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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.

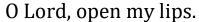
St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (3K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Worship Focus: Summer is the time of year when many people try to get some time away and find a little rest and relaxation. Yet with this event and that trip they often find themselves even more tired than when they began. Today, Jesus offers his disciples rest after they returned from his mission to preach and heal from village to village. Yet this was so much more than a vacation. It was quiet time alone with him to be truly refreshed in their soul. Jesus still sends spiritual leaders to his people, and again to us this weekend "The Shepherd Offers Rest."

Welcome

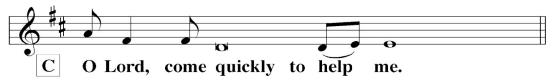


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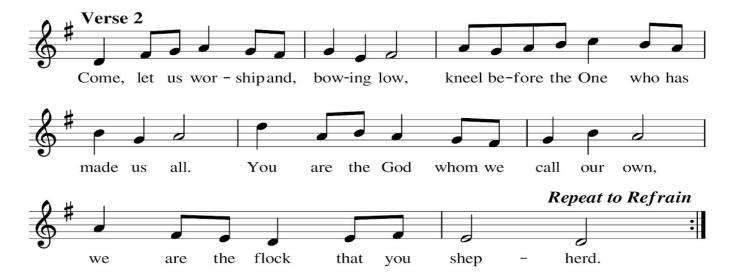


Hasten to save me, O God.









Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness, and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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 Lesson Jeremiah 23:1–6

The LORD would give his people rest from destructive shepherds and raise up a righteous Savior.

¹"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ²Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. ³"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

5"The days are coming," declares the LORD,

"when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

a King who will reign wisely

and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus the Shepherd of My Soul

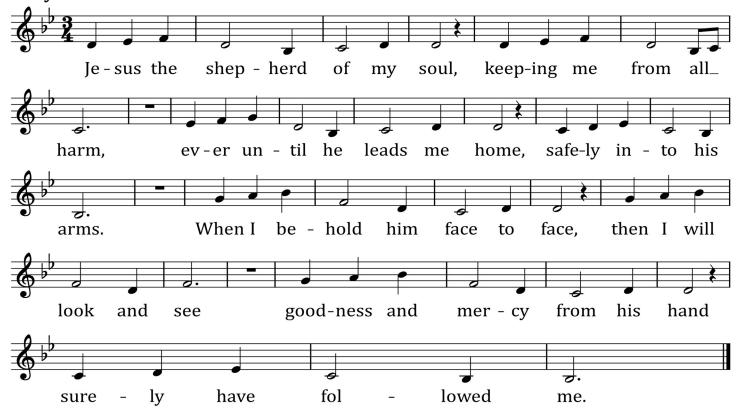
Psalm 23

The LORD is our shepherd who refreshes and rescues, guides and gives eternal rest.

Led by Duet

Soloist: Jesus, the shepherd of my soul, all of my needs supplies, by living waters gives me rest, keeping me by his side, bringing my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, leading me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

Soloist: Jesus, the shepherd of my soul, when in the valley deep, death like a shadow hides my way; still you are leading me. I will not fear the darkest hour, faithful you will remain, comforting with your rod and staff, driving my fears away.



Soloist: When I behold him face to face, then I will look and see goodness and mercy from his hand surely have followed me.

Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-21

 $Submit\ to\ your\ leaders\ that\ bring\ you\ rest\ in\ the\ great\ Shepherd\ of\ the\ sheep;\ imitate\ their\ faith\ and\ do\ his\ will.$

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

²⁰Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:30-34

Jesus offered much-needed rest to weary ministers and to confused crowds.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³²So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

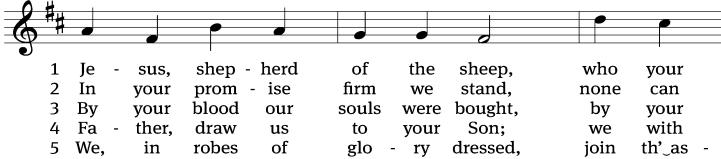
The Gospel of the Lord.

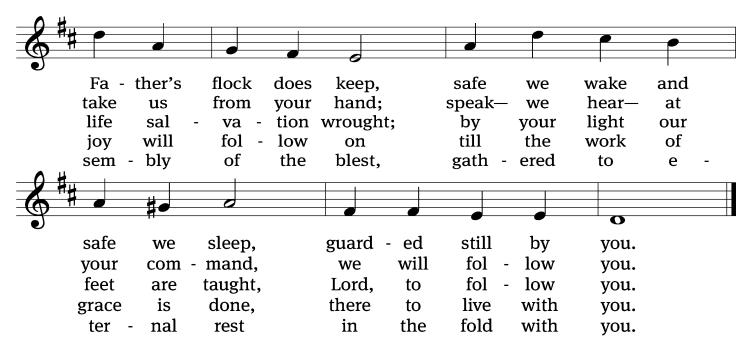
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

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Sermon Jeremiah 23

The Right Leader for the Flock

I. Punishment for the evil II. Pasture for the scattered III. Protection in his name



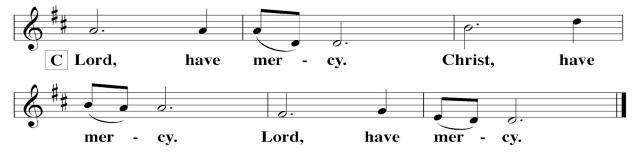


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Be seated.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.



Let us praise the Lord.



The Lord bless and keep you.



The Lord's face ever shine upon you.



The Lord grant you peace for all your days.





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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

Presiding Minister and Preacher: Pastor Adam Bode

SERVICE ACCOMPANIST: Gillian Curia

MUSICIANS: Pastor Adam Bode, Paschal Curia, and Bev Gumm **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: 7/14 & 7/15 - \$19,050 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,600). \$300 - FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. <math>\$1,225 - GROWING FORWARD.

ATTENDANCE: 7/14 & 7/15 - 8:00 A.M. - 206. 10:30 A.M. - 155. 6:00 P.M. - 41.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Meeting Times
Sunday, July 21	8:00a & 10:30a Worship Services
	9:20a-10:10a Family Bible Hour
Monday, July 22	4:30p Trustees
	6:00p Monday Night Worship
	6:00p BIC
Tuesday, July 23	9:00a-1:00p Office Open
Friday, July 26	8:00a-12:00p Office Open
Sunday, July 28	8:00a & 10:30a Worship Services
	9:20a-10:10a Family Bible Hour
Monday, July 29	6:00p Monday Night Worship
	6:00p BIC
	7:00p Bonfire

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. Delve into the teachings of Article VI of the *Formula of Concord*, which focuses on the Third Use of the Law, guiding Christians in living a godly life.
 - Interactive Discussions: Engage in meaningful conversations about how the Law convicts us of sin and the Gospel offers us grace.
 - *Grow in Faith:* Participate in thoughtful discussions about how the Law functions to instruct believers in their daily walk with God.
 - *Community Fellowship:* Connect with others in a supportive and faithfilled environment.
 - Practical Application: Learn how to apply the teachings of the Third Use of the Law in your daily life and Christian 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. **School Staff Installations:** On Sunday, August 18th, three called school staff will be installed: Jennifer Hacker (3rd-4th Grade), Greg Johnson (Administrative Vice-Principal/Intervention Specialist), Pastor Norv Kock (afternoon Principal Relief Teacher).
- 4. **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 5:30-7:30p 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 5:30-7:30p 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/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. **Church Picnic**: We're hoping you can enjoy some food, fellowship, and fun with your St. Paul's family Sunday, August 18th from 11:30-2:00p.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy a festive atmosphere filled with the rich flavors and sounds of Germany: bier, wein, kraut, wurst, etc. A prize will be given for the most festive German attire, so dress the part! There will be fun for the whole family!

Does your Oma have an amazing German potato salad recipe? Prove it, and make her proud! We're looking for German potato salads and beverages. Thanks for considering if you're able to bring something to share.

Cost: Free-will offering basket. Please register by Monday, August 12th so that we have enough food for you. :)

Please register using this link: https://forms.gle/HtAfYBiVJb5mXsjs6 or by calling the office by Monday, August 12th so that we have enough food for you. :) Contact Luther Curia with any questions: Luther.curia@sphg.org

- 2. **Zach Unke in Concert:** We hope you can join us Sunday, August 4th @ 3:00p as we welcome Christian piano composer and performer Zach Unke in concert. The event is free and open to the public, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors.
- 3. **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.
- 4. **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 3:00-5:30p. 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.*

- 5. **First German 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 7:45a-3:30p. Starting pay is \$15.00/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!
- 6. **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).
- 7. **July Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 7/29 @ 7:00p 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