

— Drive Out Sin



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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a
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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!

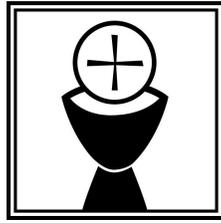
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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. Contact surfaces such as door handles 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.



THE COMMON SERVICE

Today's Worship Focus: *Through the Sundays in Lent, we see our Savior conquer amid our struggles. He defeated the devil's temptations in the desert with God's powerful Word. He rebuked Peter for trying to deter him from going to the cross for us. Today we see Jesus put God's house back in order for humans who continually corrupt it. God is serious about all his law and commands. Jesus took that seriously and fulfilled them in our place so that we might be free to live according to his Spirit. Jesus, continue to drive out sin among your people!*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

God Himself Is Present | **224**

- 1 God himself is present— Let us now adore him
And with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple— All within keep silence,
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone On his throne
Is our God and Savior; Praise his name forever!**
- 2 God himself is present— Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
"Holy, holy, holy" — Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow your ear To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises That your Church now raises.**
- 3 Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in your merit.
Like the holy angels, Worshipping before you,
May I ceaselessly adore you.
Let your will Ever still
Rule your church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.**

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: As 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:

1 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. (*Psalm 51*)**

Silent Confession

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

Soloist:

2 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: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray. O Lord, you gave the Law so that even in our sin we might know your will for our lives, and you gave us your only Son to cleanse our lives of sin. For his sake, forgive us and renew us, so that we may serve you faithfully; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

The LORD, who delivered the Israelites from slavery, commanded that their lives be free of all sin.

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

Please stand.

M: The Gospel according to John chapter 2.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple and pointed people to the real Passover sacrifice.

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated.

- 1 The law of God is good and wise;
It sets his will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
But dooms to death when we transgress.
- 2 The law is good, but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sins to die
And has no pow'r to justify.
- 3 Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And seek relief before too late.
- 4 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at his throne,
Saved by his grace through faith alone.

SERMON

Exodus 20:1-17

Love Like This
*The depth * The weight * The freedom*

Please stand.

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

Special prayers inserted here

M: Heavenly Father, we praise you for your love displayed in Jesus Christ. That love won us to faith and motivates us to godly living.

C: **Your love is why we responded with prayer and offering.**

M: We praise and thank you for the tremendous response of your people. To date, your people have pledged and gifted _____!

C: **We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

M: Use this to further your kingdom. To that end, Lord bless our leaders, our people, our plans and decisions going forward. Send us your wisdom and the Spirit of unity.

C: **We have grown forward together. Bless us as we go forward together, which is why we join to pray as one:**

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.

Be seated.

SERMON HYMN

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways | **462**

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!**
- 2 Order my footsteps by your Word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.**
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way,
Restore your wand'ring sheep.**
- 4 Make me to walk in your commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.**

Please stand.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. may we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



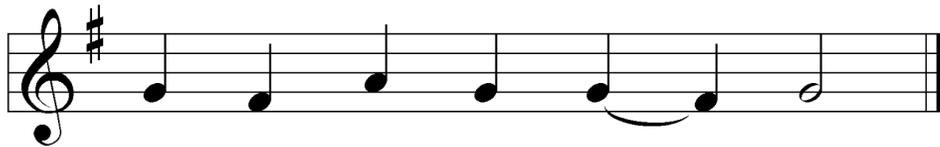
C: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

Praise to You and Adoration | 470

- 1 Praise to you and adoration,
Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve your own creation,
Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may
From your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding
Follow where your steps are leading.
- 2 Hold me ever in your keeping;
Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping
Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for you,
And my faith and hope renew
In your birth, your life, and passion,
In your death and resurrection.

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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller

SUNDAY PIANIST: Luke Bramstedt

MONDAY PIANIST: Megan Bramstedt

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Nack, Lisa Specht, Ione Prange.

USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Peter Hahn, Ray Nasgovitz, Paul Nasgovitz, Gary Bauer, Dan Kuether.

10:30 a.m.-Dennis Eirich, Wallace Gierach, Mark Kolosovsky, Bill Maas, Aaron Maas.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: 2/28, 3/1, & 3/3: 8AM SERVICE - 159, 10:30AM SERVICE - 107. 6:30PM SERVICE - 14. MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE - 124.

In our prayers this week...

1. The family of Richard Kuether, Sr., who was called to be with Jesus in heaven early this week.
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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Office hours** are Monday-Friday 7:15 - 4:00. You can reach Erin at secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
2. **Zechariah Returns** - for one more Sunday. We weren't able to wrap things up last Sunday so today will be our finale along with closing applications.
3. **Evangelism Bible Study** - Sunday mornings beginning March 14, a new study will begin in the gym. Since our congregation is planning to expand ministry to share the gospel with more people, we also want to equip each of our members to be active sharers of the gospel. Join us to search God's Word on the why, how, where, when and who of talking to others about our Savior Jesus.
4. **Mindful Moms** - Join us March 10 at 8am for Muffins and Meditations - Hymns for Her. This 20 minute study will focus on hymns from different seasons of the Church Year, who wrote them and how God uses them to bring his encouraging truth to us still today. Activities provided for kids. Then come play with us on March 17! All moms with school age children and younger are invited for a fun playdate talking about the Weather! Playdates are at 10am in the gym.

5. **The Growing Forward Capital Campaign:** Thank you everyone for your support - in prayer, in encouragement, or in donation/pledge! Thank you to all who participated in the cottage meetings. These formal or virtual cottage meetings have ended. Please join me in thanking: Corey Schroeder, Jim Van Alstine, Thomas Cameron, Kathleen Eickhoff, and Eric Eickhoff for their oversight of this campaign. In worship today the total pledged amount along with any donated amounts will be revealed [some cash gifts have already been received]. We will first thank God for all this in the prayer of the church. Following the service congregational leaders will come forward and give further details and direction forward.
6. **Sunday School Planning:** This semester we have Sunday School with a class for 1st-2nd graders, 3rd-4th graders, and 5th-6th graders. 7th-8th graders are encouraged to join in the next youth group class, likely after Lent. We are not able to have the little ones in PreK or K in-person this semester due to COVID mitigation procedures. We do offer remote Sunday School for PreK and K. To register for remote Sunday School, please speak with Pastor Bode. For further inquiries into our Sunday School program, please speak directly with Pastors Mueller or Bode.
7. **Easter Flowers:** We are approaching the Easter season and would like to adorn our sanctuary with spring plants on Easter Day. A printout list of the plants available will be displayed on a table in the narthex starting on March 7th. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one, it will be printed in the weekly bulletin.
If you care to help beautify our church please sign up and write a check or pay cash to the Altar Guild. All plants will be tagged with your name and taken care of until pick-up. They will be available for pick-up after the Monday evening service.
If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Perronne at 920-838-4307.
8. **Lent worship:** The season of Lent continues with a Wednesday evening worship series focusing on the "Hands of the Passion". Whether they were lifted to bless God's chosen people or to stone God's chosen prophets, hands in the Bible are rarely noticed but always in action. Our series explores the many roles hands played during the Passion History, from waving palm branches to nailing our Savior to the cross. Due to the ongoing climate with the pandemic, the Church Council has decided to forego the lenten suppers this year.
9. **The St. Paul's Car Show** will take place August 14 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2 with food trucks serving from 11-2. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. More info to come over the next months. Mark your calendar!
10. **St. Paul's Variety Show:** Don't forget to tune in to the St. Paul's Variety Show Friday, March 5 @ 6:00 p.m. There are a number of fun acts and also opportunities to learn more about the passions of some of our St. Paul's family.
11. **Crafts-Men's Monthly 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 for our first monthly Bible Study as we strive to become Craftsmen of God: skilled at navigating the challenges of this world, equipped with God's perfect, unchanging Word. When: Thursday, March 11 @ 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)

MLHS Announcements

1. **Call Update:** On February 27th the MLHS Federation called Pastor Aaron Jensen of St. Stephen, Adrian, MI to teach in our Theology department. He is married and has three young boys. Pastor Jensen graduated from the Seminary in 2015. He originally hails from Watertown, WI. Thank you for your prayers for Pastor Jensen and his family, his current ministry, and for your high school!
2. **Open House at MLHS:** March 11th from 4-7PM. This is a great opportunity to learn about MLHS, meet our staff, and take a guided tour of our campus. Please share this with any friends or neighbors that might be interested in learning about MLHS.
3. **MLHS Spring Showcase:** We are so grateful for the opportunity to safely gather in 2021 at our Spring Showcase! Like we planned for 2020, Spring Showcase will include a plated dinner as well as a live & silent auction and entertainment by Riley Haupt. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 and proceeds from the event will benefit PROJECT LEAD THE WAY COURSES (STEM). We hope that you will be able to join us on Saturday, March 20th at Knox's Silver Valley. For details go to: www.mlhslancers.org/showcase2021. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates. Thanks again for the continued support of your Manitowoc Lutheran High School!
4. **MLHS Spring Musical-The Enchanted Bookshop Musical:** An ordinary used book shop by day, A Likely Story becomes a magical place each night. Thanks to a spell from the Book Fairy, the characters inside the books come alive each and every night. The general public is asked to tune in on the MLHS YouTube channel. The show will premier Saturday, March 27th at 7:00pm and will be available to view until Sunday, April 4th at midnight. To access the performance, simply go to YouTube and search for "Manitowoc Lutheran High School."
5. **JUNIOR LANCER BASKETBALL:** Registration is OPEN! This is for boys grade 5-8 and girls grade 7&8. Simply go to www.mlhslancers.org/juniorlancers and click on Junior Lancer Basketball to learn more and/or register.
6. **JUNIOR LANCER BASEBALL:** Registration is OPEN! This is for boys in grade 7 & 8. Simply go to www.mlhslancers.org/juniorlancers and click on "Junior Lancer Baseball" to learn more and/or register.
7. **MLHS SCRIP UPDATE:** SCRIP IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS! How amazing and what a blessing SCRIP has been to MLHS. To honor this anniversary the MLHS SCRIP department will be having weekly drawings for a \$25 Gift Card and monthly drawings for \$100 Gift Card. Some exclusions apply. Visit www.mlhslancers.org/scrip to learn more today! Offer runs from now until December of 2021!
8. **REPEAT PERFORMANCE RESALE STORE: FUN FACTS:** In 2020, Repeat Performance sent MLHS \$150,000 to the General Fund and \$10,423 to Tuition Assistance. We also were closed 104 days due to the COVID 19 virus. Current hours of operation are Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 1:00. Donations are accepted Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 12:00. Please watch our Facebook page for our sales of the week. We so appreciate the donations we receive and our customers that shop. To learn more about Repeat Performance visit www.mlhslancers.org/repeat or watch the video.
9. **DISCOUNT CARDS AVAILABLE:** Raising Money for MLHS Athletics! Due to the inability to have concessions this year, Friends of the Lancers (FOL) is selling two different discount cards. Choose either a Local/Dining or Festival Foods/Buffalo Wild Wings discount card or both. Discount cards can be purchased at the main school office, SCRIP office, or online! If you purchase online they will be mailed to you. The cost for each discount card is \$20 and \$15 comes back to FOL! Thank you for supporting your Lancer athletic programs! Visit www.mlhslancers.org/discountcards to purchase the discount cards online and have them mailed to you. Thanks for your support!