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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. Bibles and hymnals are 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 may also schedule a communion appointment with one of our pastors if unable to attend in-person services.

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: *Disaster often catches people off guard. The eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. The bombing of Pearl Harbor. The flooding from Hurricane Katrina. Today begins the season of End Times, the final season of the Church Year. Jesus warns that in the times leading up to his return, there will be false teachers, wars, and all kinds of disasters. By the time of Martin Luther 500 years ago, most of Christianity was enveloped in false teaching. Ottoman armies were advancing toward Europe. The plague could wipe out over half a village, and famines were devastating. But just as Jesus promised, the gospel would be preached. Through reformers like Martin Luther, the Lord restored the truth that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, drawn from the Scriptures alone. As we continue through these end times, Jesus does not want us to be caught off-guard. So today, we pay attention to his Reformation Warning.*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | 200

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one Whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.**
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
One little word can fell him.**

Please stand for the final stanza.

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.

Be seated.

SONG OF PRAISE

Reformation Song

Led by Small Group

Your Word alone is solid ground, the mighty rock on which we build; in every line the truth is found and every page with glory filled.

Through faith alone we come to you; we have no merit we can claim. Sure that your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus' name.

Refrain: Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone; gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

In Christ alone we're justified; his righteousness is all our plea; your law's demands are satisfied; his perfect work has set us free. *Refrain*

By grace alone we have been saved; all that we are has come from you. Hearts that were once by sin enslaved now by your pow'r have been made new. *Refrain*

ALL Repeated Refrain:

Glo-ri - a, — glo-ri - a, — glo-ry to God — a - lone! —

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Jeremiah warned Judah to reform its ways because the LORD was preparing disaster against them in their wickedness.

¹This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” ³So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me. ⁶He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. ⁷If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹And if at another time I announce that a nation or

kingdom is to be built up and planted,¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

¹¹ “Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’”

ANTHEM

God Is Our Refuge

Sung by St. Paul’s Adult Choir

Refrain: God is our refuge and strength; a present help in times of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

He is the word, we are his hands, he will lead us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long. *Refrain*

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.

He is the rain, we are the stones, he will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 14:6-7

An angel flying in midair warned all the earth to fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come.

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

Sung to Hymn 462 | John 8:31-32

**C: If my dear Word you truly heed Then mine you e’er shall be.
And you shall know the truth indeed And it will make you free.**

Please stand.

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 13.



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

GOSPEL

Mark 13:5-11

Jesus warned his disciples to watch out for false prophets, disasters, and persecution; the gospel will prevail.

⁵Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word | 204

- 1 O God, our Lord, Your holy Word
Was long a hidden treasure
Till to its place It was by grace
Restored in fullest measure.
For this today Our thanks we say
And gladly glorify you.
Your mercy show And grace bestow
On all who still deny you.
- 2 Salvation true By faith in you—
That is your gospel's preaching,
The heart and core Of Bible lore
In all its sacred teaching.
In Christ we must Put all our trust,
Not in our deeds or labor;
With conscience pure And heart secure
Love you, Lord, and our neighbor.

3 Lord, you alone This work have done
 By your free grace and favor.
 All who believe Will grace receive
 Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
 And though the foe Would overthrow
 Your Word with grim endeavor,
 All he has wrought Must come to naught—
 Your Word will stand forever!

4 Since you are mine, My Lord divine,
 Death holds no dreadful terrors;
 Your precious blood, My highest good,
 Has blotted out my errors.
 My thanks to you—Your Word is true!
 Fulfill your promise ever,
 And mercy give While here I live
 And heav'nly bliss forever.

SERMON

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Go to the Reformer's House

For a Reformation Perspective - For a Reformation Practice

Please stand.

Our offerings of thanks to the Lord will be brought forward during the following song.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

M: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C: **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

C: **The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C: **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

M: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

C: **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

M: May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

**C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways be known on earth, his salvation among all nations.
Amen.**

Special Intercessions.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

M: 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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word | 203

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we
May sing your praise eternally.**
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life.**

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10:30 a.m.- Brian Grimm, Travis Krell, Nick Schmidt, Zach Theobald, Jeremy Lecker

Monday 6:00 p.m.-Dennis Sprenger, Brian Stauss, Kevin Hoppe

OFFERINGS: 10/24 & 10/25 - \$11,639 (WEEKLY OFFERING GOAL - \$16,300).

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS OF \$989 FOR GROWING FORWARD.

\$5,000 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE FUND.

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.



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Office hours:** The office will be open from 7:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.
- 2. Men's Early & Craftsmen's Bible Studies** will not meet in November. The next men's early study is December 17.
- 3. Sunday School** - We are thankful to the Lord for 78 students in Sunday School this year! We still welcome having more. If they haven't yet registered, that may be done through this link, or by speaking with Craig Schuenemann or Pastor Bode. For more information on the

staff and important dates, click here for the Sunday School Handbook, which can also be picked up in the member room.

4. **Living Nativity Rehearsal and Costume assignment** is next Sunday November 7th after second service. We will have a light lunch available and the rehearsal will start around noon. We would like if you can attend this one time rehearsal as we did make changes in 2019 and skipped last year. We still have a number of spots open. Marilyn will be in the narthex to help with sign up. Child care is available each night. This is the time to sign up. We need Mary & Joseph (all nights), Prophet (Sunday), Shepherds (all nights) Star Carrier high school or older (Fri. & Sat.) Guards and Greeters. We Need your help NOW! There are many behind the scenes spots also still open!
5. **Living Nativity Costumes** come down from the balcony on Saturday, November 6th at 9 am. If you can spare a few minutes to stop by to help it would be appreciated.
6. **Living Nativity Postcards and Posters** are available in the member room on the pew. Please take postcards to give or mail to your family and friends, share a poster at your workplace if possible. If you signed up for poster delivery, those posters are packaged with your names on them. If you will need more, just take more.
7. **Cookie Baking** sheet, for Living Nativity, is in the member room for you to sign up. Bake 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candies and drop off in the kitchen Thursday or Friday, December 2 or 3. Disposable containers are helpful. Contact Karen Kuhn with any questions.
8. **The History Committee** will meet on Monday November 1st at 4:30pm.
9. **Christian Family Solutions:** Since last year, many more people have found themselves in need of counseling for struggles in life. Your pastors are ready to assist you with confidential guidance from God's Word. Yet some situations call for more specialized support. Christian Family Solutions (CFS) services include counseling for individuals, couples, families and substance abuse, as well as career counseling, premarital counseling, and online support groups. They have clinics in a variety of states across the country, but their ability to set up a secure video counseling session means members can still receive counseling in places where there is no clinic. St. Paul's has some funds designated to anonymously assist members with costs associated with this specialized counseling. Please speak with one of our pastors, who can help you find answers to your questions.
10. **The PTF is hosting a Murder Mystery *Adult* Night Out** on November 6th! Please join us as an attendee to Polly Abdool's tubular album release party for her friend Debbie Gribson. Break out your spandex, padded shoulders, mullets, and poofy hair for this fun 80's night out. Look for an upcoming email with details on how to sign up whether you want to be an acting member of the murder mystery or just a viewer. This event will include hors d'oeuvre and drinks, and watch for an all-important list of willing babysitters so couples can have a

night out! The party Totally starts at 7 pm. With questions please see Beth Heilman, Justin Langdon, or Amanda Grunewald.

- 11. Forward in Christ Renewal**, half sheets can be found in the member room. Please submit the sheet, with your address filled out, and your payment, **IN AN ENVELOPE**, to the labeled drawer in the member room.
- 12. Ladies Aid** will meet on November 11th at 1:30 p.m.. New members are welcome.
- 13. Urban Artique:** Please join us for our annual Urban Artique event on Thursday, November 18 at 6:00 at church. We have three different projects to pick from: wooden bench: \$85; porch board: \$50; Christmas cheese lid decoration: \$35. Drinks and snacks will be provided. We are excited to spend time with our church friends and use our God-given gifts of creativity! Register on Urban Artique's website by Sunday, November 14:
<http://www.urbanartique.com/classes-1>
- 14. Calling all readers! The BOOK FAIR is coming to St. Paul's!** An Usborne Books & More book fair will be on display in the front hallway **Monday, November 1 - Friday, November 5**. Books will be available for purchase after school each day, as well as during Parent Teacher conferences Thursday evening. Book fair sales earn **free** books for St. Paul's classrooms! Families may also order online anytime using this link:
<https://1105295.myubam.com/2261363>.
- 15. The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry** is pleased to announce that beginning on December 11, 2021, the pantry will be open on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. This is in addition to our normal hours every Thursday from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Patrons are welcome to visit the pantry once each month. We look forward to continuing to serve the communities of: Cedar Grove, Hingham, Howards Grove, Kohler, Oostburg, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. Please remember to bring the following each time you visit: Photo ID, Current Utility Bill, Paper Grocery Bags, Face masks (required to enter the pantry).
- 16. Advent by Candlelight W.A.I.T. on the Lord** - This year's program focuses on the waiting part of Advent. Through our readers, they explain the benefits of waiting on God's timing - not only during the Christmas season, but also during life's challenges. These benefits include what happens while waiting and what to think about during a waiting period. You are invited for a women's night of Christ-centered preparation for the holiday season.
When: Sunday, November 28, 2021
Where: St. John-St. Peter Lutheran Church, Cleveland
Time: 3:00 p.m.
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