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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: All pews in the sanctuary are open for seating. Face coverings are optional -- up to the individual. Bibles and hymnals have been put back in the racks for use as desired. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. All responses and songs are printed in your bulletin, which may 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: *Jesus saw the need to turn a band of timid followers into bold proclaimers. For three years he had trained them, but their confusion was deep even after his resurrection. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to solidify their knowledge, strengthen their faith, and encourage their witness. This Jesus did on the Day of Pentecost, and to this day he continues to send his Spirit to embolden and empower the Church to its task to be his witnesses.*

WELCOME

OPENING ANTHEM

Sung by Small Group

Holy Spirit, Gentle Dove

Holy Spirit, gentle Dove, descend to us today, we pray. With the pure, sweet wind of love blow clouds of doubt and death away. Come, Holy Spirit, come, as you came at Pentecost with tongues of flame. In Jesus' Name, Alleluia. Amen.

Please stand.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son \oplus and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

C: The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

M: The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."

C: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

M: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

C: Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

M: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

C: No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

M: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

C: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

M: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

C: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Sung to the tune "Beach Spring"

Glory Be to God in Heaven | 264

**1 Glory be to God in heaven,
Peace to those who love him well.
On the earth let all his people
Speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
Mighty Father, heaven's King;
Hear our joyful adoration,
And accept the thanks we bring.**

**2 Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
Now with him in triumph seated --
For your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Savior, you are God alone
In the glory of the Father
With the Spirit, Three in One!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. O Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, breathe your life into our dry bones and into all your Church. Quench our thirst with the living water that flows from our Lord Jesus Christ, and channel those streams through us to everyone who is thirsty. For he lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

The Spirit taught the disciples to proclaim the wonders of God and the people to know the Lord's salvation.

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome

¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Please stand.

GOSPEL

John 14:25-27

The Father would send the Spirit in Jesus’ name to teach the disciples and remind them of Jesus’ peace.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther’s Explanation of the Third Article

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise

me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest | 177

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And make our hearts your place of rest;
Come with your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which you have made.
- 2 To you, the Counselor, we cry,
To you, the gift of God most high;
The fount of life, the fire of love,
The soul's anointing from above.
- 3 Your light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.
- 4 Drive far away our wily foe,
And your abiding peace bestow;
If you are our protecting guide,
No evil can with us abide.
- 5 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And you, from both, as Three in One
That we your name may ever bless
And in our lives the truth confess.
- 6 Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Pentecost is *Back to Normal Again*
 Hear it * Have it * Hold it

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 -
 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.

OFFERINGS BROUGHT FORWARD

Online giving options available

Offerings to worship the Lord and support his 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.



ST. PAUL'S GRADUATION [10:30]

*Presley Lis, Caitlin Marohn, Elise Mueller, Chelseigh Olson,
 Mazey Ostermann, Callie Sawall, Natalie Sturm, and Robert Wall*

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.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit | 181

1 Come, oh, come, life-giving Spirit,
 God from all eternity!
 May your power never fail us;
 Dwell within us constantly.
 Then shall truth and life and light
 Banish all the gloom of night.

2 Show us, Lord, the path of blessing;
 When we trespass on our way,
 Cast, O Lord, our sins behind you
 And be with us day by day.
 Should we stray, O Lord, recall;
 Work repentance when we fall.

3 With our spirit, Lord, bear witness
 That we are the saints of God
 Who rely upon him solely
 When we're chastened by the rod;
 For we know, as children should,
 That the cross is for our good.

4 Prompt us, Lord, to come before him
With a childlike heart to pray;
Sigh for us, O Holy Spirit,
When we know not what to say.
Then our prayer is not in vain,
And our faith new strength shall gain.

5 Grant our hearts in fullest measure
Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That we always strive to please you,
Working for you willingly.
Let the gospel spread and grow,
Bringing Satan's overthrow.

Please stand.

M: 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.



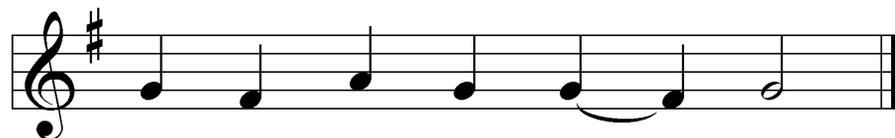
C: A - men.

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

Holy Spirit, Light Divine | 183 v. 1-3

- 1 Holy Spirit, Light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the gloom of night away;
Turn the darkness into day.**
- 2 Holy Spirit, Love divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me;
From sin's bondage set me free.**
- 3 Holy Spirit, Joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav'nly peace;
Let it grow and still increase.**

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USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Karl Leverenz, Dan Rehbein, Justin Radue, Steve Schueler, Joe Goedeke.

10:30 a.m.- Gary Fields, Jason Yancy, Matt Schueler.

OFFERING: 5/16, 5/17: \$10,858 (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$15,700).

\$7,840 WAS RECEIVED FOR GROWING FORWARD

ATTENDANCE: 5/16: 8:00 - 155; 10:30 - NOT RECORDED; 5/17 6:00 - 21

In our prayers this week...

1. Our St. Paul's 8th Grade Graduates
2. Emryn Theobald, daughter of Zach and Bessa, baptized today.
3. Graduates of Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as they received their assignments and now depart into the Lord's harvest field.

Announcements

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, May 23	Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Link to Worship Live Stream/Recording/Bulletin Family Bible Hour: 9:20-10:10
Monday, May 24	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, May 25	6:30 p.m. Parenting Bible Class
	7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball
Wednesday, May 26	8:55 a.m. Psalm 119 Bible Study
	10:30 a.m. Mom's Summer Kick-off
	6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
Thursday, May 27	6:30 p.m. Song of Songs Bible Study

1. **Office hours** are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. You can reach Erin at secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org. Erin will be taking maternity leave for the month of May. Erin's emails will be monitored and there is coverage for the office at the hours listed above.
2. **Our Secretary Erin Radue** returns to work on June 1. Since school ends this week, we are entering the summer schedule for secretary hours. Starting this week (May 27 to early August), the schedule will be:
 - a. Tuesday from 9am - 1pm
 - b. Wednesday from 9am - 1pm
3. **Bible Study Series: Heaven and Hell** - The final class in this series will be Sunday, May 30. We're hoping to address any questions you may have about heaven and hell that haven't already been addressed in the study. Please send your question to Luther Curia (luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)! This Bible study searches the Bible to show what God has revealed about death, judgment, and the only two destinations after life is over: heaven and hell. The study takes place in the gym.
4. **A Second Sunday morning Bible** study on the book of Mark takes place in the commons and will begin again on May 9. We will not meet in the commons due to set up for graduation. We will meet
5. **Teen Bible Study** – This study looks at Gideon. All students in grades 7th through Seniors in High School are encouraged to attend, we will meet in the 5th/6th grade classroom. For any questions, contact Mike Leahy mleahy@live.com.
6. **Parenting Bible Study:** Join us Tuesday, May 25 from 6:30-7:30 for our final parenting Bible study focused on Christian Discipline. Babysitting will be provided (by students 7th grade and older). Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575; luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
7. **Wednesday Bible study** is a study of Psalm 119. Always a good time to jump in if you like! 8:55am. This class will continue through June.
8. **Thursday Evening Bible Study** - We meet in the 7-8th grade classroom. This class continues into June.
9. **Men's Early Bird Bible Study.** Our next study is on June 17th at 6:00 am.
10. **Starting June 6** summer Bible Study begins with a series on *2 Corinthians*. The series will be taught by all the church staff on a rotating basis. We will grow in so many ways through it. There still were dicey issues in the church to deal with, as well as Paul's changing plans. There were financial obstacles to overcome and Paul had a personal obstacle with his thorn in the flesh to overcome. There were earthly fellowship ties to build and there was eternal heavenly confidence to give. It's a rich book that will richly bless. Join us weekly in the sanctuary.
11. **New Bible Information Class:** Beginning June 3 and 5, we will have a new Bible Information Class, offered on Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Saturdays at 2:00 pm. This class is for those interested in exploring the Bible's teachings and joining our church -- or for those who simply want a refresher on God's Word. The class is about 8 two-hour sessions. We have several people already planning to come. Child care can be provided for those who request it in advance. Please speak to Pastor Bode for more information.
12. **Join Us! The Preschool and Kindergarten is having an open house** on Thursday, May 27th from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm and on Friday, May 28th from 9:00 am - Noon. All are welcome to come and check out the classrooms and meet the teachers! There will be activities for the kids and snacks! We hope to see you there!
13. **Early Childhood Aide:** St. Paul's is adding an aide position to be shared between the preschool and kindergarten classrooms for the 2021-2022 school year. This shared aide position would work from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday; spending two hours in each classroom. We will be taking

applications through June 13. Please contact Principal Marohn if you have any questions. You may pick up applications in the school office.

14. **History Committee Meeting:** St. Paul's History Committee will meet Sunday, June 13th at 9:05 am in the church library.
15. **Adult Basketball:** Want to get some exercise? Want to see if you've still "got it"? Join us for adult basketball each Tuesday night beginning at 7:00pm. Join us any Tuesday that you are able. It is some good exercise and great camaraderie. Contact Brandon Lis (920-226-0483) with any questions or to be added to the adult basketball communication list. Hope to see you on the court!
16. **Long Range Planning** met last week. The hope is to have plans and banking information for presentation at the July voters' meeting.
17. **Mindful Moms Summer Kick off - Coffee Party!** Moms, come grab a little coffee and enjoy some fellowship to get your summer started on Wednesday, May 26 at 10:30am. Treat yourself to the goodies at our coffee bar, taste different kinds of coffee with different topping combinations, or pour one big cup with all the fixings! Best of all, we get to enjoy each other's company before the end of school! Also, look for our updated summer schedule, including park playdates and a Bible Study book club, available on our Facebook group or on postcards in the member room.
18. **Growing Forward Giving Envelopes** are available in the member room by the cabinets or in the office on the top part of the office desk. They can be placed in the offerings boxes in the narthex or in the wooden box on Erin Radue's desk.
19. **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. *The registration link is now live on our website.* More info to come over the next months. Mark your calendar!
20. **Martin Luther College** and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary both held their call day services and graduation services. You can find the assignment lists at the following links: [MLC](#), [WLS](#).
21. **The Church Council** is using monies from a recent memorial to pad the pews in the balcony.
22. **The Living Nativity Committee met this week.** We surveyed our property and found a good permanent position for the stable. (Due to the possibility of a building project, we knew it would need to relocate.) At some point in the next few months we will move the stable to this new position just south of the gym.
23. **Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Offerings** given at St. Paul's amounted to \$200. The 2020-21 LWMS national offerings will be divided among four projects: Home missions -- Assistance for first public service in missions and Cross-cultural mission conferences and training; World missions -- Africa theological education and Hmong outreach in Vietnam.
24. **New Christian Worship Hymnal:** Our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, has been developing a new hymnal, set to be released later this year. We have already pre-ordered copies for our sanctuary. If you would like to order copies for home use, you may sign up in the member room to be included in our congregation's larger order.
25. **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. I'm also aware of the

developments in Israel this past week. Our travel agency sent out an update from their contacts in Israel. [Click to read](#). We'll continue to monitor the situation and keep travelers and potential travelers updated.

26. **Church Softball Team:** We're looking to get a softball team together from St. Paul's to play in a competitive Wednesday night men's league from early June through early August. Because the league is in Howards Grove, team members must reside or work here in the village. There is a \$75 team fee and a \$20 player fee (\$10 if a Millersville Rec member). Signup deadline is May 23. If you're interested in some fun with friends and staying active this summer, please sign up in the member room. If you have questions, contact Mark Eichhorst at 980-8670 or spikey1@tds.net.