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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

Worship during these times: We offer distanced seating on one side of the sanctuary. We also encourage compliance for all who are able to wear a face covering to honor God's representatives in our state government. Door handles and pew backs are cleaned between Sunday services. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. 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 each month on the 2nd and 4th weekends. Members who are not yet comfortable returning to worship during the pandemic may schedule a communion appointment with a pastor.

DVDs: DVDs of our worship services can be made per request. Please contact the office to make arrangements. 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 request 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.

Today's Worship Focus: *Lord, keep us joyful in Christ our King! On this last Sunday of the Church Year, we rejoice in the fulfillment of God's plan for our salvation through Christ our King. And we rejoice because Christ our King reigns—the king who once came as a sacrifice; the king who still shepherds us day by day; the king who one day will conquer all our enemies. Rejoice in his reign and look forward to the day when every knee will bow with us before the King of kings and Lord of Lords!*

OPENING HYMN

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus | 351 v. 1, 3, 4

- 1 Hail, O once-despised Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King!**
You have suffered to release us, Hope to give and peace to bring.
Hail, O universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame;
By your merits we find favor; Life is given through your name.
- 3 Jesus, heav'nly hosts adore you, Seated at your Father's side.**
Crucified this world once saw you; Now in glory you abide.
There for sinners you are pleading, And our place you now prepare,
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.
- 4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing You are worthy to receive;**
Loudest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
Help, O bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits; Help to chant Immanuel's praise.

Please stand.

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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.**

M: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come. (*Revelation 1:8*)

C: **We come to worship the one who rules justly.** (*2 Samuel 23:3-4*)

M: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! (*Revelation 1:5*)

C: **Bread of Heaven, God with us!** (*John 6:51, Matthew 1:23*)

M: Good Shepherd, True Vine! (*John 10:11, John 15:1*)

C: Eternal Word, Great I AM! (*John 1, John 8:58*)

M: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (*Isaiah 9:6*)

C: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!
(*Revelation 19:16*)

ALL: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (*Revelation 1:6*)

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God calls us to be his children and to live in his kingdom. Let us come before our King and confess our many sins.

C: Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that “Jesus is King,” we have failed to bow our knees before him. Instead, we have granted our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world, setting up earthly thrones for ourselves. Forgive us for not bending and shaping our stubborn wills to honor you, the Ruler of all nations. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession, and grant us grace that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. Through your Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Amen.

M: Through the crucified body and blood of Christ the King, we have been given a pardon from God. “For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (*Colossians 1:13-14*)

We join with all the saints in heaven and on earth, proclaiming Jesus as Savior of all.

HYMN

Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus | 351 v. 2

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on you were laid;
By almighty love anointed, You have full atonement made.
Ev'ry sin has been forgiven Through the power of your blood;
Open is the gate of heaven; We are reconciled to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed King of all creation. Unite all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, under the glorious and gentle rule of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Our risen King will reign and return to raise us and destroy death.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

DUET

O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me. I see his wounds, his hands, his feet. My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid him down in Joseph's tomb. The entrance sealed by heavy stone. Messiah still and all alone.

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord our God. O praise his name forevermore. For endless days we will sing your praise. Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again. O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King.

Refrain

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing Son shall pierce the night. And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

Refrain sung by duet once.

All join in refrain twice:

O praise the name of the Lord our God, O
praise his name for - ev - er-more. For end - less days we will
sing your praise. Oh Lord, oh Lord our God. O

Duet: Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 27:27-31

Our King endured mocking and crucifixion so that we would have life.

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again.

³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Crown Him with Many Crowns | 341 v. 1-3

- 1 **Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**
- 2 **Crown him the Lord of love -- Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.**
- 3 **Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

SERMON

Matthew 27

This Is Your King!

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 in the office, or given online.



Please stand.

SPECIAL PRAYERS AND 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 SACRAMENT

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.

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.



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.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table | 310

- 1 I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 12 With you, Lord, I am now united; I live in you and you in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 13 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
- 15 My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Please stand.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

M: 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.

CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns | **341 v. 4**

**4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.**

Be seated.

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OFFERING: 11/15 & 11/16 - \$17,401. (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$15,700.) \$200 - DEBT

REDUCTION

CHURCH ATTENDANCE ON 11/15 & 11/16: 131 - 8:00AM SERVICE. 86 - 10:30 AM SERVICE. 32 - 6:00PM MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

In our prayers this week...

1. John Marten was admitted to the hospital this week for testing. Please keep him in your prayers.

Weekly Announcements

1. **Sunday Bible Study Series: Relationships:** The Bible Study will continue Sunday, November 22 in the sanctuary as we explore what Jesus and his Word teach us about relationships. Bible study begins at 9:20 and will be livestreamed.
2. **The office will be open** Monday and Tuesday from 7:15 am - 4 pm. You can contact Erin at: secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
3. **Thanksgiving services** will be Wednesday, November 25, at 6:30 pm and Thursday, November 26th, at 9:00 am. God will let us in on the Thanksgiving secret! The Wednesday evening service will be livestreamed.
4. **The Church Monthly Newsletter** was sent out on Friday. Please check your email and mailboxes for the newsletter.
5. **Children's Christmas Service Program & Recording:** The service outline can be found online. Printed copies will be sent home with St. Paul's School families. Sunday School families can find their copies in their member mailbox. Extra copies are available in the office. The recording for students of St. Paul's School will be done during the school day. Sunday School families can sign up for a time that works well for your family. The recording schedule and sign-up form are online. As there won't be any in-person practices, early preparation is extremely important. Thank you for helping your student(s) memorize their lines ahead of time! Children should also come to the recording wearing their Christmas best. Forward any questions to Luther Curia: 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
6. **Christmas Car Parade:** The Stewardship Committee is planning a Christmas Car Parade for the residents of Harvest Home on Saturday, December 12. All decorated cars will meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m., and we will be done by 11:30. We'd love to have as many cars involved as possible! Please register your vehicle for the event by December 6 online. Besides the parade, we are also planning on dropping off a basket of goodies for each house: DVD of Christmas greetings, Christmas cards, Christmas yard decor, cookies from Johnston's Bakery, and a small gift for each resident. *We're excited to be able to drop off a DVD and gift for all of our St. Paul's shut-ins, not just those at Harvest Home!* If you'd like to make a small donation to help defray the costs for these items, please drop it in the office. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
7. **Christmas Car Parade/Shutin Christmas Gift Needs:** We'd love to share personal Christmas greetings from our members with the residents of Harvest Home and all of our St. Paul's shut-ins. We're asking every family to consider sending a family picture by the Christmas tree or a short video (family saying "Merry Christmas from the ___ family", child reading a short Christmas poem, family singing a favorite carol, etc.). These can be sent via email to luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org by December 4.

8. **Crafts-Men's Bible Study** Being a man of God in the modern world is difficult: never quite finding the right balance between work/family/friends/personal time in the Word, feeling pressure in the workplace, facing our own inadequacies. Join your brothers in Christ as we strive to become Craftsmen of God: skilled at navigating the challenges of this world, equipped with God's perfect, unchanging Word. **Bible Study Focus:** Building Godly Character; **When:** Tuesdays, Nov. 24-Dec. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.; **Where:** St. Paul's Commons; **What to Bring:** your Bible & 2 bottles/cans of your favorite craft beer (or bottle of wine) to share during the study (optional)
9. **Sunday School** continues this weekend from 9:15 to 10:00 am. Procedures and registration available online.
10. **Wednesday 9:00 am Bible Study** looks at a book called Prepared to Answer. Join if you like, we meet in the commons and spread out. [**We do not meet the day before Thanksgiving.**]
11. **Thursday evening Bible study** continues on the topic of Law and Gospel. We spread out for our meeting in the commons. [**We do not meet on Thanksgiving day.**]
12. **Women Writing the Word** This week we studied Galatians 5:22-23. Which fruit of the Spirit are you going to focus on this week, and why? Why can we always be joyful? Read John 15:5. Those who remain in Jesus will bear much fruit! Join our journaling plan and Slack discussion at any time! Contact Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) for information on how to get connected.
13. **Men's Bible Study Developing...**men, looking for feedback on a Friday 6:00am weekly Bible study. The approach would be a *top of the news* style study, where we would look at top or trending issues for the week across the spectrum of culture, science, technology, history, nation, and world and apply Scriptures to it. If interested, please speak with Pastor Mueller. *Update: so far six people have contacted me.*
14. **MLHS Sunday** - The Manitowoc Lutheran High School Lancer Singers will be here to glorify God and encourage us in song for both worship services on Sunday, December 6. We are blessed and thankful to partner with MLHS and to have this wonderful secondary Christian education option available for our teens.
15. **Living Nativity** –Although the Living Nativity is cancelled for this year, we wanted to still draw people together through a viewing of the event. From December 4-6, you can gather the family together in your home and view the 20 minute video through our website.
16. **Forward in Christ Subscription:** Payments and forms are due by Monday, November 23. Please contact the office with any questions.
17. **Both the Boy and Girl Pioneer** groups will meet at least once a month starting in January. The schedule will come out in mid-December. **January's meeting will be a winter campout!** In a heated chalet. The Lutheran Boy Pioneer group will meet again once a month (or more) typically in the commons at St. Paul's Lutheran School. The Lutheran Girl

Pioneer group will meet once a month (or more), if we can get one or two ladies to lead/help with Girl Pioneers, we will definitely have separate meetings. If not, we may consolidate some meetings. Our pioneer meetings this year will be on Monday night again starting at 6:30 and going until 8 pm. These meetings will be for Boy and Girl Pioneers from First to Eighth Grade. Meetings will be fun, informative, and run with God's guidance. For the Little Pioneers (Kindergarten) I will be having special fun meetings that are just for them. If you would like to sign-up your child there is still plenty of time, contact either Mike Heilman at 920-698-1654 or the St. Paul's Lutheran school office. Again we are looking for one or two women to help lead the Girl Pioneer group, and one man to help with the Boy Pioneer group. If interested, please speak with Mike or call him at 698-1654.

18. **Lutheran Boy Pioneers:** The Boy Pioneers are taking orders for Christmas wreaths. Although we may not be having as many in person meetings, we do support the Pioneer national organization which provides us materials for working with the boys and girls. The wreaths are 24" natural pine, decorated with pine cones and a red velvet bow. The price again is \$19.00 and helps support the Pioneer activities. The order sheet is located in the library/member room. Wreaths will be available for pickup at church on Sunday November 29th.
19. **Food Drive** - We are inviting members to participate in a food drive for the Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items to the member room. Donna Wieland will pick up the items on Sundays November 15 and 22 to deliver them to the pantry. Galatians 6:10 - "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..."
20. **Take a Trip to Israel!** Pastor Mueller is leading a trip to Israel/Jerusalem in January of 2022 (with three other pastors). Official dates are January 11-20, 2022. There are only *twenty* remaining bus seats available! With four pastors coming and promoting the trip means securing a seat sooner than later is optimal. I have *thirteen* registered and a number still very interested! Paperwork is available in hardcopy or email from Pastor Mueller: pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org, 920-207-2316.
21. **A New Bulletin Board** was built and installed on the wall by the kitchen. Thank you to Matt Boenisch for making the seven foot wide board for us! The new board will show pictures of our leaders on the various boards so members can see who is serving them. The new bulletin board replaces a smaller one which had info on Wells in Africa.