO FAR). \$750- GROWING FORWARD.

Attendance: 5/26 & 5/27 - 8:00 a.m. - 151.10:30 a.m. - 96.6:00 p.m. - 22.

In our prayers this week...

1. Pastor Norv Kock celebrating retirement from full-time ministry today.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Meeting Times
Sunday, June 2	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, June 3	6:00 p.m. Monday Worship
Tuesday, June 4	9:00 a.m 1:00 p.m. Office Open
Wednesday, June 5	6:30 p.m Council
Thursday, June 6	6:30 p.m Budget Open Forum
Friday, June 7	8:00 a.m 12:00 p.m. Office Open
	5:00 p.m. Harvest Room Reserved
Saturday, June 8	Harvest Room Reserved for JAM
	10:00 a.m. JAM - Built on Jesus
Sunday, June 9	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	11:45 a.m. Voters Meeting
Monday, June 10	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. Adult Bible Study - We are now in summer Bible study mode. We invite adults, teens, and children down to 3rd grade to join us for study. Today we continue looking at the similarities and differences between the doctrinal teachings of the Greek Orthodox Church and WELS. After that, we will begin our summer topic, the "Formula of Concord". Are you eager to deepen your understanding of Lutheran doctrine and its foundational texts? We invite you to join our Bible study focused on this key confessional document that helps clarify Lutheran beliefs and teachings. In this study, we will

- Explore the historical context and significance of the Formula of Concord.
- Discuss key theological themes and their relevance to our faith today.
- Engage in thoughtful discussions and reflections on how these teachings can strengthen our walk with Christ.

Whether you're new to the Formula of Concord or have studied it before, this Bible study promises to be an enriching experience for all.

- 2. **Child Care -** During Bible study, parents attending Bible class are welcome to let their children (2nd grade and younger) play in the Garden Gym, which will be supervised by volunteers.
- 3. Pastor Kock Retirement Service On June 2 at 9:00 am, First German in Manitowoc will have a special service and meal to honor the retirement of Norv and Kathy Kock from full-time public ministry. Kathy served for 8 years at MLHS and for 26 years overall. Pastor Kock served as MLHS President for 8 years and for 41 years overall. We praise God for their faithful service! The meal will be at City Limits (3627 County Rd CR in Manitowoc), and tickets for that meal can be purchased at MLHS (920-682-0215) or First German (920-684-0101). Cards or correspondence may be sent to 4045 Lancer Circle, Manitowoc, WI 54220.
- 4. **Save the Date -** Pastor Brian Pechman will be installed at St. Paul's on July 7. The service will be at 4:00 pm and a meal will follow in the gym. A signup sheet will be coming soon to help coordinate the meal, including opportunities to provide your favorite sides/desserts.

In Other News

- 1. **Divine Call Received -** On May 21, Pastor Bode received a divine call to serve as associate pastor at Eastside Lutheran Church in Madison, WI. Eastside is a congregation of a little over 600 members with a school of about 120 students. The congregation is trying to do gospel outreach in a diverse community and weather staffing shortages for the upcoming school year. Please keep Pastor Bode and all our congregations in your prayers.
- 2. **Jesus And Me (JAM) -** Families with children ages 0-5 are invited to come JAM with us on June 8th from 10am-12pm! We will be looking at how we need to be "Built on Jesus", with Him as our firm foundation and cornerstone. There will be STEM activities and crafts geared towards children ages 0-5, but the whole family is welcome! At this event we will have a Bible story about the

- stacking stations, a fairy garden sensory bin, a Three Little Pigs challenge, and more!! Email us at <u>iam@stpaulshowardsgrove.org</u> with any questions.
- 3. **Voters Meeting -** On Sunday, June 9th, after our second service at approximately 11:45, we will have a voters meeting. The main order of business will be to approve the budget for the next fiscal year. Our current financial situation and the upcoming budget present us with some challenges. Leadership has been working hard at this process, and we want to give our members a full opportunity to understand the budget we are presenting. The budget will receive its final approval from council at the June 5th Council Meeting. To best communicate with you, we will email the meeting agenda and the proposed budget on the 6th and have a <u>Budget Open Forum on</u> Thursday June 6th at 6:30 pm at church. We hope this will give us an opportunity to answer your questions prior to the meeting on Sunday. If you cannot make this meeting and want to understand the budget better, please call Jim Van Alstine (920-889-1225) or Eric Eickhoff (920-838-4064). We hope this process will allow us to inform everyone and make the best decisions as we approve support for our ministry plan as we do our work for our Lord's kingdom.
- 4. **New Called Worker Welcome Items -** The Care Committee for Called Workers (CCCW) would like to welcome Pastor Pechman and Jennifer Hacker and their families with a pantry / scrip shower. Congregation members are welcome to place paper products, cleaning products, or canned goods in the labeled box by the kiosk in the Narthex. There is also an envelope box for scrip or monetary gifts. These items will be divided and given to the Pechmans and Hackers this summer. Please bring donated items by early July.
- 5. **St. Paul's Timber Rattlers Game:** Join your St. Paul's family Friday, July 12 for a Timber Rattlers game! There is a limit of 50 people, so get your tickets before they're gone!

Cost: \$60 (covers COACH bus ride, ticket, buffet, and 2 drinks) **Details:** Located directly behind home plate with a great view of the field, we will be in the new Diamond Seats section. It features comfortable elevated bar top seats, an all-you-can-eat buffet (BBQ pulled pork, grilled Cher-Make jumbo hot dogs, a build your own burrito bowl bar, creamy mac & cheese, potato chips, and assorted desserts), and two beverages (hard seltzer, beer, water, or soda). Diamond Seats give the convenience of being able to sit back and watch the game or stand up and mingle with friends.

Schedule:

5:15: meet at St. Paul's and head to the game together on bus

6:40: game

Post-game: fireworks at the ballpark, kids can run the bases, return to St.

Paul's

Please register using this form by July 5:

https://forms.gle/ovMppQRY87DpyfgFA.

Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575;

luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

6. June Bonfire: Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 6/17 @ 7:00 p.m. on the parking lot near the garage.

*Family Friendly

*Yard Games

*Simple Snacks Provided (chips, pretzels, s'mores - Feel free to bring something else along!)

*Bring Your Own Chair

*Bring Your Own Beverage

- 7. Parking Lot Repair Funding Appeal Our Church parking lot is in need of attention and needs to be repaired and sealcoated. The Trustees have received a quote for an amount that has required us to be creative in our funding approach. We are planning on using funds from this year's budget and Scrip funds. That still leaves us with a funding need of about \$10,000. We are hoping to reach our funding goal by the end of June. If you wish to assist in funding this need or have questions, please speak with Trevor Wehrmann or Eric Eickhoff. Donations can be noted as "Parking Lot Funding".
- 8. **Ark Encounter Bus Tour -** Pastor Wall (St. John-St. Peter Lutheran, Cleveland) is organizing a bus tour to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in northeast Kentucky from July 5-7. You are welcome to come along! For more info and to register, visit our website: StJohnStPeter.com. Contact Pastor Wall if you have any questions: 920-782-0827. Seats are limited; register soon.
- 9. **Meditations Renewal** If you are interested in renewing or starting the Meditations subscription, please fill out the half sheet in the member room and submit your sheet with payment in an envelope into the marked drawer. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Radue.

- 10. **Summer Office Hours** The office will be open on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.. If you have questions outside of those hours, feel free to email secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org or call and leave a voicemail on the office number.
- 11. **Gym Painting -** The Trustee are looking for volunteers to help paint the gym the week of June 10-15. Times to be determined based on signup. Sign up in the member room or online. Any question please contact Tim Doro at (920) 782 1000 or ta5_doro@hotmail.com.