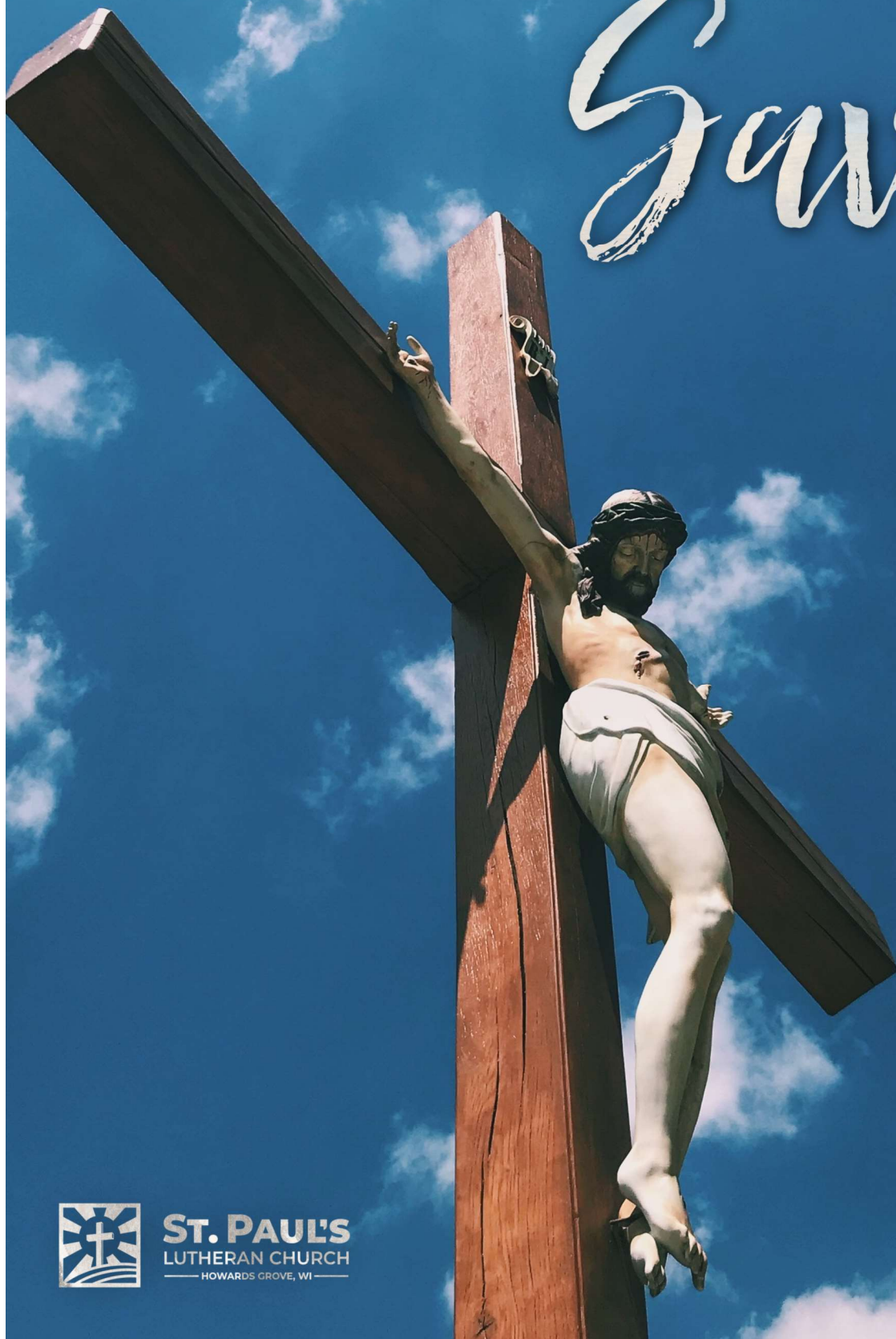


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# Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!

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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!

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## 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.

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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.

**Worship Focus:** *Who exactly is Jesus? Some think he is just an old story. Others say he was a loving influence and a good person. Still others claim he was merely one prophet among many. But he is so much more. Just as the heavenly Father led Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of the living God, may he lead us to do the same. Today we learn of the most important name: "The Lord's Name Saves."*

**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.*

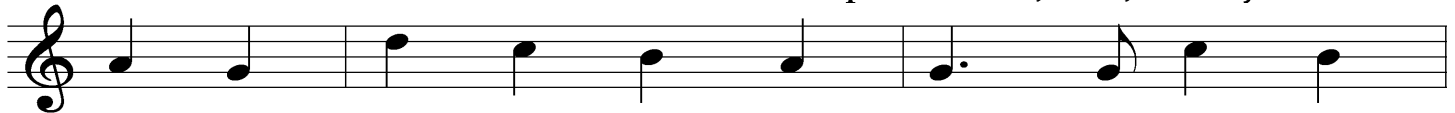
## Welcome

### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CW 563



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no  
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*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.

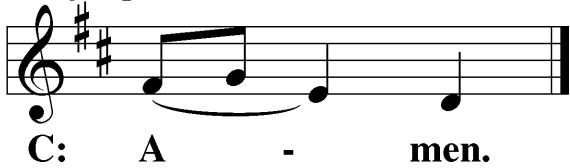


**C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in**

all the earth. Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther,  
 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, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be Seated*

## FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 34:5-9*

*The LORD proclaimed his compassionate, gracious, and forgiving name to Moses.*

<sup>5</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”

<sup>8</sup>Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. <sup>9</sup>“Lord,” he said, “if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”

## SECOND LESSON

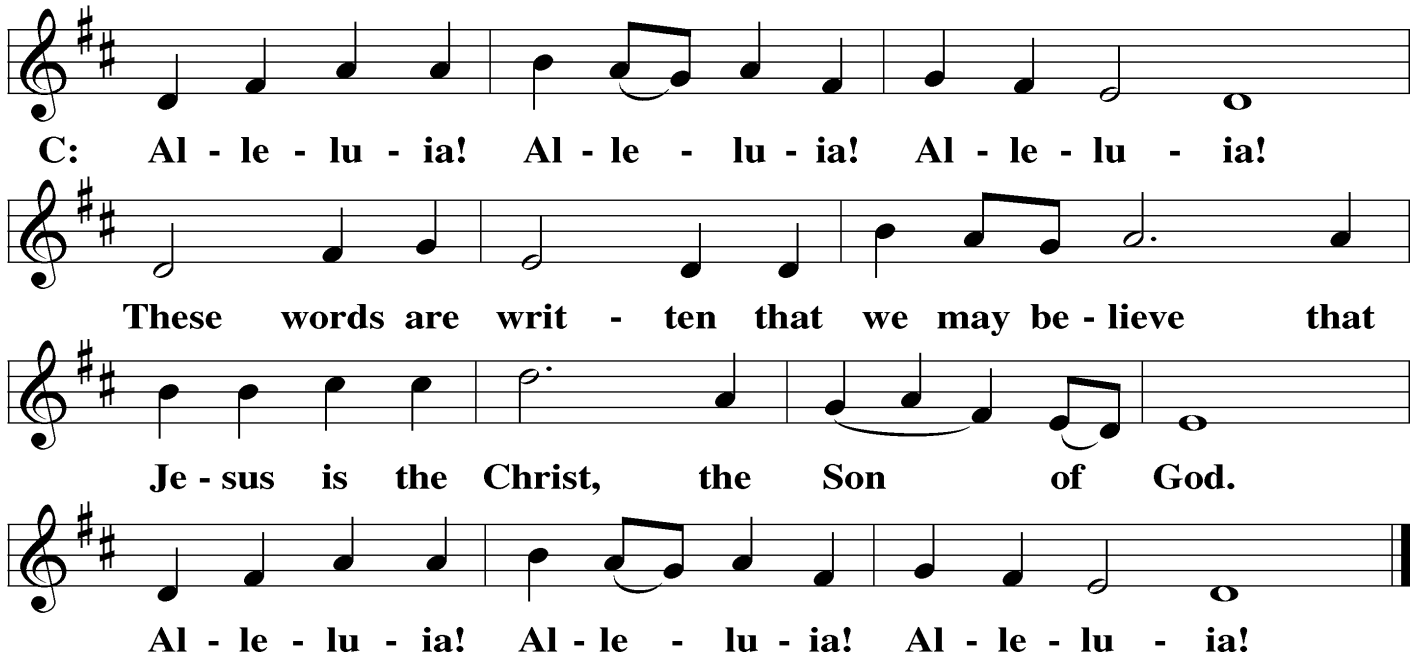
*Romans 10:5-13*

*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved by a righteousness that comes by faith, not the law.*

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup>If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup>As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and

Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him,  
<sup>13</sup>for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 16:13–20*

*The Father led Peter to confess Jesus' saving name, which is the foundation for the Church and the authority behind the keys of heaven.*

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

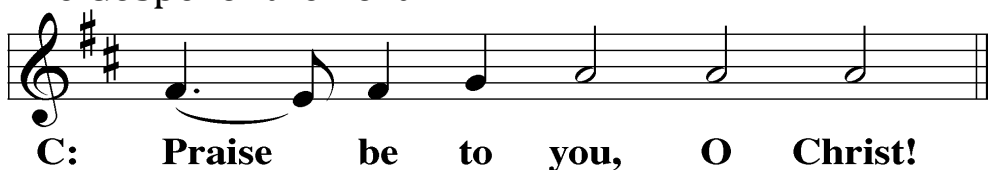
<sup>14</sup>They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup>“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!





*You Have to Get This Right  
God's Proclamation – Our Profession – Anyone's Protection*

*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.**

## 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.

## THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends us the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



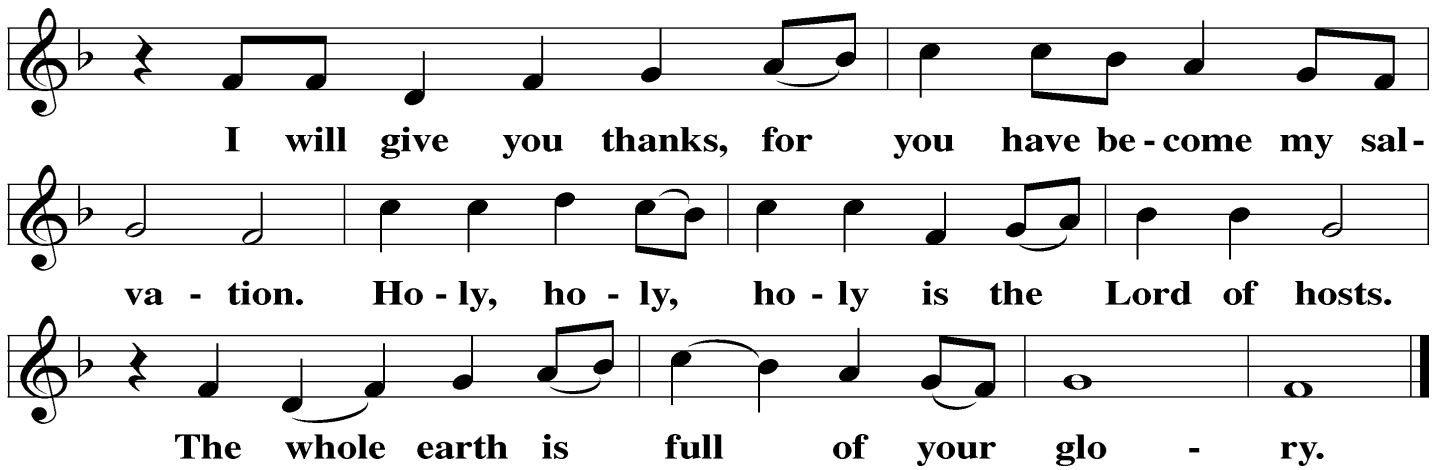
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## 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."

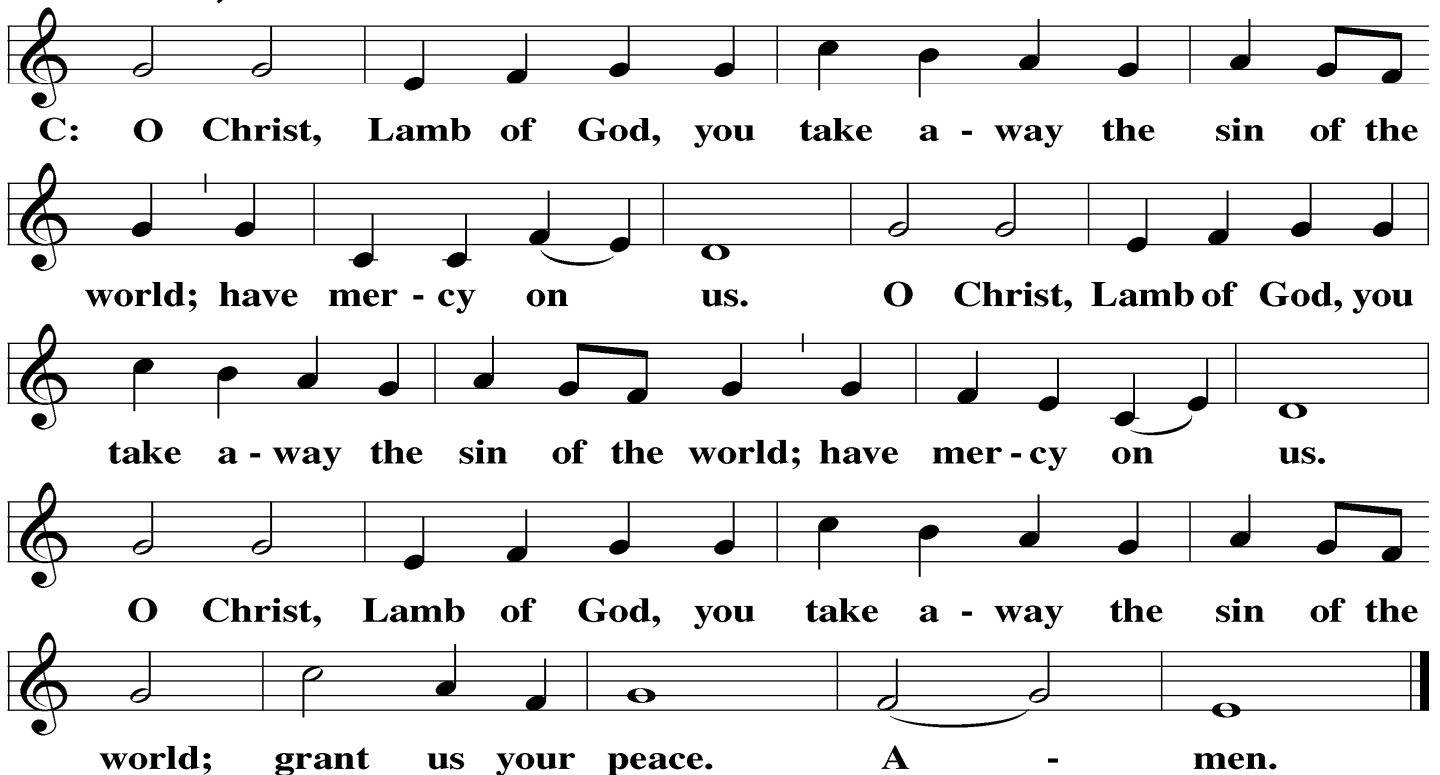
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## 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.

## 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.*

### Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

CW 659



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, turned a - way God's  
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, he, this pre - cious  
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; take heed how you  
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion if sal - va - tion



wrath for - ev - er; by his bit - ter grief and woe  
 food sup - ply - ing, gives his bod - y with the bread  
 are pre - par - ing, for if you do not be - lieve,  
 you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup - pose



he saved us from the e - vil foe.  
 and with the wine the blood he shed.  
 judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.  
 you need not him who died and rose.

- 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,  
 and receive my grace and favor;  
 those who feel no pain or ill  
 need no physician's help or skill."  
 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
 that this food is to be taken  
 by the souls who are distressed,  
 by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
 unto us such food has given  
 and, to mend what we have done,  
 gave into death his only Son.  
 8 If your heart this truth professes  
 and your mouth your sin confesses,  
 surely you will be his guest  
 and at his banquet ever blest.

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.

*Be Seated*

## How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

*CW 541 sts. 1, 3-4*



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, my



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er - fail - ing  
Proph - et, Priest, and King, my Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.  
trea - sury filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.

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**USHERS:** 8:00a.m.- Tim Doro, Tom Damrow, Derrick Hermann, Scott Schomberg.

10:30 a.m. - Kevin Mueller, Larry Schomberg, Nathan Ledvina, Jeff Ledvina.

6:00 p.m. – Dennis Sprenger, Trevor Meyer.

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** 8:00 a.m. Mike Austreng, Ed Strauss. 10:30 a.m. Eric Vant Hul, 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 8/20 & 8/21 - \$16,960 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$11,600 GROWING FORWARD. \$5,000 FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$250 SCHOOL FUND.**

**ATTENDANCE: 8/20 & 8/21 : 8:00 A.M. – 165. 10:30 A.M. – 113. 6:00 P.M. – 53.**



**In our prayers this week...**

1. Pete Prange, celebrating his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday this week.

<b>This Week at a Glance:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service, Bible Study, and Class Times</b>
<b>Sunday, August 27</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - Family Bible Hour</b>
<b>Monday, August 28</b>	<b>4:30 p.m. Trustees</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>
<b>Wednesday, Aug. 30</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Elders</b>
<b>Friday, September 1</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Sunday, September 3</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>
<b>Monday, September 4</b>	<b>LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>

# 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 conclude our life of David study by looking at his plans for the temple. Why was it so important to him? What did he provide for it? Whom did he put in place? What was worship like? 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. The new course begins on September 12th at 6:00 pm.
- 3. Sunday School** begins on September 10 under the theme “The LORD is Our Strength”! Registration is live now on our website, [stpaulshowardsgrove.org](http://stpaulshowardsgrove.org). If you would like to invite a friend, there are fliers in the member room.
- 4. Parents Bible Study-** As parents, it can often be difficult to find the time to be in the Word of God for personal study. Join Staff Minister Luther Curia for **Families of the Bible**. The study explores familiar Biblical family relationships and the challenges those families faced. Each lesson examines Scriptural truths from a biblical family circumstance and applies them to modern family life. The topics covered in the Families of the Bible study are applicable to every family at some point in time. Join us in the new Harvest Room Thursday evenings at 6:30 - September 14, 21 & October 5, 12. Each Bible class session will have its own focus, so no worries if you can't make each class. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Childcare can be available. Contact Luther Curia with any questions:  
[luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org); 920.287.8575.
- 5. Lutheran Churches Bible Study:** There are many different Lutheran churches in our area. Are they all pretty much the same? On several Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30, starting September 12, Pastor Bode will lead a class looking at the historical relationship between the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We will consider the blessings of the fellowship we once shared, differences that led to the synods splitting in 1961, as well as current relationships and

teachings. Come and grow in your appreciation of how the Lord works through his Word and rules over time and history for the good of his Church.

## 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. **An Open House is planned** 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.

The **Open House** event is intended for our neighbors, community, and area WELS churches. We are planning on **September 17** from **3:00 - 5:00 pm**. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours.

3. **Church Picnic:** Come on out and enjoy some food, fellowship, and fun with your St. Paul's family Sunday, September 10 from 11:30-2:00 p.m. There will be a Mexican themed meal, complete with a taco/nacho bar. You'll also receive 2 beverages per person (margaritas, Coronas, sangria, lemonade, water). Join in the fun: traditional yard games, BINGO with prizes (cost: \$1/card), and bounce house for the kids!



We're looking for the best desserts out there, people. Our St. Paul's bakers never disappoint! Signup if you'd like to bring something.

**SALSA COMPETITION:** Do you have a salsa recipe that you think is on point? Sign up for our Salsa Competition! Your salsa can be any variety/type you like (stewed, fresh, fruit, etc.). Bring a half-gallon of your salsa to the picnic and you could win a \$50 gift card to Pacifico! More details will be shared later for those who sign up.

Cost: Free-will offering basket. Additional beverages can be purchased (cash only).

Please register using the QR code or by calling the office by Monday, September 4 so that we have enough food for you. :)

Let Luther Curia know if you have any questions:

[luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).

4. **Now Hiring!** St. Paul's is looking to fill the following positions:
  - a. **Preschool Aide(s):** By God's grace the classroom doors of St. Paul's will welcome students on August 23! During this very exciting time we



are looking to hire aides to work with our youngest lambs: 3K, 4K and Kindergarten students. Shifts are available between 6:30 AM-5:30 PM, Monday-Friday when school is in session. Positions include: providing before/after school care, assisting with classroom routines, lunch prep and recess and nap time supervision. Please contact the office to request an application and to schedule an interview.

b. **Janitorial:** We are looking to hire a custodian for the addition. Please speak to Trevor Wehrmann or the office for further information.

5. **Adult Choir Coming Soon!** Do you have a love of singing and a love for your Savior? If so, consider joining our St. Paul's Adult Choir!

It is open to all high school age students and up. We meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00. Our first rehearsal will be Monday, September 11. You don't have to have a solo voice or be able to read notes like a pro! We'd love to have you! Childcare is available if needed (provided by the Curia children). In order to help with music selections, please indicate ON THIS FORM (<https://tinyurl.com/5n8cvc9j> or QR code) which voice part(s) you generally sing. If you don't know, just think: Soprano (higher female voice), Alto (lower female voice), Tenor (higher male voice), Bass (lower male voice). If you're still on the fence about joining, don't worry about filling this out. Just show up! Contact Luther Curia if you have any questions: 287-8575 or [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).



6. **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 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.

7. **2023 WELS Convention:** From July 31-August 3, the WELS Biennial Convention was held in Saginaw, MI. Pastor Mueller was a delegate. Each week, we are sharing some highlights of the convention and updates on our church body's work:

a. Our WELS Home Missions continues with the 100 missions in 10 years initiative. Rev. Mark Gabb, chairman for our Home Missions

Board, spoke about the Great Commission that Christ has given us to go and make disciples, while faithfully and wisely using the resources he has given us for both outreach and nurture. “It comes down to reaching the lost,” Gabb continued. “It’s still about one Savior, one mission, one synod, one soul at a time.”

b. Rev. Jonathan Hein, coordinator of WELS Congregational Services, offered convention delegates a picture of the current state of the WELS and opportunities for the future. Amid concerns of aging congregations and pastoral vacancies, he noted, “This is not a time for us to cower or shake over the number of losses. It’s a time to stand up and ask God to give us courage and strength and to love our community rather than lambast our community for becoming post-Christian. Let’s love our community and bring Christ to them. Now is the time for us to do it.

c. Rev. Phil Hirsch, who serves at Hope in Manhattan, KS delivered the convention essay, based on the theme: Embrace the Cross, Anticipate the Crown. “In the freedom of the gospel, we are NOT to let ourselves be burdened by a yoke of slavery again, but should embrace the cross of Christ and embrace whatever comes our way from the hand of our heavenly Father, confident that we have an eternal crown because of Christ and sure that, even now, all things serve us for good.”

8. **New Pastor Installation:** We rejoice with our WELS brothers and sisters at Trinity in Kiel, that the Lord has sent them a second pastor to serve their growing ministry. Pastor Isaiah Horn will be installed at Trinity (387 Cemetery Rd.) on September 10 at 1:00 p.m. Following the service, there will be a light reception.

9. **The MLHS “Sweet Corn Fest”** is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation sometime August 27<sup>th</sup>. So we know how much corn to pick, there is a sign-up sheet in the member room to place your order. To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1867 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$200 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for 15 years and much of the money raised has been through the “Sweet Corn Fest” each summer. Thanks for your support in the past and we hope you make plans to participate in this great program. We will need 4 to 6 of our St. Paul’s members to help with

the picking the day before on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please contact Jim Van Alstine at 920-889-1225.

10. **Some have been asking** if we are making the Garden Gym or other [non classroom] rooms in the addition available for member use. We hope to down the road, but for the time being we want to grow to understand the rooms ourselves, figure out care and cleaning of them, and then to create policies and procedures for proper use.
11. **Early Childhood** teachers are looking for donations of outdoor trikes, bikes (with training wheels), and 3 wheel scooters. Donations can be dropped off in the office during office hours. Please contact Molly Meitner with any questions.