STAY WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE

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I Am the Bread of Life

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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.

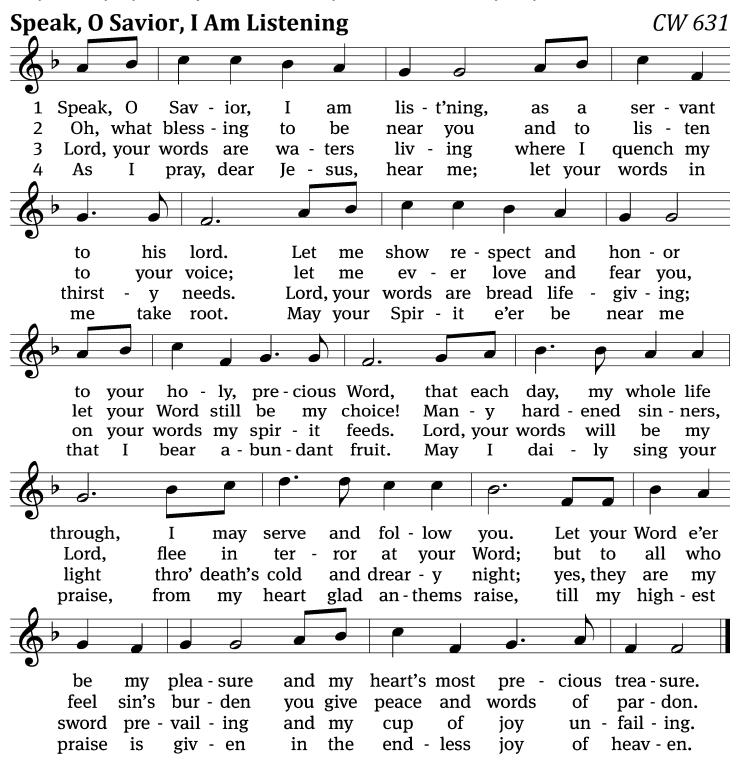
FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

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: There are so many choices to make with food! Should I spend more money on organic or other options that are supposed to be healthier? Should I eat more small meals or fewer large meals? Which restaurant should I try on a special occasion? Should I stick with a see-food diet, or try something a little more regulated? Jesus made it clear that no one can choose to believe in him or come to him. That is the Father's work to draw us and Jesus' words with the Spirit to give us life and faith. Yet today, Jesus leads us to let all our choices as his followers lead us back to him. Where else would we go? "Stay with the Bread of Life."

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

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

Confession CW 188

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.**

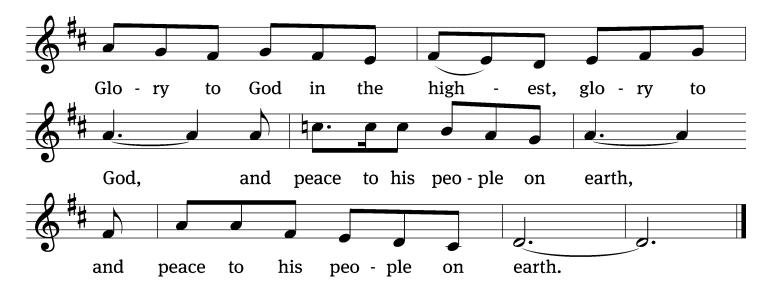


For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.









THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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

Joshua 24:1-2,14–18

Joshua urged the Israelites to follow his lead as he and his household stayed with the LORD and served him only.

¹Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

²Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.

¹⁴"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Your Words Are Wonderful

Your words are wonderful, unfolding like the dawn, a wellspring and the rock we rest upon. We trust your promises that keep our hope alive. They steady us throughout life's weary climb.

Where else can we go? You have the words of life.

Come write your holy truth upon our longing hearts, and strengthen us to shine against the dark. Lord, guard us from the lies the enemy will speak. No guilt remains for those you have redeemed.

Refrain: Where else can we go? You have the words of life. Make your glory known through all your words of life.

Give us ears to hear and eyes to see. Help us in our doubt and unbelief. Refrain

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:24-28

By faith, Moses stayed with the Lord, the God of his people, even though it meant suffering and disgrace.

²⁴By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

The congregation will join to sing.

Refrain





Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GospelWhen many of Jesus' disciples turned away from him, Peter was determined to stay with Jesus, the Bread of Life.

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

⁵²Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of

them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

⁶⁶From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



Sermon *Hebrews 11*

Faith's Decisive Actions Taking sides – Taking steps

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,

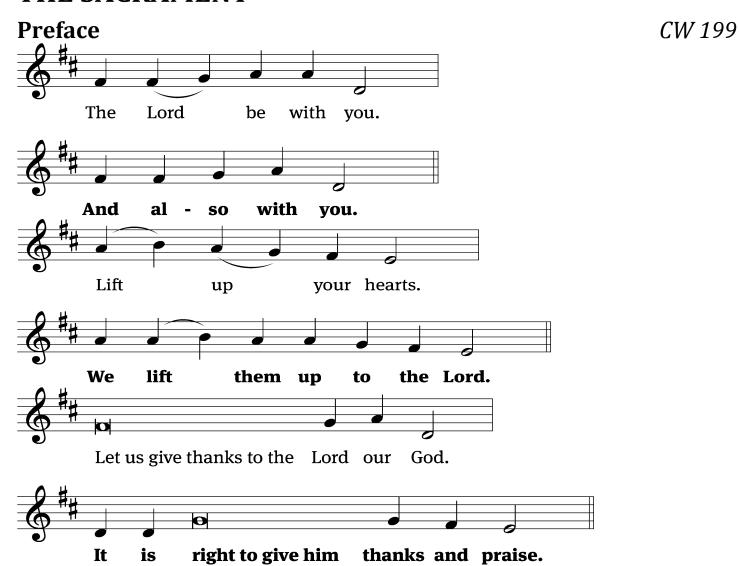
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

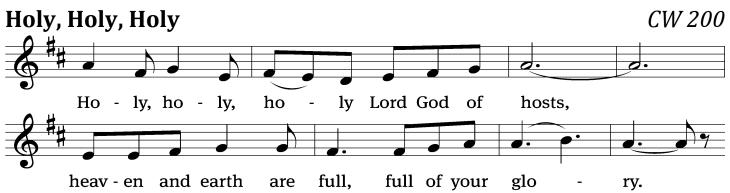
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

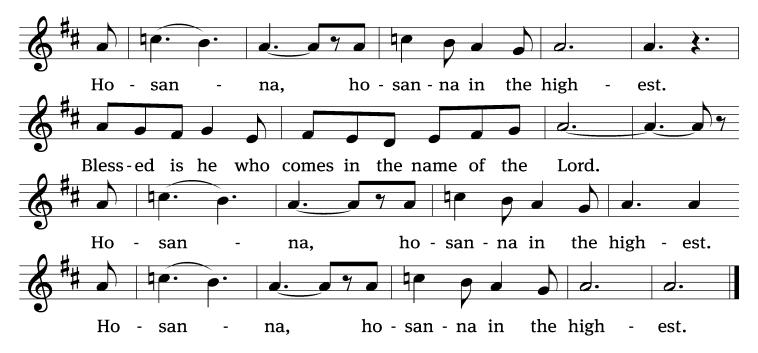
THE SACRAMENT



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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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.

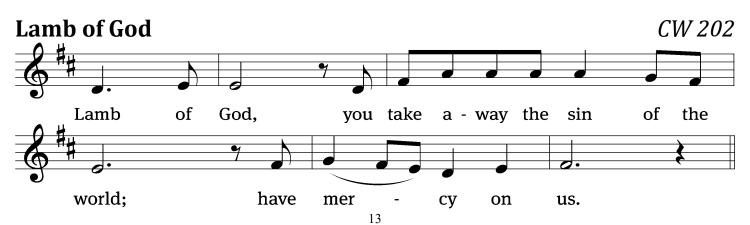
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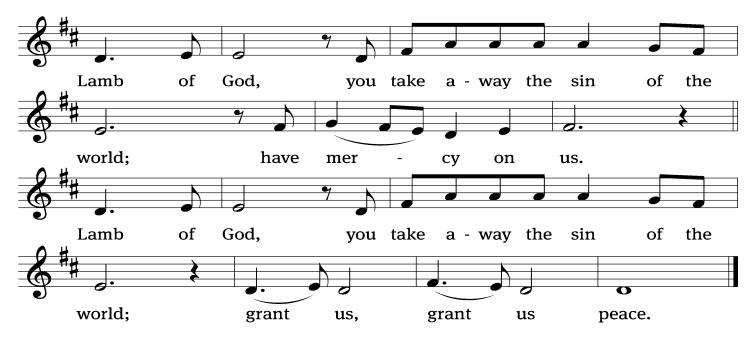
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.

Amen.

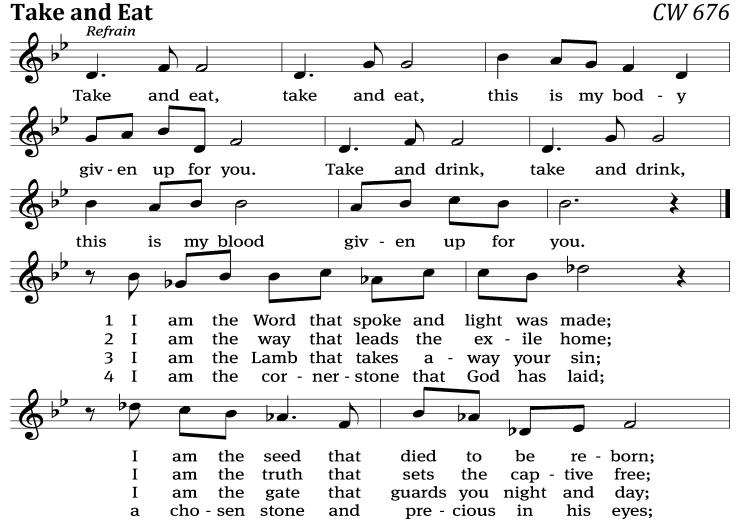


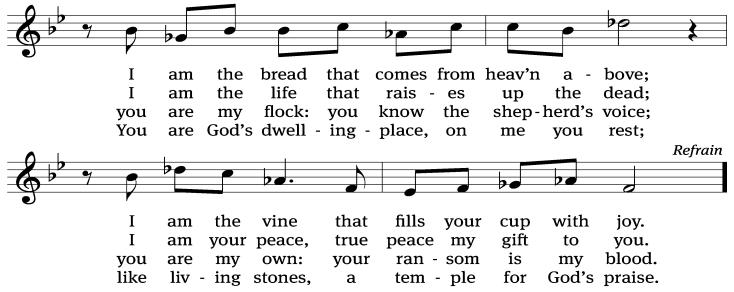


Be seated

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 that happen.





- I am the light that came into the world;
 I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
 I am the Morning Star that never sets;
 lift up your face, in you my light will shine. (Refrain)
- I am the first and last, the Living One;
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;
 I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
 you are my bride, come to the marriage feast. (Refrain)

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.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

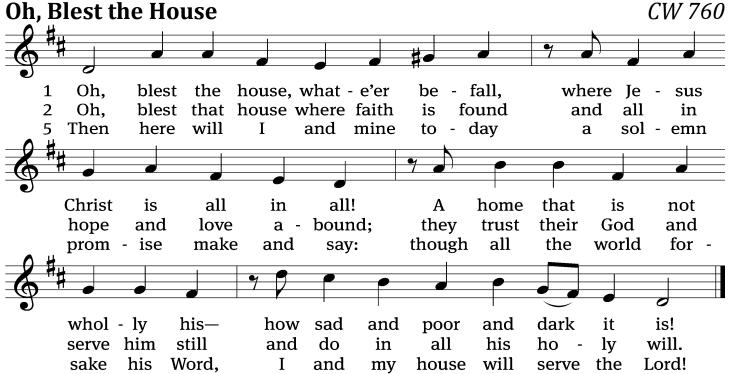
Blessing

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.



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

ALTAR GUILD: Ione Prange, Mary Ann Hahn, Lori Wehrmann.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Tim Doro, Tom Damrow, Derrick Hermann, Scott Schomberg.

10:30a.m. - Kevin Mueller, Larry Schomberg, Nathan Ledvina, Jeff Ledvina. 6:00 p.m. -

Dennis Sprenger, Trevor Meyer.

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: 8/18 & 8/19 - \$16,950 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$2,350 - GROWING FORWARD. \$500 - SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE: 8/18 & 8/19 - 8:00 A.m. - 167. 10:30 A.m. - 217. 6:00 p.m. - 40.

In our prayers this week...

- 1. Debbie Schueler to undergo hip replacement Monday.
- 2. St. Paul's Early Childhood and Martin Luther College starting classes Monday.
- 3. Howards Grove Public Schools starting classes Monday.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Meeting Times
Sunday, August 25	8:00a & 10:30a Worship Services
	9:20a-10:10a Family Bible Hour
Monday, August 26	4:30p Trustees
	6:00p Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, August 27	6:30p Catechism Orientation
Wednesday, August 28	6:30p Elders
Friday, August 30	No School Office Closed
Sunday, September 1	8:00a & 10:30a Worship Services
	9:20a-10:10a Family Bible Hour
Monday, September 2	No School Office Closed
	6:00p Monday Night Worship

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 1. **Bible Class Today:** We are still in summer Bible study mode. We invite adults, teens, and children down to 3rd grade to join us for study. This weekend, we will look at Article XI of the *Formula of Concord*, which focuses on Predestination. Come and learn more in the Harvest Room between services this morning.
- 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. **Catechism Orientation:** Parents and young adults in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th are asked to attend a Catechism orientation meeting Tuesday @ 6:30p. We will be meeting in the Harvest Room. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce you to St. Paul's catechism curriculum for the upcoming year, walk you through how the program works, and answer some frequently asked questions. If you have any additional questions, please be in touch with Pastor Pechman.
- 4. New Bible Classes Kicking Off: Mark your calendar for these upcoming classes.
 - On September 8th, we will begin a new Sunday morning Bible Class unit on Angels & Demons. Who are these powerful spirits? Should we be afraid of them or thankful for them? What does the almighty Lord use them for? Come and find out more at this class!
 - On September 11th, we will resume our Wednesday morning Bible class from 9:00-10:00a. Since we looked at 1 Thessalonians in the spring, we will continue with 2 Thessalonians this fall. Come and learn more about perseverance in trials, standing firm on God's Word when false teachings surround us, prayer, active Christianity, and more!
- 5. **Sunday School Registration:** Sunday School for the fall kicks off on September 8th! It will be held each Sunday from 9:15-10:15a. The theme for this year is "The Lord is our Salvation!" We are now enrolling students from 8th grade down to potty trained 3-year-olds. To help us prepare materials and teaching staff, please use the QR code here or click on the link on our website to register. If you would like to invite a neighbor or friend, feel free to grab a couple fliers from the member room.
- 6. **Seeking Jesus** Women's Retreat: Join us on Saturday, October 19th for our *Seeking Jesus* Women's Retreat from 8:30a-4:00p. This full-day retreat includes an opening devotion, two keynote speakers, breakout sessions, beautiful music, fellowship and lunch. We hope you can join us for an enriching day, getting to know other women and growing in God's Word together. Registration fee is \$35. You may register with the QR Code below, you will also find paper registration forms in the member room. If you have questions please speak with Lisa Marten, Amanda Bode or Renee Mueller.

Keynote Sessions:

Amber Albee Swenson "It's Getting Noisy in Here" Naomi Schmidt "Listening and Living at Jesus' Feet"

Breakout Sessions: choose 2

Amber Albee Swenson "Seeking Jesus in a Noisy World"
Naomi Schmidt "The Impact of Jesus"
Anna Wallander "How God Wants Us to Love Our Temple"
Andrea Fischer "Navigating Mental & Emotional Wellness as a Christian"

Announcements & News

- 1. **MLHS "Sweet Corn Fest":** This annual event is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation August 25th. So we know how much to pick, please sign up in the member room by August 19th. On Saturday, August 24th, we will need a few helpers to travel to the farm in Morrison to pick the corn. We will leave St. Paul's about 8:00a and should be back by 10:00a. If you are able to help, contact Jim Van Alstine. (920.889.1225) To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 2056 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$200 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for over 15 years and much of the just over \$250,000 that has been awarded has been raised through the "Sweet Corn Fest" each summer. Thanks for your support in the past and we hope you can participate in this great program again this year!
- 2. **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, starting September 9th. 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
- 3. **Save the Date:** The Activities Committee invites you to enjoy "Despicable Me 4" on Friday, September 20th, starting at 6:00p. 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. More information will be coming soon. Hope you can join us!