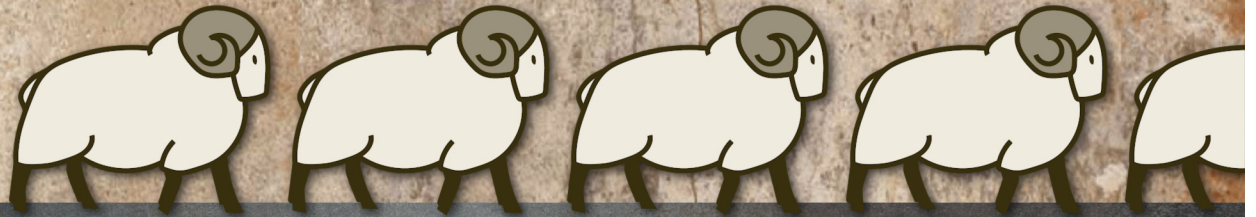


**FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST
ARE ARMED
AGAINST
THE DEVIL**

THE NEED FOR



FOLLOWERSHIP



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



IN THE NAME OF JESUS

THE THEME OF OUR WORSHIP:

The Need for Followership: armed against the devil. What is the worst war in human history?

One might point to World War II...which has the highest death toll of at least 90 million people. Or the Three Kingdoms War...which not only resulted in over 40 million deaths but also lasted for most of the third century. There is no end to the sad list of nominations: the

Thirty Years War...the Taiping Rebellion...the American Civil War...World War I. None of those is the correct answer. The worst war in human history has been raging since the first shot was fired in Eden. It is a war against "*spiritual forces of evil*" (Ephesians 6:12). It is a war

for souls. The reality is that there are demonic forces that want to do more than kill you; they want to claim you for all eternity. The good news: Christ has already called you his own and equipped you for this war. Followers of Christ are armed for the battle against the devil.

WELCOME! Thank

you for joining us for worship on this morning. At St. Paul's, you will find a worship service designed to praise God and increase people's faith. While all styles of worship take some getting used to, we hope you will find that the main message – the unconditional love Jesus has for us – comes through clearly.

PARTICIPATE. Many parts of our worship service are interactive. Feel free to sing along with the hymns and songs. There are also times in the service when Pastor and congregation speak back and forth. Please join together as you feel comfortable.

PARAMENTS. In Lutheran churches you often see paraments. These are the colored cloths with symbols on them hanging from the altar and pulpit. They change with the church seasons and celebrations as a visual reminder of what we are celebrating in our worship. Green is the color of life and nourishment...the basic color of nature. After reliving the great events of the life of Christ...the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers.

PERSONAL CONVENIENCES. For your convenience, restrooms are located down the hall to the right of the entrance into the sanctuary...feel free to ask for directions. Cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate mode so as not to disrupt others during the service. Thank you for your cooperation.

To help you focus while you join us for worship, take the time to eliminate as many distractions around you as possible. While we share the promises of God's Word with you, we encourage you to create community. Use the comment and chat areas to let others know you are worshipping with them. We may be separated by in-person or livestream worship, but we can connect with each other here for Christian support and encouragement.

WORSHIP NOTES

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

The Sundays after Pentecost comprise the longest season of the Church Year. After spending a half-year looking at Christ's life *for* us...we now spend a half-year looking at Christ's life *in* us. By the power of the Spirit working through the Word and Sacraments...Christ produces spiritual growth within us. That growth is symbolized by the green colors that drape the church for much of this season.



OUR WORSHIP SERIES

"We need better leadership!" Have you ever said that? You were frustrated because no matter how many resources an organization has, it will flounder if leaders do not lead well: providing direction...training...motivation...coordination...encouragement...and even grace. Leadership is extremely important. And so...there are times we lament, "We need better leadership!"

Jesus Christ is the leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. And his leadership is perfect in every way. Therefore, when things are amiss in any of those arenas...what is needed is not better leadership, but better followership. In this series, we ask Christ to empower us with his Spirit so that we might better follow his lead. May we better reflect the beauty of his life...better make his priorities our own...and better serve our God and neighbor.

THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP – FOLLOWERS OF JESUS...

15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 1 st	... <i>Obey the Word with Clean Hearts</i>
16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 8 th	... <i>Are Amazed by His Power to Save</i>
17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 15 th	... <i>Are Armed Against the Devil</i>
18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sept. 22 nd	... <i>Are Humble Servants</i>
19 th Sunday after Pentecost (<i>St. Michael & All Angels</i>)	Sept. 29 th	... <i>Have Powerful Allies</i>
20 th Sunday after Pentecost	Oct. 6 th	... <i>Know How to Love Their Families</i>
21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Oct. 13 th	... <i>Treasure Him Most</i>
22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Oct. 20 th	... <i>See Jesus by Faith</i>

O CHURCH, ARISE

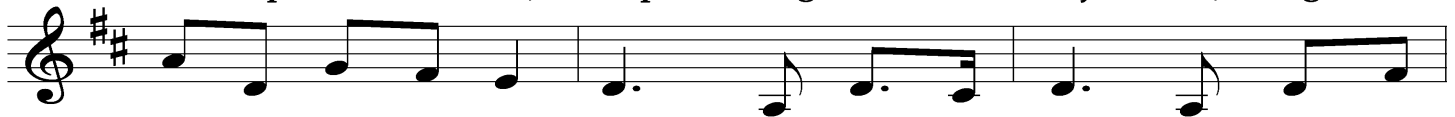
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Hymn Appreciation: *O Church, Arise* is yet another excellent modern hymn by Keith Getty. It has the aura of a hymn written three or four hundred years ago...yet was written in the 21st century. It's rich lyrics and fitting melody make it perfect for the Church's worship, and when sung in a full congregation...it has almost the same effect as Luther's *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. It is theologically sound focusing on our need to follow Jesus' perfect leadership. "When faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome is secure, and Christ will have the prize for which he died – an inheritance of nations."

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the
2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give—



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.
wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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

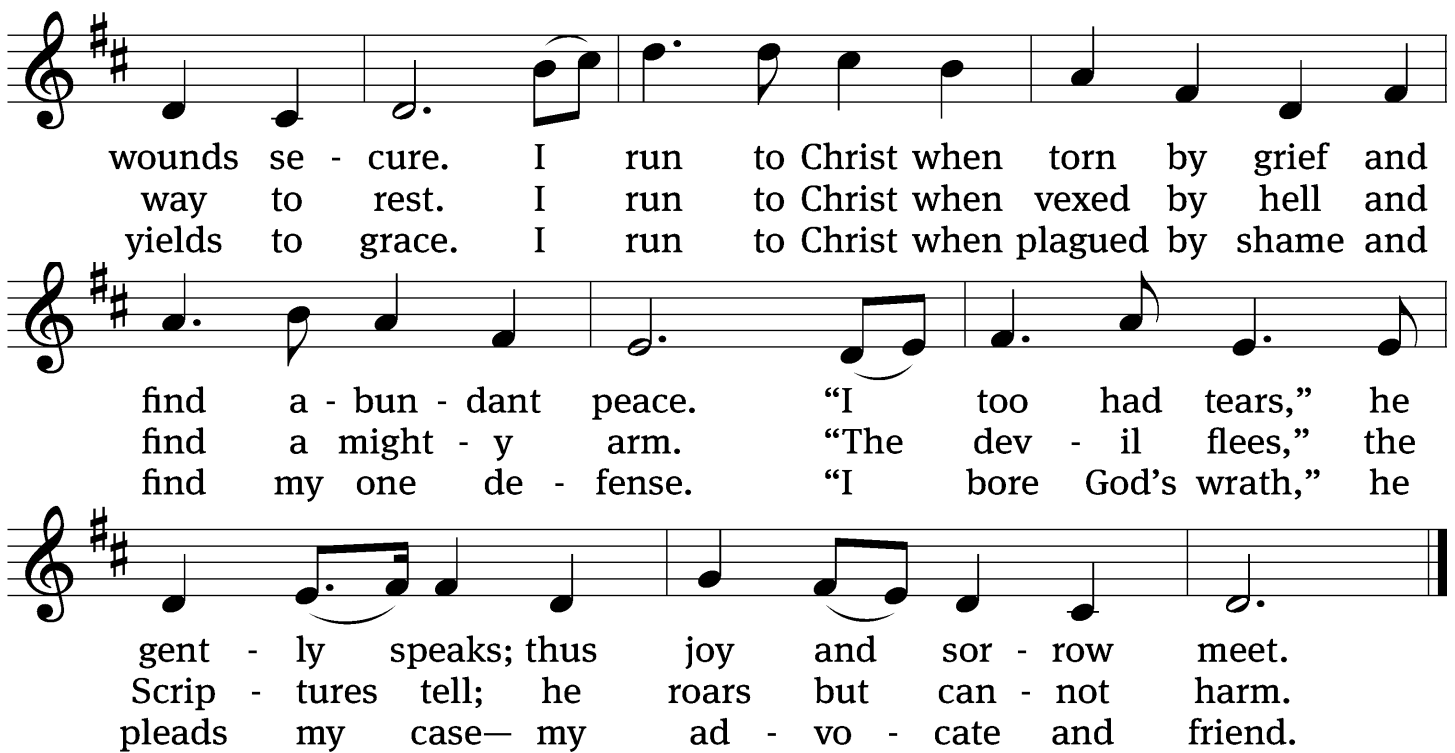
In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

I RUN TO CHRIST

CW 833

Hymn Appreciation: The Scriptures consistently point God's people to Christ as the solution to all problems. Our Lord answers our greatest need by providing forgiveness and freedom from sin. But he helps with lesser needs too. He gives hope, comfort and rest to us when we are dealing with the multifaceted consequences of sin. He gives hope to the bereaved husband...joy to the depressed student...strength to the weary mother as surely as he gives grace to the penitent sinner. Until Christ outlaws suffering at his return...he sustains us through it when we run to him. Whatever your need...run to Christ and find infinite help.

1 I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a ref - uge
2 I run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul re -
3 I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure es -
sure. "Be - lieve in me," his voice I hear; his words and
freshed. "Come un - to me," he calls thro' strife; fa - tigue gives
cape. "De - liv - er me," I cry to him; temp - ta - tion



wounds se - cure. I run to Christ when torn by grief and
 way to rest. I run to Christ when vexed by hell and
 yields to grace. I run to Christ when plagued by shame and
 find a - bun - dant peace. "I too had tears," he
 find a might - y arm. "The dev - il flees," the
 find my one de - fense. "I bore God's wrath," he
 gent - ly speaks; thus joy and sor - row meet.
 Scrip - tures tell; he roars but can - not harm.
 pleads my case— my ad - vo - cate and friend.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be Seated

FIRST READING

1 Kings 18:21-39

Our daily spiritual battles may not be as outwardly dramatic as Elijah's showdown with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Caramel was...but they are just as real. The victory we have in Christ is also just as real. Against the Almighty God, no enemy can stand. When we stand with the Lord...we will always stand victorious.

²¹Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him."
 But the people said nothing.

²²Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the LORD's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. ²³Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it

on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. ²⁴Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God.”

Then all the people said, “What you say is good.”

²⁵Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” ²⁶So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

²⁷At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” ²⁸So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. ²⁹Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

³⁰Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. ³¹Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” ³²With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. ³³He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.”

³⁴“Do it again,” he said, and they did it again.

“Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. ³⁵The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

³⁶At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. ³⁷Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”

³⁸Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

³⁹When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!”

Soloist: Nathan Meitner

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night. We will walk the valley with you by our side. You will go before us. You will lead the way. We have found a refuge, only you can save.

Refrain: Sing with joy now, "Our God is for us." The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress. Raise your voice now, no love is greater. Who can stand against us if our God is for us.

Even when I stumble, even when I fall. Even when I turn back, still your love is sure. You will not abandon, you will not forsake. You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace. *Refrain*

Neither height or depth can separate us, hell and death will not defeat us. He who gave his Son to free us holds me in his love. *Refrain*

SECOND READING*Ephesians 6:10-18*

As Paul concludes his letter, he tells us to be strong and tells us where strength happens. Looking to the Lord for our strength, he tells us to put on the panoply...the full armor with all its parts. Notable is the truth that it is God's armor.

The purpose of putting on the armor is so that we will be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

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

Mark 9:14-27

"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (verse 24). As faith and doubt battle in the same heart, a father asks for Jesus' help. When we find ourselves battling with unbelief or worry, doubt, grudges, and the like...speak this prayer to Jesus. Then hear his answer: "Everything is possible for one who believes" (verse 23). Why? Because Jesus has already done it. He perfectly healed that boy and perfectly fulfilled God's promises. He paid for our sins and lived our perfection.

¹⁴When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶"What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.

¹⁷A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

¹⁹"You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

²⁰So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"

"From childhood," he answered. ²²"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

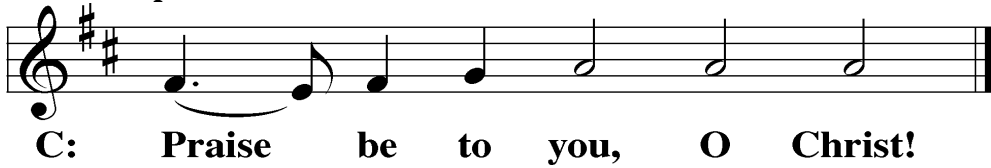
²³"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

²⁴Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Be Seated

STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

CW 872



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss.
forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
this day the noise of bat - tle, the next, the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my shall he lead
Ye that are brave, now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with prayer;
To him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be;



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
let cour - age rise with dan - ger and strength to strength op - pose.
where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

“Gear Up!”

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

CONNECT

We would kindly ask everyone to fill out a [Connect Card](#) now. If you are worshipping with us virtually, we kindly ask that you also fill out a digital Connect Card. What will be the “next steps” you can take as a response to the message you have heard today? You can also let us know how we can pray for you or ask for more information on one of the ministries or programs we are offering. Thank you!

OFFERING

If you’re visiting today...we’re glad to have you as our guest. Please don’t feel any obligation to participate in this part of the service. In fact...we hope you’ll consider this service our gift to you! This offering is an opportunity for those of us who are regular attenders to invest tangibly in what God is doing here. If you do wish to give an offering...please feel free to do so.

Giving Options:

- ♦ *Scan the QR code to the right.*
- ♦ *give your gift [online](#).*
- ♦ *via text message: text “GIVE” to 877.492.5452 and follow the text instructions*



Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

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

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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

ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

CW 869



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, join our hap - py throng,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
 broth - ers, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod.
 but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main.
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed, all one bod - y we,
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the King;



for - ward in - to bat - tle see his ban - ners go!
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 this through count - less a - ges saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

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

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Greg Johnson, David Wehrmann, Richard Steolb, Will Belitz.

10:30a.m. – Kevin Reinemann, Tim Reinemann, Jim Truttschel, Tyler Truttschel.

OFFERINGS: 9/08 & 9/09 - \$12,440 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,600). \$30 – MLHS SWEET CORN FEST. \$100 – GROWING FORWARD. \$250 – FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$75 – WELS WORLD MISSIONS.

ATTENDANCE: 9/08 & 9/09 – 8:00 A.M. – 192. 10:30 A.M. – 158. 6:00 P.M. – 48.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

- ◆ Evelyn Sprenger, celebrating her 98th birthday on September 19th.
- ◆ Thanks to God for the healthy birth of Zion Joseph Brey, son of Chris and Jenna Brey.
- ◆ Family of Jason Yancy, whose brother Paul died in a motorcycle accident this past week.
- ◆ Family of Erwin Eickhoff, who is close to being with Jesus in heaven.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Meeting Times
Sunday, September 15	8:00a & 10:30a Worship Services
	9:30a-10:15a Family Bible Hour
	12:00p-5:00p Harvest Room Reserved
Monday, September 16	6:00p Monday Night Worship
	7:00p Adult Choir
Wednesday, September 18	9:00a Bible Study
	6:30p School Board
	6:30p Officers
Thursday, September 19	6:30p Sunday School Staff Meeting
Friday, September 20	Family Movie Night
Sunday, September 22	8:00a & 10:30a Worship Services
	9:30a-10:15a Family Bible Hour
Monday, September 23	4:30p Trustees
	6:00p Monday Night Worship
	7:00p Adult Choir

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!


1. **Angels & Demons:** *“Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me”* - Luther’s Morning Prayer. Good versus evil is a reality in the world of angels and demons. There are as many misunderstandings as there are questions when it comes to what the Scriptures teach about this battle. Today we continue a Bible study on Angels & Demons. Join us in the Harvest Room to have your questions answered as we explore what the Bible has to say about angels, the fall of evil angels, the occult, and more.
2. **Child Care:** During Bible study and Sunday School, parents attending Bible class are welcome to let their little children (3 years and younger) stay in the 3K room (second room on the right in the Early Childhood wing) for child care, which is supervised by volunteers.
3. **Wednesday Bible Class | 2 Thessalonians:** Wednesday morning Bible class happens each Wednesday from 9:00-10:00a. After looking at 1 Thessalonians in the spring, we will tackle 2 Thessalonians this fall. Join us in the Harvest Room and learn more about perseverance in trials, standing firm on God’s Word when false teachings surround us, prayer, active Christianity, and more!
4. **Fall LWMS Rally:** The fall rally will be held Saturday, October 5th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1012 Wisconsin Ave., Kewaunee, WI. Join ladies from the Shoreline area to hear Missionary Keegan Dowling speak about WELS mission outreach in the continent of Africa. Registration is from 8:00-9:00a and the rally will be from 9:00a-12:00p. Lunch will be served following the rally.
5. **Seeking Jesus Women’s Retreat, Oct. 19th:** We’re excited to see the interest in Seeking Jesus, St. Paul’s full day Women’s Retreat. We recently opened registration to our sister congregations, so be sure to register as soon as possible.

Please consider inviting the women in your lives who could also benefit from a day dedicated to strengthening and nurturing their faith in our Savior. The retreat is from 8:30a-4:00p and includes an opening devotion, two keynote speakers, breakout sessions, beautiful music, food and fellowship.



To register, please use the QR code. Paper registration forms are also available in the church narthex. Completed registration forms can be left in the member room in the box marked Seeking Jesus. Registration closes today. Seeking Jesus postcards are available on the kiosk in the narthex. Please feel free to share them with friends and family.

Announcements & News

- 1. Join Our Adult Choir:** Are you looking for a way to share your love for music and worship? Come and be a part of our church choir! We meet for practices on Monday nights at 7:00p. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just love to make a joyful noise, our choir is a welcoming place for everyone from high school age and up. Our first semester of music runs through the Christmas season. It's a wonderful opportunity to grow as a musician, have fun, and raise your voice in praise to our incredible God! Contact Luther Curia with any questions: Luther.Curia@sphg.org
- 2. Double Kwik Trip Scrip:** During the month of September, take advantage of a 10%, usually 5%, discount on your Kwik Trip gift cards! Scrip can be purchased in between services or stop in the office to purchase. Exact cash or check are the accepted forms of payment.
- 3. St. Paul's Movie Night:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy "Despicable Me 4" this Friday. We'll have the gym set up for the occasion, with a huge movie screen. We've got dinner covered! Besides pizza, we will have a "Build Your Own Movie Snackbox Bar". For the adults, we will have Old Fashioneds as well as soda and water bottles. Register by using the QR code by September 16th. Hope you can join us! 
- 4. St. Paul's Pioneers:** Pioneers is starting in October! This first session we will focus on archery. We are looking for some help in teaching our kids more about archery. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mike Heilman at 920.698.1654.
- 5. Living Nativity Just Around the Corner:** Your mailboxes contain a flier explaining what our Living Nativity is all about. Two "needs" will be coming to you this week for our cast and crew. Please take a few minutes and check where you might want to help. Mark your calendars for our Kick-Off Breakfast on October 13th and Living Nativity on December 6th-8th, 2024. We also are in need of a few Committee Leaders: Nativity Display Coordinator, Gym Tree Trimmer, Child Care Coordinator, Parking Co-leader, Make Up Area.
- 6. St. Paul's History Committee:** The committee will meet on Wednesday, October 23rd at 10:10a in the library. During the year, the committee updated the names and years of MLHS graduates from St. Paul's. Our next project is a listing of St. Paul's members who graduated from Winnebago Lutheran Academy. If you graduated from WLA, please list your name and graduation year on a piece of paper and place it in mailbox G27 in the member room.
- 7. What is Mindful Moms?** Mindful Moms is a group designed to create connection opportunities for moms at St. Paul's and the surrounding community. Every Wednesday morning moms meet for Bible Study and a playdate in the Garden Gym.

Evening Mom's Night Out gatherings and summer playtime events also provide fun social opportunities to connect.

Are your children still in the infant stages? Come and enjoy getting out of the house for some adult interaction. Someone is even likely to offer to hold your baby for you so your arms can rest. Are your kids all in school already? We love gaining wisdom from how you survived the "little" years, and there's always more to be gained from diving into God's Word with other moms living the same real life situations.

Please email mindful.moms@stpaulshowardsgrove for more information on how you can connect with us or feel free to join "St. Paul's Mindful Moms" on Facebook for the most recent information on all our events and activities!

9. **Immunization Clinic:** On Sunday, October 13th, from 11:45a-1:30p, our member Adam Huth will offer influenza (age 3+) and COVID (age 12+) immunizations (through his employer Walgreens) in the Conference Room at St. Paul's. Though walk-ins are welcome, advance registration using the QR Code is appreciated and will ensure a time slot. People will need to bring a Vaccine Administration Record form (available in the member room) and insurance card (most insurances are accepted).
10. **Pastor Bode** will be attending the Symposium marking the 500th Anniversary of Lutheran Worship at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon on Monday and Tuesday this week. This two-day conference will revisit the Scriptural principles of Lutheran worship and how they are important in a variety of contexts.



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