

OUR RISEN LORD CALLS FOR R E P E N T A N C E





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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!

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.

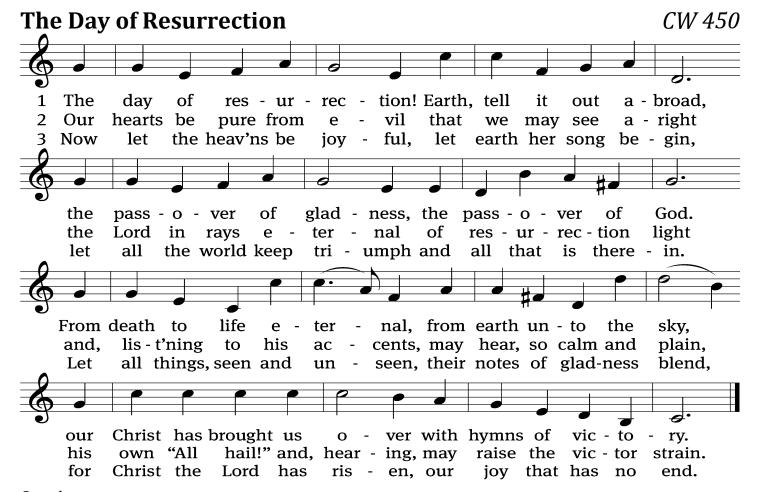
FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

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: The resurrection gives a completely new outlook on life. Our sins are forgiven. Our Lord's Word is affirmed. Our eternal hope is founded. Everything is new for us, including the new life we are to live. Turn away from the old habits that lead to death. Turn from the worldly attitudes in yourself. Turn toward your Savior in faith each day. Then, turn to your neighbors and share with them: "Our Risen Lord Calls for Repentance."

Communion Preparation: Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for worship and Communion are found on the inside cover of the hymnals.



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

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



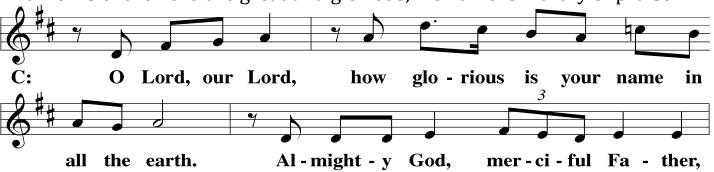
For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





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.



Be seated

FIRST LESSON Acts 3:11–20

After he healed the lame man in the name of our risen Lord Jesus, Peter proclaimed repentance to the onlookers.

11While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. 12When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. 14You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. 15You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. 16By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:5—2:2

John brings the message of truth: repenting of our sins and receiving the forgiveness from our Advocate's atoning sacrifice.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if

we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Stand

GOSPEL *Luke 24:36–49*

Our risen Lord opened his disciples' minds to understand the Scriptures and their message of repentance and forgiveness for all nations.

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

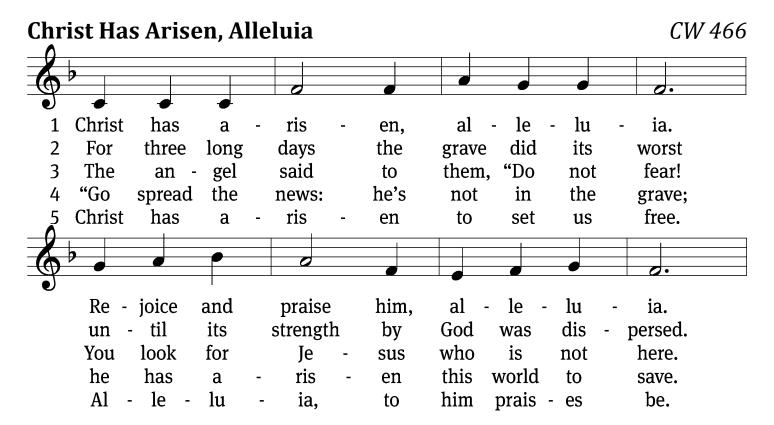
⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Be seated





SERMON Acts 3

This Story Has Legs!

To run through history – To turn around sinners – To bring about relief Stand

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

Special Prayers and the 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.

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



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Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

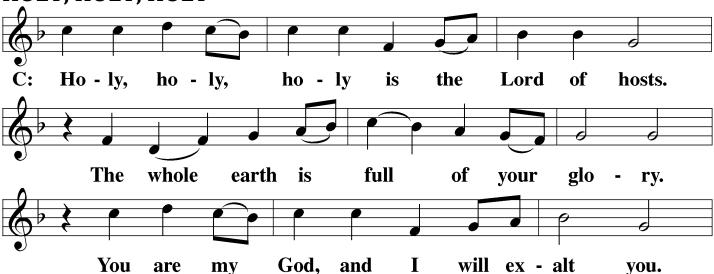
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

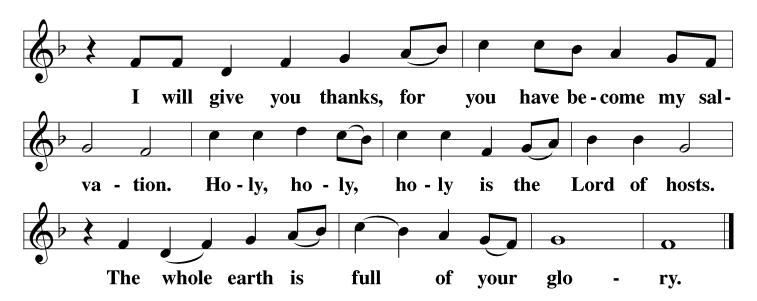


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:







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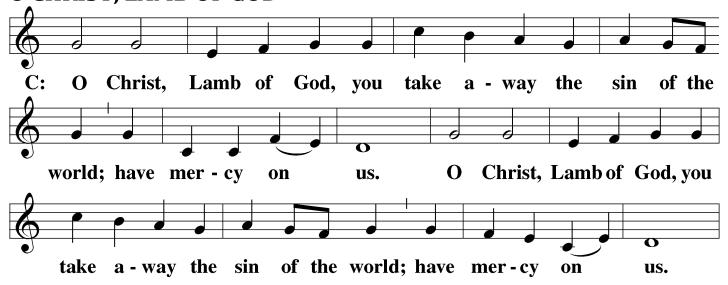
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

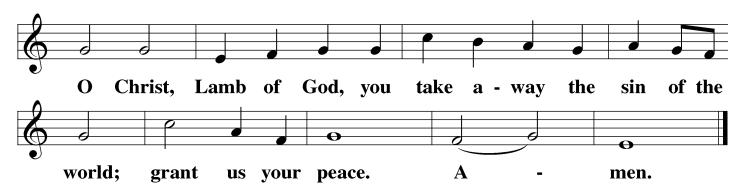
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

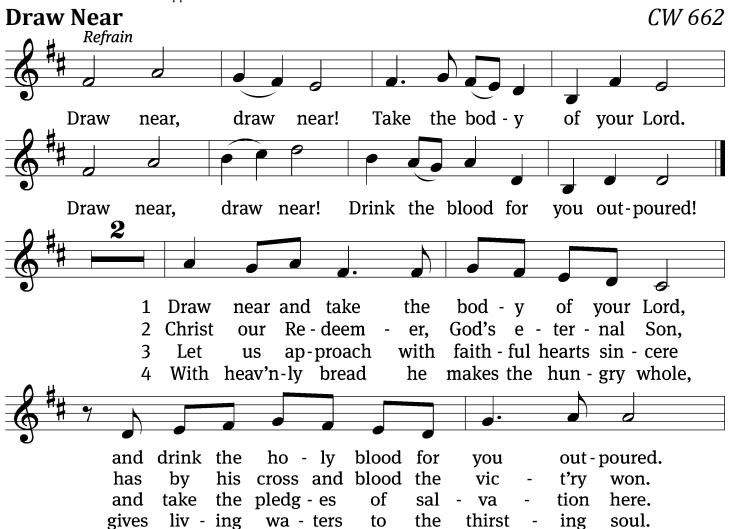


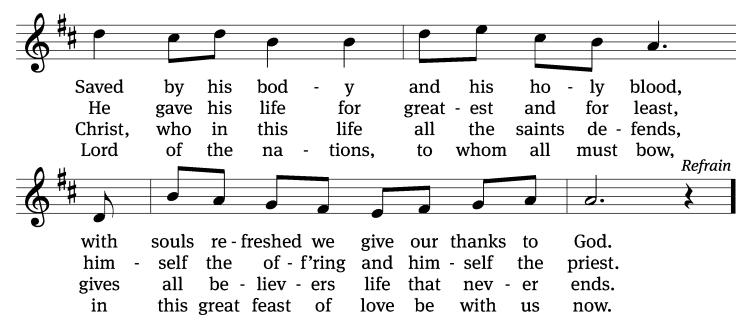


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Distribution

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: St. Paul's invites up to Communion instructed and confirmed members of this congregation and the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). If you are visiting us and are not a member of either, we would love to have you join us - just after we have established a shared faith in Jesus with you on the basis of God's Word. Please speak with one of our pastors after the service so we can make this happen.





Stand

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.

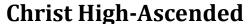
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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



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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

Presiding Minister and Preacher: Pastor Adam Bode

SERVICE ACCOMPANIST: Gillian Curia

COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Andy Sprenger, Dave Wehrmann.

10:30 a.m. - Steve Schueler, Larry Jaeger.

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

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Dan Radue, Austin Radue, Nick Binsfeld, Curtis Hanson.

10:30a.m. – Tom Ehrenberg, Logan Schroeder, Joe Grzonka, Jamie Hass.

6:00 p.m. – Will Belitz.

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: 4/7 & 4/8 - \$12,900 (needed each week \$19,200). \$75 Faith for the Future. \$5,000 Growing Forward.

ATTENDANCE: 4/7 & 4/8 - 8:00 A.M. -135.10:30 A.M. -142.6:30 P.M. -36.

In our prayers this week...

1. Carol Schuette recovering from a car accident.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, April 14	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:15 a.m 10:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	10:15 a.m. Garden Gym Open
	11:40 a.m. Voters Meeting for New Pastor Call
Monday, April 15	3:30 p.m. Garden Gym Open
	6:00 p.m. Monday Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
Tuesday, April 16	5:30 p.m. PTF Meal and Meeting
Wednesday, April 16	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:45 a.m. Mindful Moms Play Date
	3:30 p.m 4:00 p.m. Garden Gym Open
	3:30 p.m. Harvest Home Presentation
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Evangelism
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Saturday, April 20	9:00 a.m. Women's Retreat
Sunday, April 21	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship K-1st Sing Both Services
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	10:15 a.m 11:30 a.m. Garden Gym Open
Monday, April 22	3:30 p.m. Garden Gym Open
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 1. **Adult Bible Study -** Between services today in the Harvest Room we will take a walk with Jesus to Emmaus, studying Luke 24 and letting Jesus open our minds to understand the Scriptures.
- 2. **Wednesday Bible Study** Last Wednesday morning, we began our study of 1 Thessalonians. There was great application for regular prayer life, faith that goes into action, willingness to labor out of love, and holding onto hope to endure through difficult times. Come and be encouraged as we continue through this letter that helps us stand firm in the faith.
- 3. **LWMS spring rally** will be held on Saturday, April 20 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. Registration is 8-9 a.m. and the rally program will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with luncheon to follow. Pastor James Borgwardt will speak about home mission work in our district. Join the ladies of our area to celebrate missions!
- 4. **Confirmation -** On the first weekend of May, 13 young people will be confirmed in the faith at St. Paul's. God says that a person should be able to examine himself before taking communion. The examination service on Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 pm will allow the congregation to see that the confirmands are prepared to do this. This service is also a helpful review of the chief parts of the catechism. Here is the schedule for Sunday, May 5: regular worship services at 8:00 and 9:30 am, Confirmation worship service at 11:00 am with first communion for the confirmands. There will be Sunday School at the normal time, from 9:15-10:15; there will not be Adult Bible Class on May 5.
- 5. **May WELS Youth Night** St. Paul's will be hosting our next WELS Youth Night event, on Saturday, May 18th. See posters around the building for more details, and a QR Code to register. We will have a special guest speaker for this event. Pastor Bill Monday from 922 Ministries in Appleton will be presenting on LGBTQIA+ Matters. For questions about the event, contact Mike Leahy mleahy@live.com

In Other News

1. Call Updates:

a. The School Board decided in March to ask Greg Johnson to finish out this school year as the 3-4 grade teacher. We thank him for his willingness to serve in so many ways this year!

- b. Our Elders, together with Pastor Bode and Staff Minister Curia, have reviewed our church staffing needs and worked with our district leadership to plan a call meeting for another pastor. Pastor Bode will continue to serve as Associate Pastor but with a focus in the areas of Inreach, Worship, and Administration. On April 14 after the 10:30 service we will have a call meeting for a new Lead Pastor with a focus in the areas of Education, Outreach, Integration, and Congregational Direction.
- 2. **New Members -** We were blessed to have 19 students in our Bible Information Class this year. 14 from the class have joined and more are planning to join! We welcome Jacob Brunner, Matthew Brunner, Rick & Karla Hameister, Rayven Kalmerton, Matt & Kali Thiel and their children Hannah & Caleb, Andrea Wodrich and her children Rory & Brooke, and Ben & Jamie Englebert. Watch for more information on the new member board.
- 3. **Garden Gym Hours -** From April 8 through May 20, we will have some open gym times in the Garden Gym for St. Paul's members and for St. Paul's school families. It will be open on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 pm, Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 pm, and Sundays from 10:15 am until after late service for families who have attended early service and Family Bible Hour. The Garden Gym is for use by children ages 8 and under with parental supervision. It is expected that all posted regulations will be followed in order to properly care for the space and for those who use it.
- 4. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional ushers in certain months (like July) will soon be sent via Church Community Builder (CCB). Please sign up via a response to this request or by placing your name next to a vacant position on the "Usher List" in the Member Room. Please contact Will Belitz (920-693-8837 or Cellular 920-946-6617) as questions arise. Thank you for serving your congregation.
- 5. **Open Gym** A weekly open gym will soon be restarting. (This is intended as a primarily member event.) If there is a certain day that works better for your schedule, please contact Logan Schroeder at loganschroeder92@gmail.com.
- 6. **The 2024 weekly window washing schedules** for St. Pauls are printed and can be found in the member room. There is also a sign-up sheet to fill in some open dates. If you would like more information or need to be removed from the current schedule, please contact Trevor Wehrmann.

- **7. LWMS Mission Offerings** will be collected until Sunday, April 21. A box will be available in the narthex for cash or checks made out to LWMS Shoreline Circuit.
- **8. Arbor Day Clean-Up -** We are going to celebrate Arbor Day this year by inviting everyone that is able to help with spring cleanup around the outside of the church and school on Saturday April 27th, starting at 8:00am. Rain date is set for May 4th, same time, if needed. Please sign up in the member room or online with CCB to help get an idea of the number of people interested. Please only sign-up in one of those spots. Please contact Lee Eick, the Trustee in charge of the yards and grounds, with any questions.