



Treasure  
God's  
Kingdom

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a  
Congregation in the Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus** as **our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you!

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Returning for worship:** We are following Sheboygan County's guidelines for capacity and distancing. Door handles and pew backs are cleaned prior to each service. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. Bathrooms will be available. All responses and songs are printed in your bulletin, which should be taken with you or discarded after worship. Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes in the narthex.

**Communion** is offered in worship on the 2nd and 4th weekends. Members who are not yet comfortable returning to worship with the pandemic may schedule a communion appointment with one of the pastors.

**DVDs:** There will be a small number of DVDs of this weekend's worship service available to be picked up from the office. They will be ready by Monday afternoon. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you take one.

**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 (pre K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.**



## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

*The "Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. This order may be used as an alternative to "The Common Service" when Holy Communion is celebrated.*

**This Week's Focus:** *Our lessons today show people who have come into great wealth, but this earthly wealth only serves to illustrate where true treasure lies. Today we see that true, spiritual wealth can only be found in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ.*

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### OPENING HYMN

*All Depends on Our Possessing* | 421 v. 1, 3, 5

- 1 All depends on our possessing  
God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken  
In their God are not forsaken  
And e'er keep a dauntless heart.
  
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting  
Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.
  
- 5 If on earth my days he lengthen,  
He my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in his grace.

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Because we are all sons and daughters of the Lord, we are called by him to repent of our sins. Let us go before our God and ask for his forgiveness. (*Acts 17:29-30*)

**HYMN** *Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults* | **398 v. 1**

*Soloist:*

Lord, we confess our num'rous faults, how great our guilt has been,  
How vain and foolish all our thoughts, how deeply stained with sin.

**M:** The Apostle John declares, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Together, we confess our sins. (*1 John 1:9*)

**C:** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Cleanse me and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.** (*Psalms 51*)

*Silent Confession*

**HYMN** *Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults* | **398 v. 2**

*Soloist:*

It's not by works of righteousness which our own hands have done,  
But we are saved by God's free grace abounding through his Son.

M: Having confessed your sins, hear the good news of our salvation, “the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. Dear children, your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.” (1 John 1:7, 2:12, 5:11)

**HYMN**                      *Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults* | 398 v. 3, 4

**ALL:**

**3 It’s from the mercy of our God that all our hopes begin;  
It’s by the water and the blood our souls are washed from sin.**

**4 Raised from the dead we live anew; and, justified by grace,  
We shall appear in glory, too, and see our Father’s face.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray. O God, you make your power known by showing mercy. Grant us your grace always to enjoy your heavenly Treasure, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

**[10:30] SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

*Ayden Horne*

**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

*1 Kings 3:5-12*

*Solomon treasured wisdom to govern God’s people more than riches or long life.*

<sup>5</sup>The Lord appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

<sup>6</sup>Solomon said, “You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. <sup>7</sup>O Lord my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not

know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. <sup>9</sup> Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?"

<sup>10</sup> In the eyes of the Lord, Solomon's request was good. <sup>11</sup> So God said to him, "Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, <sup>12</sup> therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you."

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

## *Matthew 13:44-52*

*The kingdom of heaven is a treasure worth more than all we have and worth sharing with others.*

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. <sup>49</sup> That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. <sup>50</sup> And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>51</sup> Jesus said to them, "Did you understand all these things?"

They answered him, "Yes."

<sup>52</sup> He said to them, "Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Where Your Treasure Is | 757*

The soloists will sing the verses.

The congregation will sing all the refrains.

*Refrain*

Where your treas-ure is, there your heart shall be.

All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you

free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from

me. Where your treas-ure is, your heart shall be.

- 1 What do you gain from all your worry,  
What you should eat or what to wear?  
There is no peace in stress or hurry.  
Do you not know that you are held within God's care? *Refrain*
- 2 Look at the ravens high above you.  
They do not work their whole life through,  
And yet God feeds them and protects them.  
So how much more will God protect and care for you? *Refrain*

- 3 Behold the lilies on their splendor.  
In grace and beauty they are dressed,  
And yet so soon their bloom is faded.  
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed? *Refrain*
- 4 O little flock, do not be frightened;  
Yours is the kingdom of the Lord.  
Give your possessions to the needy;  
Obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored. *Refrain*

**SERMON**

*1 Kings 3:5-12*

*Ask the LORD for Wisdom  
Mercy - Humility - Generosity*

*Please 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 fully 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.**

## **OFFERING**

*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 during scheduled office hours, or given online.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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 BENEDICTION**

**M: 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: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory | 523 v. 1, 4*

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On your people pour your pow'r;  
Crown your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore,  
Serving you whom we adore.

## PASTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

## THE SACRAMENT

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

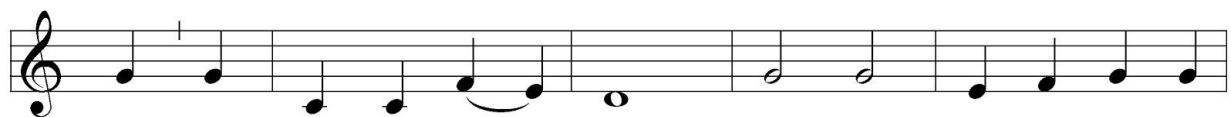
M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



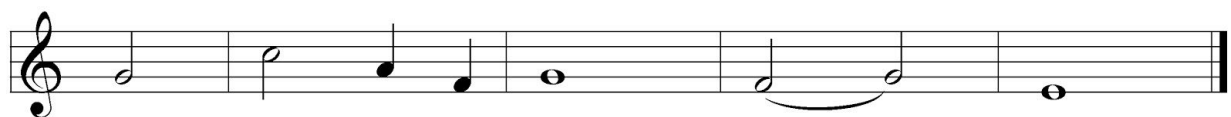
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated.*

**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.*

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*Members are free to depart after receiving the Sacrament.*

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