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Sow the Scriptures



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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 (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: *Even with modern farming technology, we are not in control. We till and plant, fertilize and irrigate, run computers and large machinery. But there is still drought and disease, freezing and flooding, insect pests and gusts of wind. God is in control of our produce and plenty. It's the same with our growth and fruits in his kingdom. Though he uses our labor, the Lord's powerful Word brings about life and causes us to flourish. So, we continue to Sow the Scriptures!*

WELCOME

Stand.

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

Amen.

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CW 919 st. 1



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered
all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.


Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.

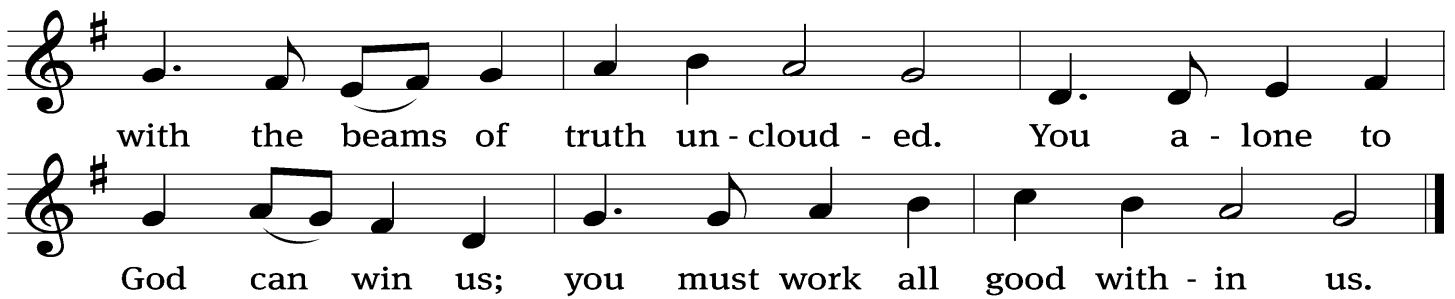
How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CW 919 st. 2



2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks our night



with the beams of truth un-cloud-ed. You a-lone to
God can win us; you must work all good with-in us.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness. **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.**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CW 919 st. 3



3 Gra-cious Sav-ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
God pro-ceed-ing, o-pen now our heart and mind;
help us by your Spir-it's plead-ing. Hear the cry your
Church now rais-es; hear and bless our prayers and prais-es.

God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CW 919 st. 4

4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,
con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -
low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

Isaiah 55:6-11

The LORD's Word will accomplish his purposes as rain and snow make the earth bud and flourish.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.

⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Every Heart Its Tribute Pays

Psalm 65B

Praise our God who forgave our transgressions, cares for the land, and crowns the year with his bounty.



1 Ev - 'ry heart its trib - ute pays, ev - 'ry tongue its
2 Ev - er while his deeds en - dure our sal - va - tion
3 Year by year, the sea - sons' round sees the land with



song of praise; sin and sor - row, guilt and care, brought to
stands se - cure; he whose fin - gers spun the earth, gave the
bless - ing crowned, where ca - ressed by sun and rain bar - ren



him who an - swers prayer; there by grace may hu - man - kind
seas and moun - tains birth, tamed the o - cean, formed the land,
earth gives life a - gain; sun - lit val - leys burn with gold,



full and free for - give - ness find; called and cho - sen,
spread the skies with might - y hand: far - off shores re -
na - ture smiles on field and fold, gifts of God in



loved and blest, in his pres - ence be at rest.
 vere his name, day and night his pow'r pro - claim.
 plen - ty poured: all things liv - ing, praise the Lord!

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:5-11

We plant and water the seed as workers in God's field, but God makes it grow.

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

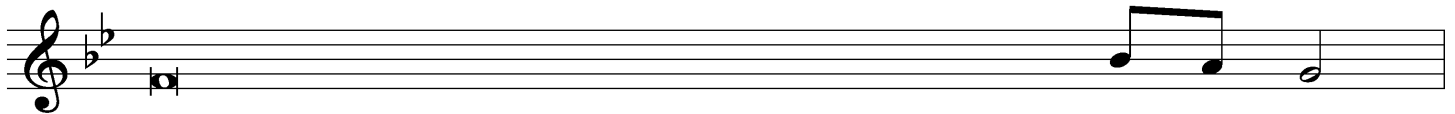
Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 55:11

The soloist will sing the first refrain and chant the verse.

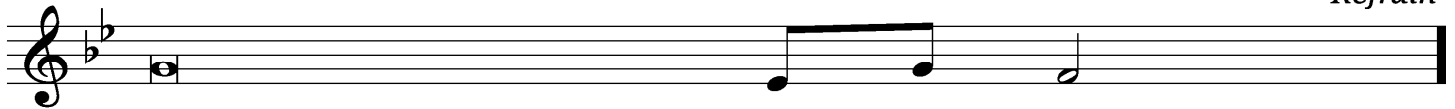
All will join in the final refrain.

Soloist: Alleluia!



My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I de - sire

Refrain



and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Jesus taught his disciples to sow the seed of the powerful word of God, though many dangers exist in the fields.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear."

¹⁸"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

CW 644



1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and right - eous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

*The Rain We Desperately Need
Downpouring Pardon – Dependable Produce*

Stand

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

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Special intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Preach You the Word

CW 895



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home to those who
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task your ser - vant
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love scat - ters a -
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched and some be



like or like it not, the Word that shall en -
bids us un - der - take: to preach your Word and
broad the good - ly seed, in - tent a - lone that
choked and mat - ted flat, the sow - er sows; his



dure and stand when flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.
nev - er ask what pride - ful prof - it it may make.
there may be the whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

5 Of all his scattered plenteousness
one-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
and bears a harvest, hundredfold:

"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

6 Preach you the Word and plant it home
and never faint; the Harvest Lord
who gave the sower seed to sow
will watch and tend his planted Word.

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through 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

On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925

1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you

stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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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. - Eric Vant Hul.

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: 7/9 & 7/11 - \$18,800 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$4,300 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE.

ATTENDANCE: 7/9 & 7/11 : 8:00 A.M. - 162. 10:30 A.M. - 130. 6:00 P.M. - 39.



This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, July 16	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study
Monday, July 17	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
Tuesday, July 18	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Office Open
Wednesday, July 19	6:30 p.m. School Board
	6:30 p.m. Officers
Thursday, July 20	9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Office Open
Sunday, July 23	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Summer Family Bible Study

Grow with Christ

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. St. Paul's Timber Rattlers Game:** Join your St. Paul's family Friday, July 28 for a Timber Rattlers game! There are only 4 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;

luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org

2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **Move-in Party:** Once the new construction is completed, we will need to clean the new rooms and move furniture and other items in from the commons and the older classrooms. Saturday, August 5, is tentatively set as the day for this to happen. Please consider putting this day on your calendar to come and help, and watch for more information over the next couple weeks.
5. **UPDATE:** We are also planning an Open House in September. 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.
 - a. The **Dedication/Installation** day will have no Bible study. Tours of the expansion will take place during the Bible study hour.
 - b. The **Open House** event is intended for our neighbors, community, and area WELS churches. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours.
6. **Installation/Dedication Festival Choir:** We are planning on having a choir sing during the Installation/Dedication service 8/13. ***We have missed singing as a large group and would love to have as many singers as possible!*** You don't need to be a "normal" choir member to sing along. More info to come. Let Luther know if you're interested, and feel free to ask any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
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. **Pastor Mueller** is guest preaching at Louis Corners on Sunday morning.
11. **The Church newsletter** is being emailed/put in mailboxes this week.
12. **Gym/Commons Waxing and Carpet Cleaning** is set for the week of July 24th- July 28th. During this time, you **MUST** stay off of the freshly waxed floors. Signs will be posted as reminders. Thank you for your cooperation.
13. **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.
14. **Church Photo Directory:** Please watch your emails for upcoming opportunities to have your Family's photo taken on one of the following dates:

July

Sunday, July 16th Noon – 4:00 pm
 Tuesday, July 18th 5:30 – 7:30 pm
 Thursday, July 20th 6:00 – 8:00 pm

August

Sunday, Aug. 20th Noon – 4:00 pm
 Wed., Aug. 23rd 6:00 – 8:00 pm
 Thurs., Aug. 24th 5:30 – 7:30 pm

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.