



**ST. PAUL'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
HOWARDS GROVE, WI

A dramatic photograph of a man with long, wavy brown hair and a full beard, wearing a white robe. He is looking upwards and to the left, with a serene expression. The background is a dark, stormy sky with a bright lightning bolt on the left and rain falling diagonally across the scene. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the man's face and the texture of his robe.

**OUR COURAGE  
IN THE STORM**



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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 (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:** *We have had so many storms roll through our county this year! There were straight-line winds that shook houses and downed branches. There are ponds in places they are not supposed to be. Most of us can weather a little thunder and lightning. But when we're up to our necks in guilt and waves of temptation crash around us, when winds of helplessness howl and death strikes suddenly, where will we turn and who will rescue us? Only Jesus. He is "Our Courage in the Storm."*

## Welcome

### Take Heart

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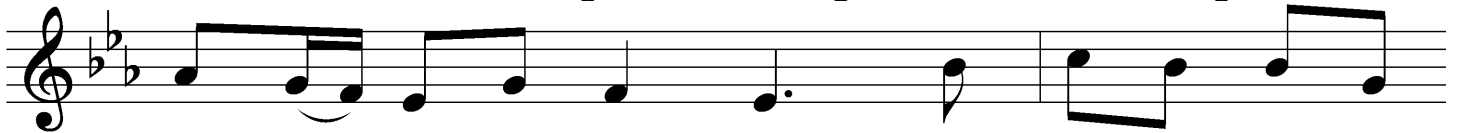
*Soloist will sing verse 1*



1 Take heart, O ser-vants of the Lord, a - mid the cloud - y  
2 Serve not the dark de - sires with - in, nor wick - ed foes, nor  
3 We walk by faith and not by sight while liv - ing in this



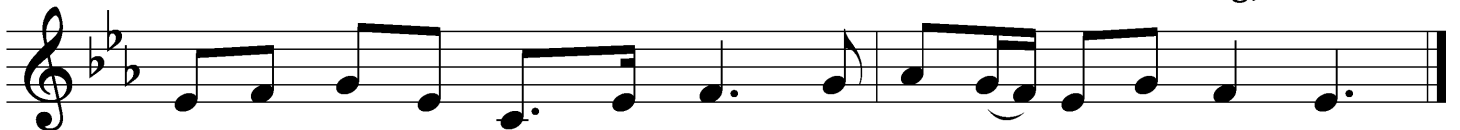
jour - ney; though shad-ows seem to shade his Word, they  
tempt - ers; their sub - tle lies would lure us in, but  
dark - ness, but grief will change in - to de - light when



can - not hide his mer - cy. When prov - i - dence is  
Christ our King will con - quer. We firm - ly stand in  
Christ re - turns in bright - ness. Let us take heart un -



man - i - fest in tem - pests of af - flic - tion, be -  
Je - sus' might a - gainst en - tic - ing e - vil: he  
til we see the ris - en Lamb of suf - f'ring; then



hind the storm is Je - sus Christ, the sun of our sal - va - tion.  
dress-es us in ra - diant light— the ar - mor of his gos - pel.  
we be - fore his throne will be like him, for - ev - er shin - ing!

*Stand*

### Invocation

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

**Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

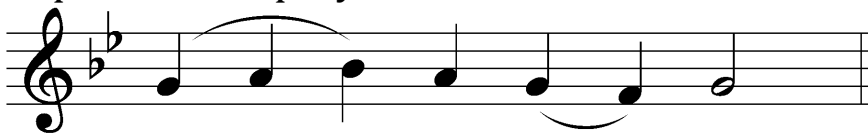
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

*CW 174*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



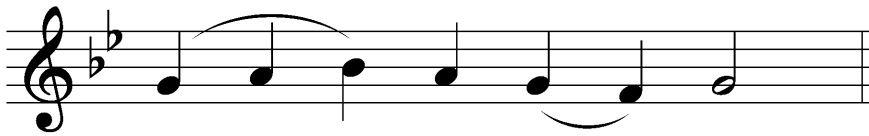
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



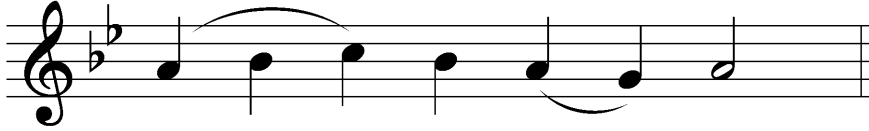
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

### Glory to God in the Highest

*CW 176*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.





Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



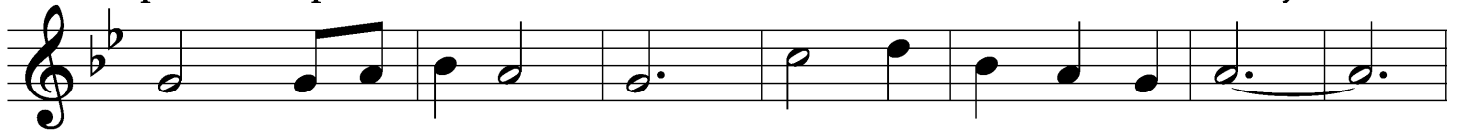
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



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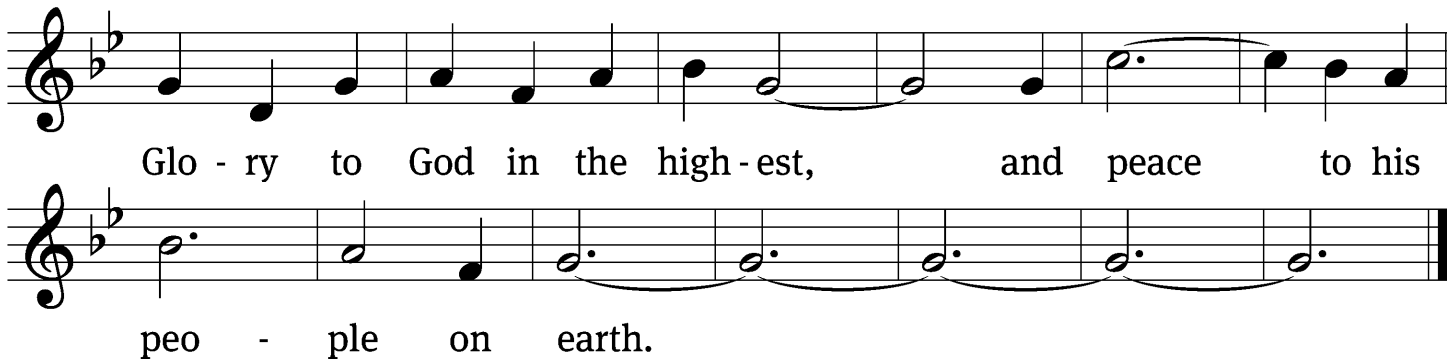
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



## THE WORD

### Salutation

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### First Reading

*Job 38:1–11*

*The LORD thundered at Job out of a storm to douse his defiance and redirect his courage.*

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that obscures my plans  
with words without knowledge?”

<sup>3</sup>Brace yourself like a man;

I will question you,  
and you shall answer me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

<sup>5</sup>Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its footings set,  
or who laid its cornerstone—

<sup>7</sup>while the morning stars sang together  
and all the angels shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Who shut up the sea behind doors  
when it burst forth from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment  
and wrapped it in thick darkness,  
<sup>10</sup>when I fixed limits for it  
and set its doors and bars in place,  
<sup>11</sup>when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther;  
here is where your proud waves halt'?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem**

*Oceans*

You call me out upon the waters the great unknown, where feet may fail. And there I find you in the mystery in oceans deep, my faith will stand!

*Refrain:* And I will call upon your Name, and keep my eyes above the waves. When oceans rise, my soul will rest in your embrace, for I am yours and you are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters. Your sov'reign hand will be my guide where feet may fail and fear surrounds me. You've never failed, and you won't start now. *Refrain*

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders. Let me walk upon the waters wherever you would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander, and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior. *Refrain*

## **Second Reading**

*Acts 27:13–26*

*Paul urged courage because God promised that he and all who sailed with him would survive the storm on the way to Rome.*

<sup>13</sup>When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. <sup>14</sup>Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. <sup>15</sup>The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. <sup>16</sup>As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, <sup>17</sup>so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. <sup>18</sup>We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. <sup>19</sup>On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard



with their own hands. <sup>20</sup>When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

<sup>21</sup>After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup>But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. <sup>23</sup>Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me <sup>24</sup>and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ <sup>25</sup>So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. <sup>26</sup>Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Gospel**

*Mark 4:35–41*

*When a furious squall came up on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus reminded his disciples where their courage should come from.*

<sup>35</sup>That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup>A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup>Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

<sup>39</sup>He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>40</sup>He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

<sup>41</sup>They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

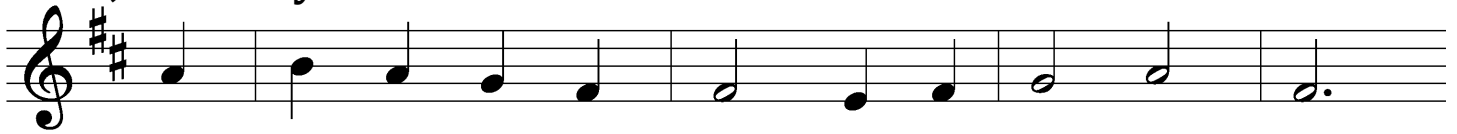
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

# Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

CW 849



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home.



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
so take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

## Sermon

Mark 4

*Trust in Jesus for calm in the midst of the storm*

*1. He has the power*

*2. He has the heart*

*Stand*

## Apostles' 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**

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.  
**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

## Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

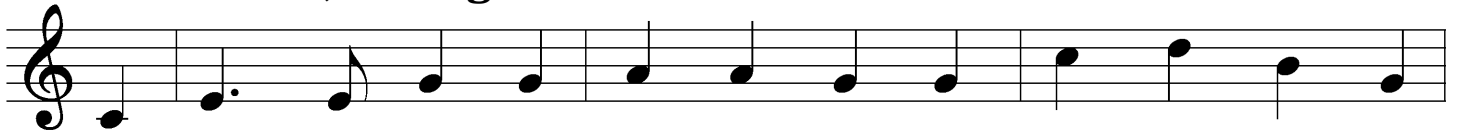
*Silent prayer*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Eternal Father, Strong to Save

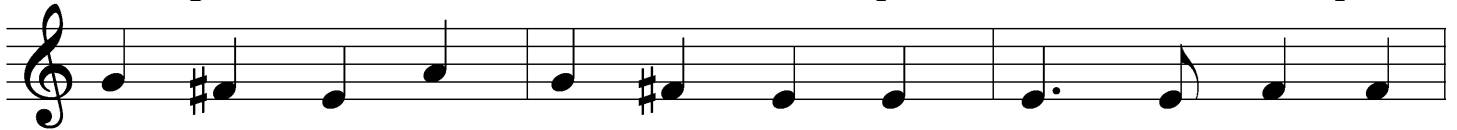
*CW 805 sts. 1-4*



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic  
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
runs a - main, by moun - tain pass or val - ley low, wher -  
fir - ma - ment, O Wind of heav - en, by thy might save  
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy  
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
guard - ing hand from ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
watch - ful care from ev - 'ry per - il in the air.  
rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

*Stand*

## Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by you 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.

**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.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**Amen.**

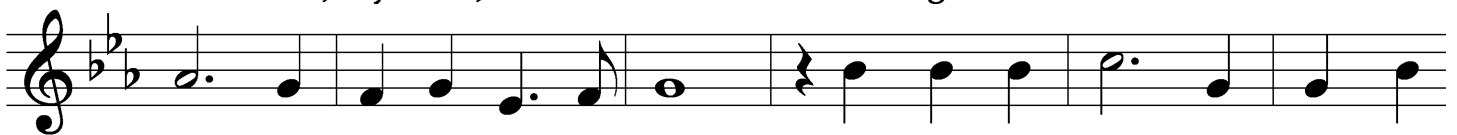
*Be seated*

## Be Still, My Soul

*CW 847*



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take to guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; when dear-est friends de - part and all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on when we shall



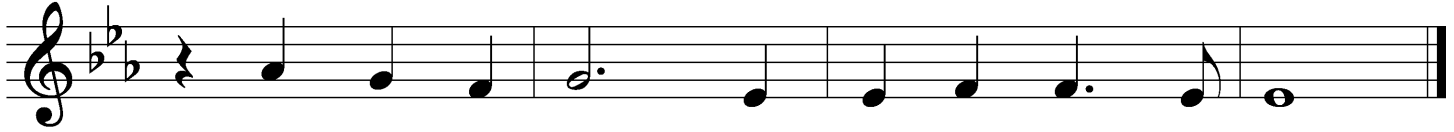
ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to or - der  
fu - ture as he has the past; your hope, your con - fi - dence, let  
dark - ened in the vale of tears, then you will bet - ter know his  
be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re -  
noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your  
fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend  
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.  
 from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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*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: 6/30 & 7/1 - \$12,540 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,600). \$400 - FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.**  
**ATTENDANCE: 6/30 & 7/1 - 8:00 A.M. - 167. 10:30 A.M. - 219. 6:00 P.M. - 36.**

**In our prayers this week...**

1. Pastor Pechman and his family, as he begins his ministry at St. Paul's.



## This Week at a Glance:

Date	Service, Bible Study, and Meeting Times
Sunday, July 7	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	4:00 p.m. Pastor Pechman Installation
	5:00 p.m. Installation Dinner
Monday, July 8	6:00 p.m. Bible Information Class
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 9	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Open
	6:30 p.m. Church Council
Wednesday, July 10	6:30 p.m. Evangelism
Friday, July 12	8:00 a.m. - noon Office Open
	Timber Rattlers Game
Saturday, July 13	7:00 a.m. School Summer Cleaning
Sunday, July 14	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, July 15	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	6:00 p.m. BIC

## Grow with Christ

### Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- **Guest Preacher Today** - This morning we welcome back a son of the congregation, seminarian Sam Eickhoff, as our guest preacher. May the Lord continue to bless his preparation for full-time pastoral ministry!
- **Bible Class Today** - We are now in summer Bible study mode. We invite adults, teens, and children down to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to join us for study. Today we dive into the theological understanding of good works as articulated in Article IV of the "Formula of Concord", and how they relate to faith and salvation.
  - **Interactive Discussions:** Participate in thought-provoking discussions on the role of good works in the life of a believer.
  - **Grow in Faith:** Gain a deeper understanding of the relationship between faith and works, a central tenet of Lutheran theology.
  - **Community Fellowship:** Connect with others in a supportive and faith-filled environment.
  - **Practical Application:** Learn how to integrate the teachings on good works into your daily life and witness.

- **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.
- **Pastor Pechman Installation** - We are excited for this afternoon's Installation Worship Service for our new pastor, Pastor Brian Pechman, at 4:00 pm.

Following the service, we will gather together for a delicious meal including meatballs, broasted chicken, and salads. However, no celebration is complete without a sweet finish and refreshing drinks! Therefore, we kindly request your assistance in contributing desserts and beverages to complement our dinner.

We look forward to your presence as we warmly welcome Pastor Pechman and family to our community and celebrate this joyous occasion together.

Cost: Free-will offering basket. (cost for food will be around \$3-5/person)

Contact Luther Curia with any questions. [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)

## In Other News

1. **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.
2. **Funeral Planning Form** - Last month, we heard about the death (and resurrection!) of Jairus' daughter. We encourage our members to plan for the day each of us will fall asleep in death by preparing a testimony of faith for those left behind. You may also consider Scripture lessons and hymns that will relieve loved ones of the extra pressure of planning at that time and reassure them of our risen Savior's promises. There are paper copies of our funeral planning booklet in the member room.
3. **Building Security** - In recent months, there have been a few times that various doors around the church or school have been left open or unlocked overnight. If you or a committee you are on is using the building, please double check that the doors are securely closed and locked before you leave.
4. **Good Shepherd's Pastor Installation** - All WELS members of congregations in the Sheboygan River Circuit (this includes St. Paul's) are invited to attend the installation worship service and meal for Pastor Eli Steinbrenner on Sunday, July 14, at N5990 Country Aire Rd, Plymouth. The service will be at 3:00 pm and a meal will follow in the fellowship hall. For meal planning purposes, please contact Good Shepherd's secretary Nancy Rentmeester at [secretary@goodshepherdplymouth.com](mailto:secretary@goodshepherdplymouth.com) by June 30 if you intend to attend.
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 at this link or using the QR code by July 5: <https://forms.gle/ovMppQRY87DpyfgFA>.

Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575; [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)

6. **Member Assistance Meals** - When families in our congregation are going through a difficulty or transition of some sort (such as a health struggle or the birth of a baby), we try to offer them some meals for a few

weeks. If you would like to be notified of these opportunities to provide meals for others, please contact Megan Bramstedt at 920-627-3819 or [megan.bramstedt@gmail.com](mailto:megan.bramstedt@gmail.com).

7. **School Summer Cleaning** - on Saturday, July 13, there will be a school cleaning day starting at 7:00 am. We are seeking volunteers to help. We could also use extra buckets and step stools or ladders for this effort. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able. We plan to wrap up by about noon. If you are able to come, please sign up in the member room.
8. **Cancer Benefit** - Our sister in Christ, Wendy Reinemann, has been diagnosed for a second time now with breast cancer. All are invited to come to a benefit on July 13 from 11 am - 4 pm at Butch & Anne's Pine Grove, W3225 County Rd MM, Elkhart Lake. There will be a brat fry, bake sale, and other ways to support. All proceeds will go toward Wendy's medical expenses. If you are able to help with donations or volunteering time toward the event, please call Lynn at 920-207-8186. The phone number listed last weekend was incorrect. So if you tried to reach out to Lynn and haven't heard anything back, please try calling again with the correct number listed above.