

# KEEP WATCH FOR THE LORD



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# Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and 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!



## COMMUNION

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

## FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please 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.



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 (3K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

**Worship Focus:** *When you have a flight to catch, there is so much planning. You need to wake up early enough to get your baggage loaded up. You must leave enough time to drive to the airport and go through the check-in and security. You want to get there early because the plane won't wait for people who are late. Jesus' return on Judgment Day will be much like that. When he leaves the gate to depart for heaven with his people, he won't wait for those who weren't ready. Now is the time to be prepared. Plan today for Jesus' return. "Keep Watch for the Lord."*

## **Opening Anthem**            *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light | CW 713*

*Sung by St. Paul's Sunday School*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus. (Refrain)

Ref In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

*Stand*

The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

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.

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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



**C: A - men.**

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 - mighty - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,**

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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

Let us pray. Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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.

*Be Seated*

## FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 52:1–6*

*Keep watch, Zion, found in garments of splendor and freed from your chains, for the day the LORD foretold.*

<sup>1</sup>Awake, awake, Zion,  
clothe yourself with strength!

Put on your garments of splendor,  
Jerusalem, the holy city.

The uncircumcised and defiled  
will not enter you again.

<sup>2</sup>Shake off your dust;  
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.

Free yourself from the chains on your neck,  
Daughter Zion, now a captive.

<sup>3</sup>For this is what the LORD says:  
“You were sold for nothing,  
and without money you will be redeemed.”

<sup>4</sup>For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:  
“At first my people went down to Egypt to live;  
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

<sup>5</sup>“And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD.  
“For my people have been taken away for nothing,  
and those who rule them mock,”  
declares the LORD.

“And all day long  
my name is constantly blasphemed.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore my people will know my name;

therefore in that day they will know  
that it is I who foretold it.

Yes, it is I.”

## **Anthem**

*From Everlasting (Psalm 90)*

*Sung by Duet*

O God, before the mountains were brought forth, or days of spring and summer filled the earth, from everlasting, you are God.

We dwell beneath the stars in ancient skies, a thousand years are nothing in your sight, from everlasting, you are God.

*Refrain:* And all our days are held within your hands, your perfect love and favor have no end. We rest within the wisdom of your plan, everlasting God.

O God, when joy and tragedy collide and loss reminds us life is but a sigh, from everlasting, you are God. *Refrain*

O God of light, our ways are known to you, but by your grace you’re making all things new. You satisfy us in our numbered days, establish every effort while we wait. From everlasting, you are God. *Refrain*

## **SECOND LESSON**

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

*Keep watch, living as children of the light, for the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*

<sup>1</sup>Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup>for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup>But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup>For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

# Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

CW 873 sts. 1, 5

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; from your sleep a -  
5 But while watch - ing al - so pray to the Lord un -  
wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day un - a -  
ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, strength and  
wares o'er - tak - en; for the foe, well we know, is a  
faith in - creas - ing, so that still mind and will shall u -  
har - vest reap - ing while the saints are sleep - ing.  
nite to serve him and for - ev - er love him.

Stand

## GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

*Keep watch for the return of Christ, your heavenly Bridegroom, for you do not know the day or hour.*

<sup>1</sup>“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup>The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup>“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

<sup>7</sup>“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

<sup>9</sup>“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup>“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup>“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

<sup>12</sup>“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

<sup>13</sup>“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

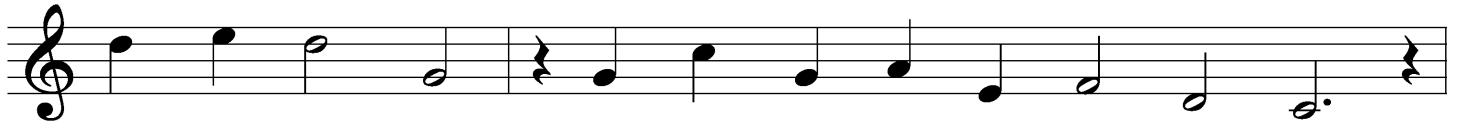


# Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

CW 486



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," the watch-men on the  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her heart with  
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
joy is spring - ing; she wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
sing be - fore you with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.



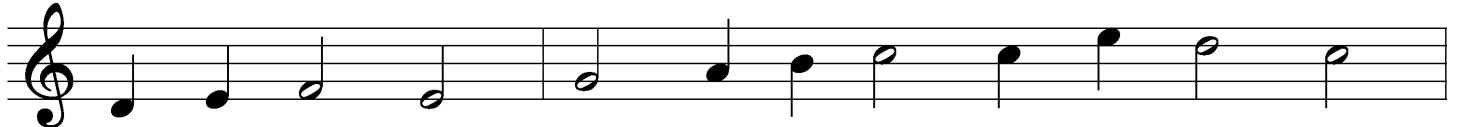
Mid-night hears the wel-come voic - es and at the thrill-ing  
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, the strong in grace, in  
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell-ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?  
truth vic - to - rious; her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad-ness take!  
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus, God's own Son.  
No vi - sion ev - er brought, no ear has ev - er caught



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care your-selves pre - pare  
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all the mar-riage hall  
such great glo - ry; there - fore will we in vic - to - ry



to meet the Bride-groom, who is near."  
to eat the Sup - per at your call.  
sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

*Stay Awake!**To escape – To guard – Together**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 truly 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.**

**Special Prayers and 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.

## 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.

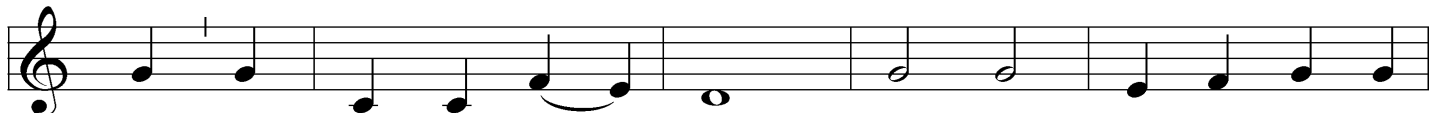


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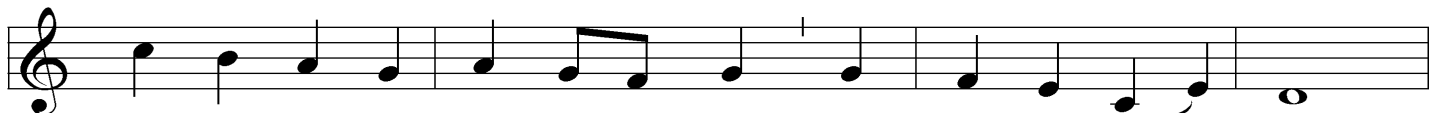
## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



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



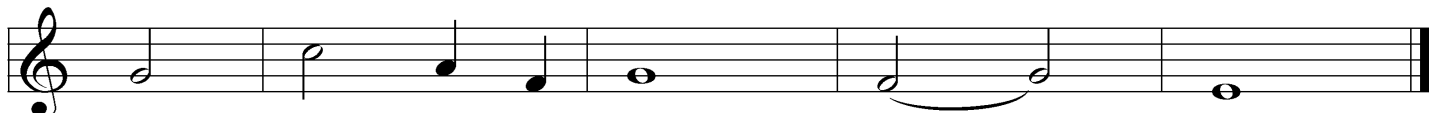
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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

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.*

## Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CW 663



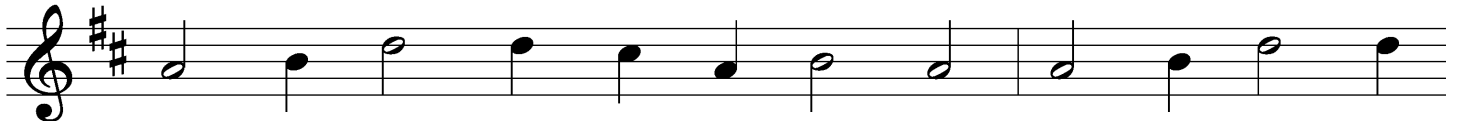
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with  
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther  
4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, filled with



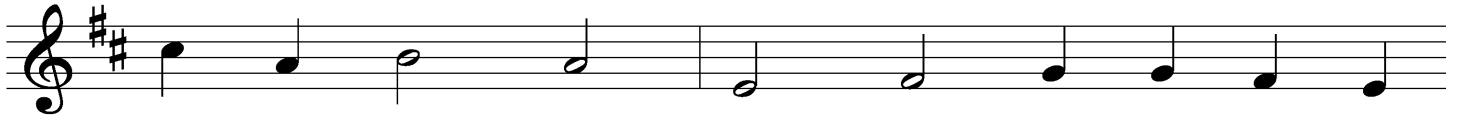
hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's  
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet him, for with words of life im -  
cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of  
joy most deep and ho - ly, as with trem - bling awe and



splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der  
mor - tal he is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
won - der on your might - y work I pon - der,



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed has this won - drous  
O - pen wide the gates be - fore him, say - ing, as you  
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, naught would buy the  
by such mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, depths that no one



sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and  
there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
ceive you, that I nev - er - more will leave you.  
riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.  
bid - den se - crets that with you are hid - den.

5 Human reason, though it ponders,  
cannot fathom these great wonders,  
that Christ's body must be boundless  
since the souls it feeds are countless,  
and that he his blood is giving  
with the wine we are receiving.  
These great mysteries unsounded  
are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
you have left your throne in heaven  
on the cross for me to languish  
and to die in bitter anguish,  
to forgo all joy and gladness  
and to shed your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
at your feet I cry, my maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven  
for our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,  
help me when this meal is given  
to receive it for my blessing  
as I come, my sins confessing.  
In this supper let me measure,  
Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,  
that, as I on earth have eaten,  
I may be your guest in heaven.

*Stand*

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.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

# Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

CW 493 sts. 1, 4

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere.

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free.

*Be Seated*

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**PIANIST:** Luke Bramstedt

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**ALTAR GUILD:** Kathy Nack, Lisa Specht, Rachel Rehbein, Christina Sprenger.

**USHERS:** 8:00a.m.- Jeremy Pieper, Jon/Josh Pieper, Jason Pieper, Paul Holzwart.

10:30a.m. – Eric Vant Hul, Loren Reinemann, Mark Kolosovsky, Brad Tinker, Derek Grunwald.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** 8:00 a.m. Dave Wehrmann, Eric Specht. 10:30 a.m. Steve Schueler, Todd Marten.

*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.

**OFFERINGS 10/30 & 10/31 - \$23,500 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$5,600 GROWING FORWARD. \$100 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.**

**11/5 & 11/6 - \$17,750 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$900 GROWING FORWARD.**

**ATTENDANCE: 11/5 & 11/6 : 8:00 A.M. – 227. 10:30 A.M. – 223. 6:00 P.M. – 41.**




<b>This Week at a Glance:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service, Bible Study, and Class Times</b>
<b>Sunday, November 12</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship Sunday School Sings in both services</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m. Living Nativity Dress Rehearsal</b>
<b>Monday, November 13</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 14</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. BIC</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. LCMS Study</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 15</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement</b>
	<b>4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. School Board</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Pickleball</b>
<b>Thursday, November 16</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. PTF Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday, November 18</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Women's Advent Tea</b>
<b>Sunday, November 19</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>

## **Grow with Christ**

**Bible Studies, Worship, and more!**

- Sunday Bible Study** - in September we began a Bible study on the book of Revelation. The book is encouraging, challenging, picturesque, and at times it puts you on the edge of your seat. Best of all, it points us all to Jesus to trust him and see his guiding hand in this shaky world until we joyfully shake his hand on the last day. The study will take place in the Harvest Room. There is child care available for younger children while parents are in Bible study. *Today we will look at chapter 13: the Beasts out of the Sea & Earth.*

2. **Wednesday morning Bible** study is on *The Theology of the Cross*. Join us at 9:00 am in the Harvest Room!
3. **Sunday School** is held each weekend for children in grades PreK through 8. The Sunday School children sing in both services today.
4. **Lutheran Churches Bible Study:** *Our last class is November 14* from 6:30-7:30.
5. **Women's Advent Tea** Join us on Saturday, November 18th, for our Women's Advent Tea from 9:30-11:00am in the Harvest Room. Guests are welcome!  
Come and spend the morning growing with other women in God's Word and preparing our hearts for the season of Advent and the birth of our Savior. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to pass using the QR code or the sign-up sheet in the member room. 
6. **Thanksgiving Worship** - Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 22, at 6:30 pm and Thursday, November 23, at 9:00 am as worship opportunities to bring great thanks to our God for his gifts of life, forgiveness, and all other blessings.
7. **Women's Advent by Candlelight** - St. John's-St. Peter in Cleveland is hosting Women's Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December, 3rd at 3:00 p.m.. Please contact Kelly Wall, 920-782-0821 or [kellywalljuneau@gmail.com](mailto:kellywalljuneau@gmail.com), with any questions. Also, please RSVP to Kelly by November 19th.
8. **German Christmas Service** -- Everyone is welcome to attend the German Christmas Service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Collins on Saturday, December 9th at 2pm. The service will include familiar hymns sung in their original German, with Gemütlichkeit and Christmas goodies to follow. Knowledge of German is not required. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior like the area German Lutherans did over 100 years ago...with a Christmas message that still brings us peace and joy today. St. Peter's is located at 2501 Collins Road, Chilton, WI 53014. For more information, please contact Pastor Marcus Bode at [bodemarcusprof@gmail.com](mailto:bodemarcusprof@gmail.com) or (989) 274-4668.
9. **Youth Group Bible Study** - High School Students, we will be starting up a new Youth Group Bible Study on Sunday 11/12 during Family Bible Hour. The 4 week study entitled Gone Fishing will look at our callings in life and how we can serve as fishers of men! We will also start some planning for the 2024 WELS Youth Rally. We will meet in Room 113 – the classroom that has all the cubicles setup in it now. If you have any questions, contact Mike Leahy – [mleahy@live.com](mailto:mleahy@live.com)



## In Other News

1. **Worship Greeters** We are seeking members willing to smile and welcome people before worship services. This is a great opportunity to get to know more of our growing congregation. If interested in more details, please see the sign-up sheet in the member room or speak with Katie Schuenemann.
2. **Night To Shine:** Exciting News! Manitowoc Lutheran High School was recently selected to be one of the official host sites this school year for “Night To Shine” on Friday, February 9th, 2024. “Night To Shine” is a complimentary special needs prom event that occurs every year and is open to anyone living with disabilities, ages 14 and older. It’s a night where those living with special needs get to be reminded of God’s love for them, too! It’s sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation & this year there are only 4 host sites in the entire state of Wisconsin! That being said, help is going to be needed to make this night a success. If you have a heart for individuals with special needs, are curious to know more, or would be interested in helping with this event—please contact Nathan Meitner at [nmeitner@mlhslancers.org](mailto:nmeitner@mlhslancers.org) or 920-428-2010.
3. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional ushers in certain months (like July) will soon be sent via Church Community Builder (CCB). Please sign up via a response to this request or by placing your name next to a vacant position on the "Usher List" in the Member Room. Please contact Will Belitz (920-693-8837 or Cellular 920-946-6617) as questions arise. Thank you for serving your congregation.
4. **Living Nativity Posters and Postcards** are available in the member room. Please take some postcards to pass on to your family and friends. If you signed up to deliver posters, they are labeled for you.
5. **Living Nativity Cookies-** Sign-up sheets are available in the member room. Please sign up if you are interested in baking 3 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies or candies. (No bars or cakes please). Cookies may be dropped off beginning Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Living Nativity Rehearsal and Costume Assignment** is **today** right after the second service. This is our ONLY rehearsal and will be held around 12 noon. We will go through the script and head out cues and plan to be done quickly. We will also be assigning costumes today.  
Needs: We still are in need of a few adult angels on Friday and Sunday, a few kid angels on Friday, women greeters Friday and Sunday, a couple of Roman Guards any night, cast room food set up and clean up (food provided) Saturday, make up all nights (don't need to be there all night). Remember Sundays you are done

already at 7 pm. This event takes an army of volunteers, please consider helping at this year's Living Nativity.

7. **Nativity Sets** - We would love to display any and all Nativity sets during our Living Nativity weekend for visitors to enjoy. If you have displayed one before, please bring it again. There are always new people who come and others that love to see favorites from years past. If you would like to bring a nativity set(s), please sign-up in the member room and **indicate if you are bringing more than one and what message you want displayed with your set(s)**. Your message can be emailed to [hamannlinda70@gmail.com](mailto:hamannlinda70@gmail.com) or placed in her mailbox (C20) **no later than Monday, November 20th**. New this year, please take a 4x6 picture of your set(s) for identification purposes. Please bring Nativity sets and photos to the commons area on Thursday, November 30th in the afternoon or evening or on Friday, December 1st in the morning or afternoon. You may set it up yourself or help will be available to you. Nativity sets will be monitored during Living Nativity weekend. Sets may be taken home Sunday evening after the final performance or Monday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hamann (920-565-2749).
8. **Forward in Christ Subscription Renewal** - If you are interested in renewing or to start receiving the Forward in Christ magazine, please fill out the half sheet in the member room. Submit your sheet and the \$15.00 payment, exact cash or check made out to St. Paul's Church with FIC in the memo line, in an envelope and place it in the marked drawer in the member room by Sunday, November 19h. If you have any questions, please contact the office.
9. **St. Paul's History Committee** - Over 50 items were placed in the 2023 cornerstone container. You may see the list of items on the library counter under the cross.
10. **"Dear Members of St. Paul's,** We have arrived at the end of the first quarter of the school year, which for me is a fitting time to let you know my thoughts on serving here. I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful school ministry. I look forward to coming to school each day. The students and my colleagues are awesome. I also want to express my thanks for the cards and gifts that were given to me at the beginning of the year. Whether it was gas cards, cash, or cheese...it was all very welcome. Please continue to pray for God's blessings on our St. Paul's ministry...from pre-K and beyond. I also ask for prayers on the other ministry I serve at Manitowoc Lutheran High School. I'll be the preacher when you observe MLHS Sunday in December! God bless you richly! In Christ, Pastor Kock"
11. **Photo Directory donations:** If you would like to donate to offset the cost of the printing of the photo directories, please place monies or checks into an envelope (available in the Member Room). Write the following on the front of the envelope: Photo Directory Donations, C/O Jim Van Alstine. Place the envelope in the Offering Box located in the Narthex. Thank you, The Evangelism Committee

12. **Marjorie E. Toepel Scholarships** - The following listed students have received the Marjorie E. Toepel Scholarship at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota for the 2023-2024 school year.
- a. Ellie Baldwin - Hope Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Michigan
  - b. Amanda Rehberger - St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Appleton
  - c. Kayla Sprenger - St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Howards Grove
  - d. Hope Sulzle - St. John's Lutheran Church Redwood Falls, Minnesota
  - e. Emily Wittig - Peace Lutheran Church in Hartford
13. **The flowers in front of church** this morning are in memory of Tricia Dittmar. Today is Tricia's 10th anniversary in heaven.