

A New Covenant



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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 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 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 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 your 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: *It had been a busy week for Jesus. He drove the money changers out of the temple. He taught in the temple courts each day. He evaded the trick questions of the Pharisees and Sadducees and countered them with wisdom and authority. He denounced the hypocrisy of the Jewish leaders and counseled about the end times. Now it was time for the Passover, which had been celebrated for well over a thousand years. But this would not be the same. It would be new: a new command to love one another, a new meal to continue, and most importantly, A New Covenant of Forgiveness in Christ.*

Communion Preparation *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayer: Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.*

When You Woke That Thursday Morning

CW 416

Sung to the tune of "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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Stand

Confession

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Psalm 116

Our Blessing Cup

*Because of the new covenant, we can lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD, who delivers from death.*

Soloist: Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of the Lord.

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Soloist: How can I make a return to the Lord for all he has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.

ALL: Refrain

Soloist: Unto your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to
you. In the presence of all who have called on your name, in the courts
of the house of the Lord.

ALL: Refrain

Reading

Hebrews 10:15–25

The new covenant in Jesus gives us confidence to draw near to God and hold to our hope in him.

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

¹⁶“This is the covenant I will make with them
after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds.”

¹⁷Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more.”

¹⁸And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer
necessary.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Gathered in the Upper Room

Sung by Small Group

Gathered as the time was drawing near, the Savior spoke to those so dear. Just a while before he had to go, with tenderness he showed such care.

Sitting 'round the table for a meal, he shared with them the Father's will. There, together in the upper room, preparing now for what would come.

“My peace I leave with you, not as the world would give, that your joy may be complete, forever with me live.”

Then the Master washed the feet of men, not just his servants, but his friends. “When you take this cup and eat this bread, remember me and all I've said. As I love you, love one another, as I serve you, serve each other, let your light shine! Let the world see a reflection of my love.”

Knowing now the time was drawing near, gathered in the upper room.

Gospel

Luke 22:7–20

Jesus instituted Communion as a new covenant in his blood.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

⁹“Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

¹⁰He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

¹³They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.

¹⁵And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

²⁰In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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Sermon

Luke 22

*Let's Do This Again!
It's Jesus' Desire – It's Jesus' Covenant*

Prayer of the Church

Lord God, heavenly Father, author of the everlasting covenant and giver of the cup of salvation,

We gather in your courts to offer you our sacrifice of thanksgiving.

For fulfilling your promise to establish a new covenant through the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ,

We give you humble and hearty thanks.

As our Lord Jesus Christ gave thanks to you when he broke the bread, as he gave thanks to you when he took the cup,

We also give you thanks.

Precious Savior, both Priest and offering, awe and wonder fill our hearts as we partake of your body, broken for us, and your blood, shed for us.

We praise you, bless you, and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In our poverty of righteousness, we have nothing to offer. Without your tremendous sacrifice, we would still be in our sins,

But through your sacrament of the New Testament, we are assured that our iniquities are forgiven and our sins are no longer remembered.

O Holy Spirit, dwell within us as we remember our Lord's death in this sacrament. Enter our hearts to strengthen our faith and fill us with gratitude for your great mercy.

Move us to encourage one another to love and to do good works.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

As our Lord served his disciples by washing their feet, so may we also humbly serve one another.

Help us live our lives as sacrifices of thanksgiving to him who first loved us. 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.

Stand

Words of Institution

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

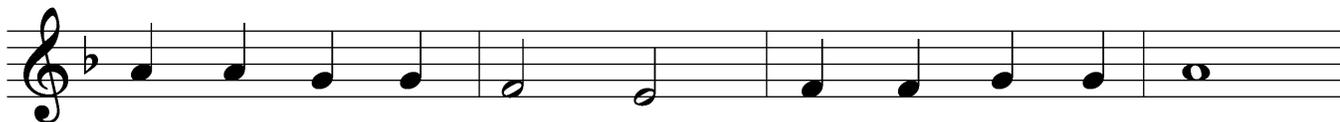
poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN



1 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Christ, who takes a - way
2 Je - sus, in your mer - cy, make us pure with - in;
3 Let your end - less mer - cy ev - er - more in - crease;



all the world's trans - gres - sions, lis - ten as we pray:
cleanse us by your per - fect sac - ri - fice for sin.
com - fort us with par - don, calm us with your peace.

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Be seated

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Take and Eat

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share in 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.

Amen.

Be seated

Passion Reading

LEADER: When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. They said to one another:

MEN: "Let's not tear it. Let's decide by lot who will get it."

LEADER: This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said,

WOMEN: "They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing."

LEADER: So this is what the soldiers did. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying,

CONGREGATION: "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

LEADER: In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him:

CONGREGATION: "He saved others, but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

WOMEN: One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him:

MEN: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

WOMEN: But the other criminal rebuked him. He said:

LEADER: "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

MEN: "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

LEADER: Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother:

MEN: "Dear woman, here is your son."

LEADER: And to the disciple:

MEN: "Here is your mother."

LEADER: From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

WOMEN: At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

LEADER: "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"

WOMEN: which means:

MEN: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

LEADER: When some of those standing near heard this, they said:

CONGREGATION: "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

LEADER: Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said,

MEN: "I am thirsty."

LEADER: A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said:

MEN: "It is finished."

LEADER: Jesus called out with a loud voice:

MEN: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

WOMEN: With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

LEADER: At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed:

CONGREGATION: "Surely he was the Son of God!"

LEADER: When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

Silence for reflecting on the loving sacrifice of our Passover Lamb: Jesus Christ

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