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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!

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 (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Worship Focus: People are worn out! They are busy with work and schedules, tired of drama in the news and in their relationships, fatigued by health problems and growing old, and weary from their own struggles with sin. Yet Jesus invites all who are burdened today to learn and receive what they need most. Come and "Find Rest in the Lord".

Communion Preparation: Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for worship and Communion are found on the inside cover of the hymnals.

Welcome

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CW 703

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn, and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink and live."
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light.
 Look unto me; your morn shall rise
 and all your day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till trav'ling days are done.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession CW 154

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





aid my tongue to bless his name whose fa - vors are di - vine. he that heals your sick-ness - es and makes you young a - gain. Lord has judg-ments for the proud and jus - tice for th'_op-pressed.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

When Moses was weary on the way to the Promised Land, the LORD said his presence would go with him and give him rest.

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

¹⁴The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

¹⁸Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

¹⁹And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

²¹Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo O Rest in the Lord

From Mendelssohn's "Elijah"

O rest in the Lord. Wait patiently for him, and he shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto him and trust in him and fret not thyself because of evil doers.

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

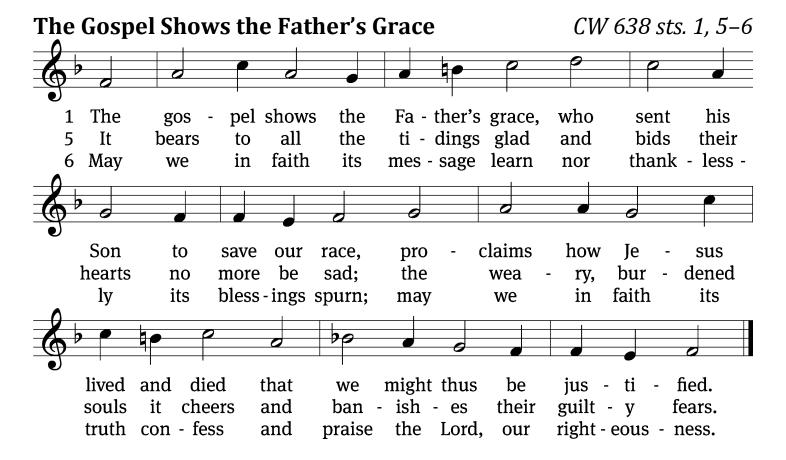
Though the war with our sinful flesh makes us weary, the Lord gives us rest through our victory in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GospelMatthew 11:25–30

Come to Jesus, all you who are weary and burdened, and he will give you rest for your souls.

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

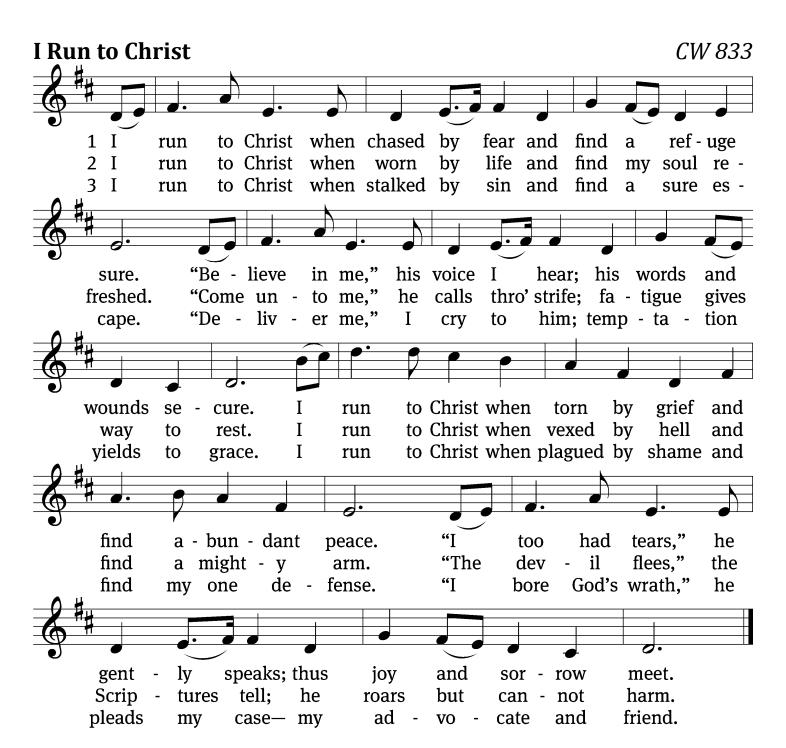
²⁷"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



Sermon Exodus 33

Find Rest in the LORD

He will go with you * He will show you his glory

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 Intercessions 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.

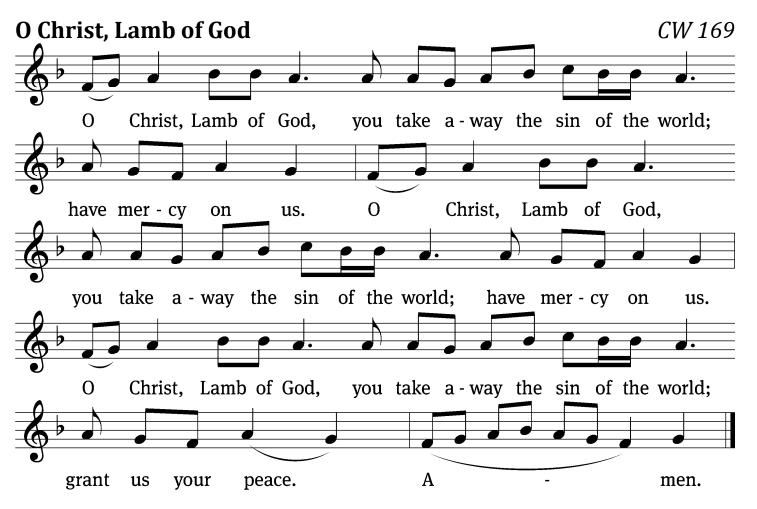
THE SACRAMENT

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.



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.



- 5 Though reason cannot understand, yet faith this truth embraces: your body, Lord, is even now at once in many places.
 I leave to you how this can be; your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said; help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, and let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears refreshes me and stills my fears and is my priceless treasure.

 Stand
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive your supper, Lord, our Savior, and, truly grieving for our sins, may prove by our behavior that we are thankful for your grace and day by day may run our race, in holiness increasing.
- 8 For your consoling supper, Lord, be praised through out all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place the world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be a blessed comfort unto me when living and when dying.

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.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

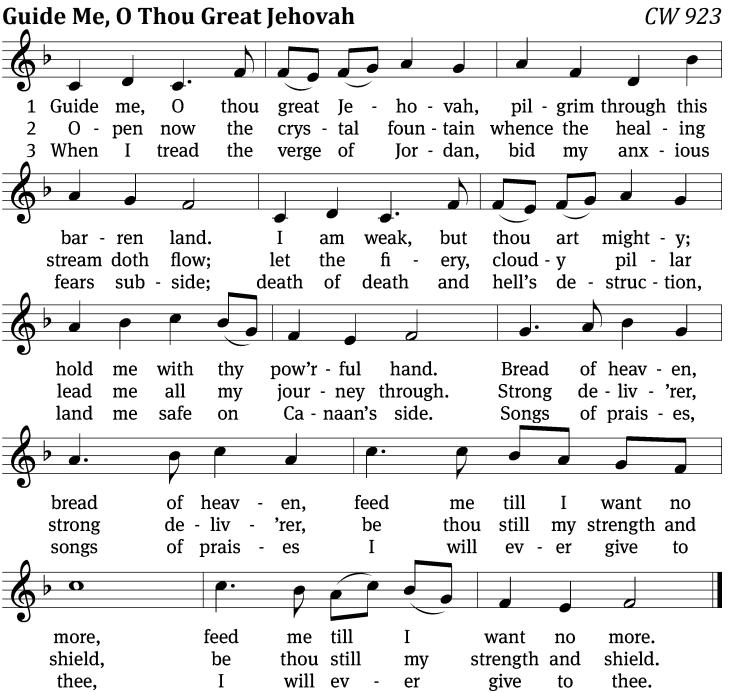
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated



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SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:

PASTOR: Rev. Aaron Mueller **ORGANIST:** Marilyn Toepel

ALTAR GUILD: Sandra Weber, Karen Beining, Debbie Van Alstine.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Ed Strauss, Clark Kleinhans, Richard Stoelb, Keith Leistekow.

10:30a.m. - Tad Goedeke, Eric Eickhoff, Sam Eickhoff, Zach Marten. 6:30 p.m. - Dennis Sprenger.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:00 a.m. Dave Wehrmann, Mike Austreng 10:30 a.m. Steve Schurler & Jim Van Alstine.

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 7/2 & 7/3 - \$18,100 (needed each week \$19,200). \$3,500 Growing Forward

ATTENDANCE: 7/2 & 7/3 : 8:00 A.m. - 163.10:30 A.m. - 107.6:00 p.m. - 22.



Grow with Christ

9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- 1. **Family Bible Study -** We gear summer Sunday morning studies for everyone from adults down to children in about 3rd grade. There is child care available for younger children while parents and older children are in Bible study. Today, we continue our life of David study focusing on 2 Samuel 11-12...Bible study will take place in the sanctuary.
- 2. **Interested in our Bible Information Class**? If you or someone you know would like to research our teachings and whether to partner in membership with us, please reach out to the pastors or staff minister.



In Other News

- 1. **Voters Meeting -** Was on Sunday June 25, the voters approved the budget for the next year. They also extended a call to Rev. Norv Kock to be our principal relief teacher (one year call, about 4/10 time). They also called Mr. Greg Johnson to be our Administrative Vice Principal (handling school choice matters, one year call, 1/2 time).
- 2. **July Bonfire:** Come and enjoy some socializing around a nice fire! The Activities Committee is hosting a bonfire 7/10 @ 7:00 p.m. on the parking lot near the garage.
 - *Family Friendly
 - *Yard Games
 - *Simple Snacks Provided (chips, pretzels, s'mores Feel free to bring something else along!)
 - *Bring Your Own Chair
 - *Bring Your Own Beverage
- 3. **St. Paul's Timber Rattlers Game:** Join your St. Paul's family Friday, July 28 for a Timber Rattlers game! There are only 8 tickets left, so get your tickets before they're gone!

Cost: \$55 (covers bus ride, ticket, buffet, and 2 drinks)

Details: Located directly behind home plate with a great view of the field, we will be in the new Diamond Seats section. It features comfortable elevated bar top seats, an all-you-can-eat buffet (BBQ pulled pork, grilled Cher-Make jumbo hot dogs, a build your own burrito bowl bar, creamy mac & cheese, potato chips, and assorted desserts), and two beverages (hard seltzer, beer, water, or soda). Diamond Seats give the convenience of being able to sit back and watch the game or stand up and mingle with friends.

Schedule:

5:15: meet at St. Paul's and head to the game together on bus

6:40: game

Post-game: fireworks at the ballpark, kids can run the bases, return to St. Paul's *Please register using this form by July 14:* https://forms.gle/ka7jDrbkdB2d9QqB7. Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575; https://toutia.gov/luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

- 4. **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.
- 5. **Save the Dates!** The building expansion is scheduled for completion on August 4. With that date we have planned a dedication date for the facility in our services on **August 13**. We will also install our new teachers [Deb Doletzky, Emily Panzer, and Michael & MeLissa Wieting] that day. Martin Luther College President Rev. Rich Gurgel will serve as our preacher.
- 6. **UPDATE:** We are also planning an Open House on August 19, **September 16.** The Building Committee and Church Council decided to move it to make sure we have ample time for all equipment to arrive and be installed and all finishing touches to be completed.

- 1. The **Dedication/Installation** day will have no Bible study. Tours of the expansion will take place during the Bible study hour.
- 2. The **Open House** event is intended for our neighbors, community, and area WELS churches. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours.
- 7. **Summer Office Hours** The office will be open on Tuesdays, 11am 3pm, and Thursdays, 9:30am 2pm for the summer. If you have any questions outside of office hours, please email Erin Radue at secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
- 8. **Is your car dirty from the road construction??** Well, you are in luck. Scrip has Kwik Trip Ultimate Car Wash gift cards on hand! When you purchase a card for \$36 you get 5 Ultimate Car Washes and St. Paul's School earns \$16. We also have Kwik Trip gas cards, Festival Foods, Meijer, Pick n' Save, Piggly Wiggly, Walmart, and Culver's on hand. We can also special order cards from thousands of retailers nationwide. Stop by the scrip table in the narthex and get your cards today! You can also stop at the school office during business hours.
- 9. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule for July and beyond, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional July ushers will soon be sent via the 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.
- 10. **Care Committee for Called Workers (CCCW)** put out boxes in the narthex to help our four new teaching staff members. One box is for Scrip cards, gift cards, or money. The other box is for pantry type items: paper towels, cleaning supplies, canned foods, etc... If you have any questions, please contact Steve Schueler, 920-693-8666.
- 11. **Pastor Bode** is on vacation from July 1-10.
- 12. **Church Photo Directory:** Please watch your emails for upcoming opportunities to have your Family's photo taken on one of the following dates:

We encourage all members to participate in this important congregational effort. Please sign up through the Church Needs Request (or call the Church Office at 920-565-3780) at your earliest convenience. Photo sessions will take approximately 15-20 minutes. Photos will not be for sale. They will only be used for Church Photo Directory purposes.