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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. 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.



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

This Week's Focus: *During the season of Lent, we follow Jesus as he endures our struggle and overcomes. He overcame the devil's temptations in the desert and resisted Peter's pressure to avoid the cross. He cleansed the temple so that it could once again be a house of prayer. And today, he corrects the Pharisee in all of us to abandon our confidence in our own works. The whole reason Jesus came was not to enable us to save ourselves. He came to be lifted up so that all who believe in him will not perish but have eternal life. We are saved through faith!*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee | 402

- 1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide.
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

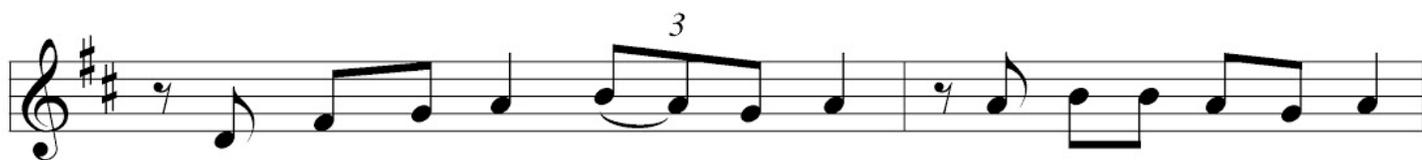
M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Eternal God, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son into death for our sin. Take our lives, Lord, and use them to lift up your Son so that all will be drawn to him and find eternal life, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated.

THE WORD

LESSON

Ephesians 2:4-10

It is by grace you have been saved, through faith.

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed

in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

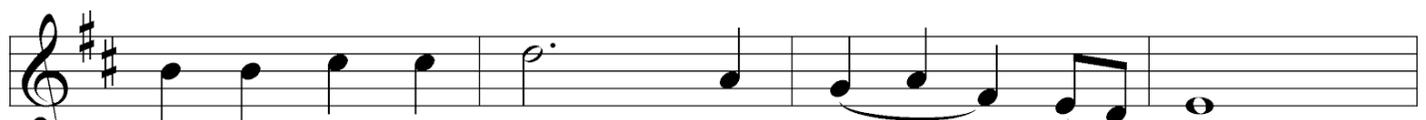
VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

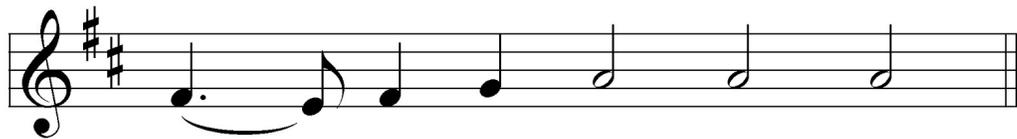
Jesus must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world

through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Loved the World So that He Gave | 391

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ is the solid rock of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die—
His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word does teach
How we the blessed goal may reach.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood;
Baptized, you are a child of God.

5 When you are sick, when death draws near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death—
This is the anchor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

SERMON

Ephesians 2

Our Salvation is So Great!

Great cause - Great kindness - Great creation

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, brought to the office, or given online.

SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS & 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

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 al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

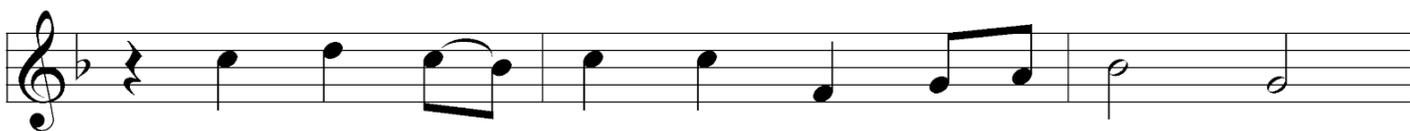
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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.

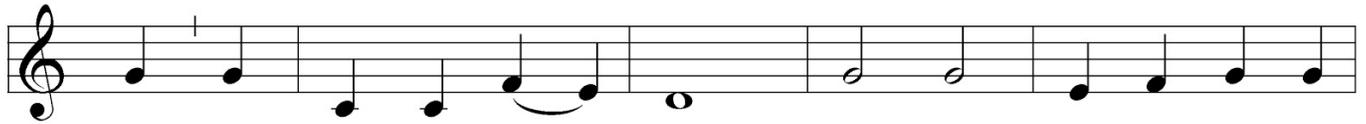


C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



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



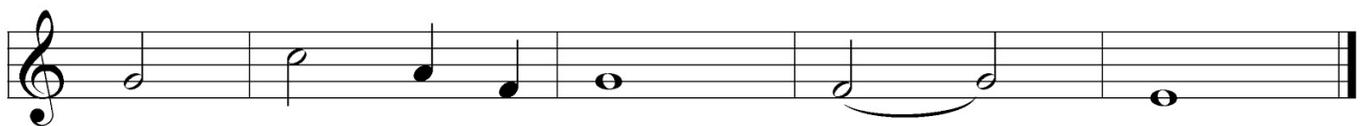
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Not Unto Us | 392

- 1 Not unto us, not unto us be glory, Lord;
Not unto us but to your name be praise;
Not unto us but to your name all honor be giv'n
For matchless mercy, forgiveness, and grace.

- 2 **Amazing grace**—that chose us e'er the worlds were made;
Amazing grace—that sent your Son to save;
Amazing grace—that robed us in your righteousness
And taught our lips to sing glory and praise.
- 3 **O faithful love**—that shepherded through faithless years;
Forgiving love—that led us to your truth;
Unyielding love—that would not let us turn from you
But sent us forth to speak pardon and peace.
- 4 **Not unto us but to your name be glory, Lord,**
For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.
Abide with us till trav'ling days are over and done,
And pilgrim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

Please stand.

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy 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: 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.



Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

Grace Has A Thrilling Sound | 381 v. 1-3

- 1 Grace has a thrilling sound To each believer's ear;
That peace with God through Christ is found Is news I gladly hear.
- 2 Grace first inscribed my name In God's eternal book,
And grace has brought me to the Lamb, Who all my sorrows took.
- 3 Grace led my wand'ring feet To tread the heav'nly road,
And grace supplies each hour I meet While pressing on to God.

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SERVING WITH HEARTS OF LOVE

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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.

OFFERINGS: 1/17-18 - \$14,343 (WEEKLY OFFERING GOAL - \$15,700).

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: 3/7 8:00 A.M. SERVICE: 175. 10:30 A.M. SERVICE: 135.

3/10 MIDWEEK LENT: 123

In our prayers this week...Thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage for Dick & Kathy Nack as of March 13.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Office hours** are Monday-Friday 7:15 - 4:00. You can reach Erin at secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
2. **Evangelism Bible Study** - This Sunday morning, a new study begins 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.
3. **The *Growing Forward Capital Campaign*** was very blessed. God's people have pledged/donated \$1.5 million dollars. Pledges and donations continue to be turned in. The Long Range Planning Committee met this past week to formulate some options. Our treasurer Jim Van Alstine will meet at some point with the bank to determine our borrowing capability. If you have further questions, please speak with President Todd Marten or Long Range Planning Chairman Tim Doro.
4. **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.
5. **Financial Class** - In this class, ending March 18, we seek to grow in how we manage the LORD's money to his glory.
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. For an idea of what this is, check this link. 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. **Mindful Moms** - Mindful Moms - Come play with us! Playdates for moms with littles are in the gym at 10am the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. All moms with school age children and younger are invited. March 17 we will explore Weather! Then join us March 24 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.

8. **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.
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!
14. **Thursday Evening Bible Study** begins April 15 at 6:30pm. We are going to study love...dating, marital love, God's love, and working lovingly through tension - as we study the book of Song of Songs.
15. **Men's Early Bird Bible Study.** Our first morning study is on March 26 at 6:00 am (give or take a few minutes). We'll meet for 45 minutes in the commons. We are aiming for one of these classes per month. The subject is eclectic...bring your own questions/topics...Pastor Mueller will also have some recent news articles for Bible application.
16. **After Easter we plan to have *Two Adult Sunday Bible Studies.*** We are starting a Adult Bible Stories Bible Class for those who want a refresher on OT Bible Stories or the Gospels. The main class will be in the gym, the Adult Bible Stories will likely be in the commons. Stay tuned for details.
17. **St. Paul's History Committee:** Cynthia Grunewald has been added to the 1970 confirmation list. We regret that her name was missed. Thank you to those who helped us add her name accordingly.
18. **Pastor Mueller's 2022 Trip to Israel is still happening!** Imagine Tours and Travel is set to open this summer with trips to Israel (and more). There are 25 people signed up (among the three pastor hosts) and the bus can hold 20 more. January 10-20, 2022. Direct flight to Israel from Chicago. For more information, please contact Pastor Mueller.
19. **Did You Know?** There is information and pictures from past St. Paul's members' weddings in the church library. Take a look! Congratulations to our most recent St. Paul's newlyweds: Scott and Shera Schomberg!