

JESUS' INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISCIPLES



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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: *Meaningful Ministry: Jesus' instructions for disciples. As believers carry out gospel ministry, encouraging others to turn to Christ in repentance...people might push back. "What gives you the right?" Maybe we ask that question ourselves. "I'm far from perfect. So...what gives me the right to talk about things like sin?" This week we are given the answer to that question. "Jesus said so." When our God calls us to do ministry...he also gives us authority. In calling us to ministry, God isn't asking us to share our advice or our opinion or even our values. We are sharing God's own authoritative Word. Gospel ministry is conducted by believers but with God's own authority behind the effort.*

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.*

Welcome

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

CW 716

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

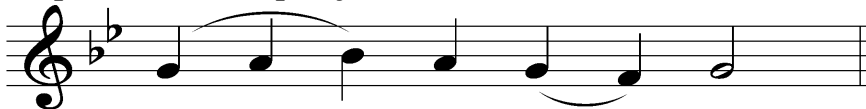
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son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



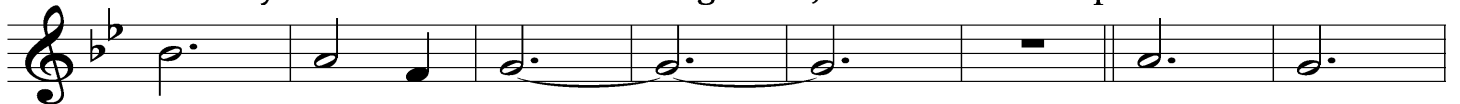
A - men.

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 -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
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.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O Lord, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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

Amos 7:10–15

The LORD instructed Amos, a shepherd from Judah, to preach a message of judgment in Israel.

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹For this is what Amos is saying:

“ ‘Jeroboam will die by the sword,
and Israel will surely go into exile,
away from their native land.’ ”

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Titus 1:5–9

The Lord instructs that preachers must be upright, disciplined, and faithful to his message.

⁵The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. ⁶An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷Since an overseer manages God’s household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered,

not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 9:35—10:8

Jesus sends his disciples out with his authority and his grace to share grace.

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

¹Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

“Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

CW 898

Sermon

Matthew 9:35-10:8

"Ora et Labora Impact"

Stand

Nicene Creed

**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 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

Words of Institution

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.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Be seated

Distribution

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: St. Paul's invited up to Communion instructed and confirmed member 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 that happen.

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

CW 667

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

O Christians, Haste

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COMMUNION HELPERS: 8:00 a.m. – Andy Sprenger, Tim Doro.

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

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

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Dale Bramstedt, Keith Leistekow.

10:30a.m. – Ted Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Zach Marten. 6:00 p.m. – Cameron Litt.

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: 7/7 & 7/8 - \$13,860 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,600). \$650 - FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. ATTENDANCE: 7/7 & 7/8 - 8:00 A.M. - 141. 10:30 A.M. - 142. 6:00 P.M. - 27. 7/7 INSTALLATION SERVICE - 275.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Meeting Times
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. Bible Information Class
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 16	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Office Open
	6:30 p.m. Ruth Grunewald Memorial
Wednesday, July 17	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Friday, July 19	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Office Open
Sunday, July 21	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
	9:20 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Family Bible Hour
Monday, July 22	4:30 p.m. Trustees
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	6:00 p.m. BIC

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **Bible Class Today** - 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 explore the crucial distinction between Law and Gospel as outlined in Article V, and how understanding this distinction shapes our faith and practice.
 - **Interactive Discussions:** Engage in meaningful conversations about how the Law convicts us of sin and the Gospel offers us grace.
 - **Grow in Faith:** Deepen your understanding of how God's Law and Gospel function in our lives and in the Church.
 - **Community Fellowship:** Connect with others in a supportive and faith-filled environment.
 - **Practical Application:** Discover how to apply the teachings on Law and Gospel in your everyday life and witness.
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. **GriefShare Program** opportunities at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 916 Pine St, Manitowoc:
 - Loss of a Spouse is a single session, 2 hour event to help people who have lost a spouse to death. We will show a 35 minute video by counselors and mental health experts with interviews of people who have lost their spouse to death. We will then take time to discuss what we saw in the video, although sharing is not required. Each attendee will be given a guide book to take notes and take home with other things that can help with healing from grief. Loss of a Spouse will meet on Wednesday August 14th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Immanuel. If you need further information, have questions or would like to register please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or verlinden@comcast.net. You can also get further information and register at the GriefShare website griefshare.org. Please register by August 5th so we can make sure we have enough guide books. There will be a charge of \$7 to cover the cost of the guide book. Please consider joining us!
 - GriefShare is a program to help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one whether recent or in the past. Each session is about 2 hours long. There is a short video on various topics presented by people who

have gone through the grieving process and by mental health experts. There is then group discussion time, though sharing is not required. Between each weekly session there is a workbook that has daily exercises that point you to God's Word and help you work through your grief. This program will be from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Wednesdays from September 4th to November 27th, meeting at Immanuel in the church office conference room. The entrance is across the covered area from the church entrance. If you are interested in more information or know someone who we should personally invite, please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or verlinden@comcast.net. You also can get more information or register at the GriefShare website griefshare.org. Please register by September 26th so we can make sure we have enough workbooks. We will be charging \$20 per person to cover the cost of workbooks. People are free to join our group at any time during the GriefShare cycle.

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 by June 30 if you intend to attend.
5. **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.
6. **First German is Hiring** - Do you enjoy working with children in grades 2-4? First German Lutheran School in Manitowoc is hiring an aide position. Working hours are approximately 7:45am-3:30pm. Starting pay is \$15.00 per hour. Please contact Peter Buege at pbuege@firstgerman.org or call 920-682-7021 ext. 101 for more information. We'd love to have you join our team!
7. **Travel with WELS Groups** Interested in traveling with other members of our WELS/ELS faith family where daily devotion and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer several trips in the coming months. Spend some time in Duluth and along the amazing Lake Superior shore in September. Embark on a 2-week trip to Texas via America's Heartland in November. Or, ring in the New Year on a Caribbean cruise to visit and encourage our WELS missions in St Lucia, Grenada, and Antigua. All trips originate in MN (New Ulm or Twin Cities), have options to fly-in and meet the group, and are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza (steve@fathersworldtours.com or 507-217-1731).
8. **St. Paul's Early Childhood** is seeking a dedicated individual to provide after school care for our 3, 4 and 5 year old children. Join the fun in the afternoons from 3-5:30 PM. For more details about this rewarding, paid position or an application, call or text MeLissa Wieting at 608-617-7040. *Applications will be accepted until July 31st.*

9. **July Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 7/29 @ 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