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# Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors!

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. (Psalm 32:1) During the season of Lent, we are blessed to follow Jesus to the cross and see how he has forgiven our sins by his sufferings and death. We are so thankful to share in that blessedness with you at St. Paul's. Our mission is to Grow in Christ and to go with Christ.

Thank you for joining us!



We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!



## WORSHIP DURING THESE TIMES

All pews are open for seating. Face coverings are optional - up to the individual. Please feel free to use the Bibles/Hymnals in the racks. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. There are bulletins available in the narthex or from an usher. Please keep or discard them at the end of worship. Offerings can be placed in the marked boxes in the narthex.

## ADDITIONAL WORSHIP INFORMATION

On our website you will find previous and the current links for our worship services, bulletins, and announcements. We livestream the 8:00 a.m. service every Sunday. We can also make a copy of our worship on a DVD for you. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return the a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of it.

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us after first service, at 9:15 a.m., for our Family Bible Hour. We have Sunday school for 4K-8th grade, Youth Group Bible Class for high school age kids, and Adult Bible Class. Childcare is offered during the Adult Bible Class. There are other Bible Study Opportunities during the week. Contact one of our Pastors for more information.

## COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month as well as those following Monday evenings. Because God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), we practice close communion, inviting up to the Lord's Table those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

## FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14*

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms. Near the entrance of the church, there are children's quiet bags with pictures, books, and a sketch tablet. If you use them, please put them back after the service. Based on Scriptural examples and developmental evidence, parents at St. Paul's worship with their young children. We encourage members to reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for you child(ren), including a place to nurse.

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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 (4K-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** Throughout Lent, our theme is "The Crucial Hours", looking at key words and moments from the account of Jesus' passion that demonstrate the completeness of his saving work for us, the depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us. Tonight, we see the sham trial carried out by the Jewish leadership as the Lord brought about our very true pardon in Christ.

## Luther's Morning and Evening Prayer

CW 782 1b



1 I thank you, heav'n-ly Fa - ther, thro' Je - sus, your dear Son,  
that gra - cious - ly you kept me while dai - ly tasks were done.  
I pray that you for - give me for all my sins and wrongs,  
and in your love con - tin - ue to keep me all night long.

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*Stand*

## Confession of Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,  
and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## All I Have Is Christ

CW 580 sts. 1–2, Ref, 3

*Soloist:* I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will, and if you had not loved me first I would refuse you still.

*Soloist:* But as I ran my hellbound race indiff'rent to the cost, you looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross. And I beheld God's love displayed—you suffered in my place. You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace.

*Trio Refrain:* Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life. Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

*Duet:* Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see the strength to follow your commands could never come from me. O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose, and let my song forever be—my only boast is you.

### ALL Refrain TWICE:

*Refrain*

Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life.

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## Passion Reading

**LEADER:** Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread was approaching, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill him. They said,

**CONGREGATION:** "But not during the feast or the people may riot."

LEADER: Jesus said to his disciples,

**MEN: "As you know, the Passover is two days away – and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."**

LEADER: Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked,

**CONGREGATION: "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"**

LEADER: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

**WOMEN: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.**

LEADER: When evening came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them,

**MEN: 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.'**

LEADER: And while they were eating, he said,

**MEN: "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me."**

LEADER: They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other,

**CONGREGATION: "Surely not I, Lord?"**

**LEADER:** "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.

**WOMEN:** Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus told him,

**MEN:** "What you are about to do, do quickly,"

**LEADER:** but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night. When he was gone, Jesus said,

**CONGREGATION:** "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, then God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

**LEADER:** Simon Peter asked him,

**MEN:** "Lord, where are you going?"

**LEADER:** "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

**CONGREGATION:** While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

LEADER: "Take and eat, this is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

**CONGREGATION: Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying,**

LEADER: "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. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."

**WOMEN: Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them,**

LEADER: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactor. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

**CONGREGATION: When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.**

## Hymn of the Day

CW 408

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## Sermon

*Luke 22:66*

<sup>66</sup>At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.

*The Semblance of Legality*

*During the following song, our offerings of thanks to our Savior will be brought forward.*

## **O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken** CW 432 sts. 1, 3, 5, 7

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; (sts. 1, 3, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 5): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.  
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
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*Stand*

### **Prayer**

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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**

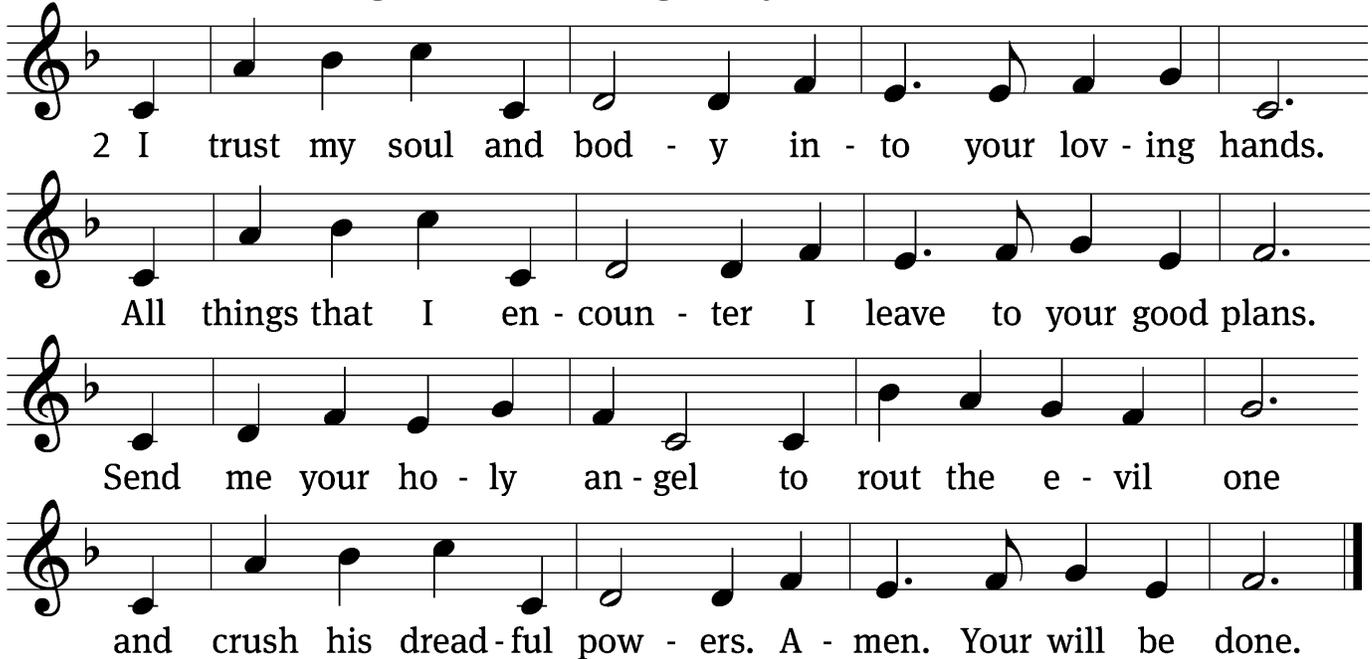
**forever and ever. Amen.**

# Blessing

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.  
May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

## Luther's Morning and Evening Prayer

CW 782 st. 2



2 I trust my soul and bod - y in - to your lov - ing hands.  
All things that I en - coun - ter I leave to your good plans.  
Send me your ho - ly an - gel to rout the e - vil one  
and crush his dread - ful pow - ers. A - men. Your will be done.

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*Be seated*

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## ***SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:***

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10:30 a.m. Dennis Eirich, Wally Gierach, Dan Stange, Bill Mass, Aaron Mass.

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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.

