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God's Grace



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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.



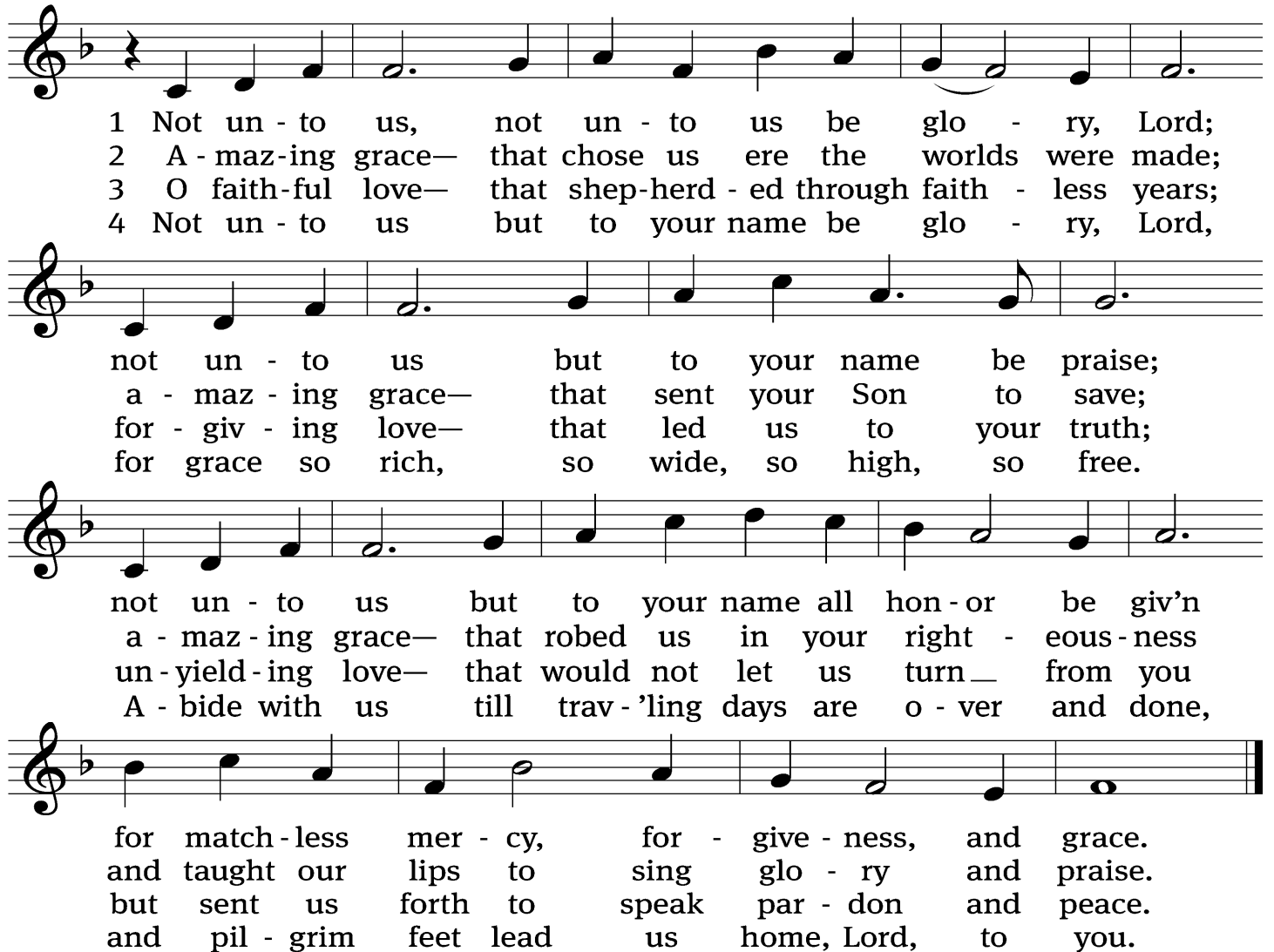
St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (4K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Worship Focus: *There has been a lot in the news lately about wages. Is this professional athlete making enough? The contract is still in negation. Workers on strike for better compensation. How can people make a living with costs going up? In this world, there will always be bargaining and counter offers. We can be thankful that we don't get what we deserve from God. We will serve him as long as we have life and breath. We have these things and eternal life too from him in Christ. All are gifts from our gracious God. We will be "Content with God's Grace."*

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.*

Not unto Us

CW 582



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were made;
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less years;
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,
not un - to us but to your name be praise;
a - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;
for - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;
for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.
not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n
a - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous - ness
un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from you
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and done,
for match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
and taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
but sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
and pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Because we are all sons and daughters of the Lord, we are called by him to repent of our sins. Let us go before our God and ask for his forgiveness, knowing that the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sins. (*Acts 17:29-30; 1 John 1:7*)

Song of Praise

Nothing but the Blood

Small Group: What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain: Oh! precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Small Group: For my pardon, this I see,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

For my cleansing this my plea,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

Cleanse me and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51)

Small Group: Nothing can for sin atone,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Naught of good that I have done,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

Silent Confession

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved. In Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. You have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. (Ephesians 2:4-5, 13 & 1:7)

ALL:



This is all my righ-teous-ness, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 Oh! pre-cious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
 No oth-er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and promise to reward us according to your grace. Help us to rid our minds of worldly expectations and rejoice that you freely pour out the blessings of salvation to all people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jonah 3:10—4:11

The LORD led Jonah to understand his concern for showing grace to the large city of Nineveh.

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

¹But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

⁴But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah

to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.

¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

All Because of God's Amazing Grace

Sung by St. Paul's Lutheran School Gr. 5-8

Amazing grace, oh, how sweet the sound that saved a poor sinner like me.
Though once I was lost, yet now I am found; though I was blinded, now I see.

Refrain: And it's all because of God's amazing grace, because on Calvary's mountain he took my place. And some day, some glorious morning, I shall see him face to face; and it's all because of God's great grace.

Through disappointment and danger, too; through labors and sorrows we've come. But God's grace has guided safely through, and it will surely lead me home. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Romans 9:6–16

God has mercy and compassion on those whom he chooses by grace to be children of the promise.

⁶It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁰Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good

or bad—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: ¹²not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

¹⁴What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

¹⁶It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

Jesus taught his disciples with a parable to be content with God's generous grace.

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷“ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²“These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the

one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?

¹⁶"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

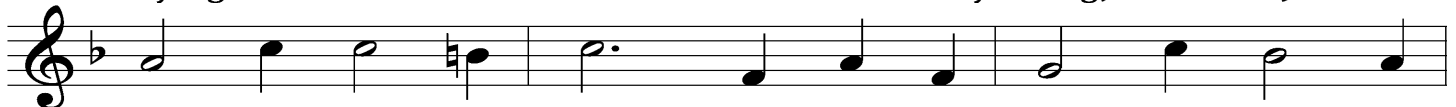
Be seated

By Grace I'm Saved

CW 575



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; my soul, be -
2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, came down to
3 By grace! O mark this word of prom - ise when you are
4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, in trib - u -
5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; in Je - sus'



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
by your sins op - pressed, when Sa - tan plagues your trou - bled
la - tion's fur - nace tried, by grace, de - spite all fear and
prom - ise I re - joice, for though I know my heart's con -



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false-hood taught? So then this
mer - it that Je - sus died, your soul to win? No, it was
con - science, and when your heart is seek - ing rest. What rea - son
trou - ble, the Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I
di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is



word must true re - main: by grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
grace, and grace a - lone, that brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
can - not com - pre - hend God by his grace to you did send.
help and strength se - cure if grace were not my an - chor sure?
glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Sermon

Jonah

Whose Grace Is This Anyway?

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

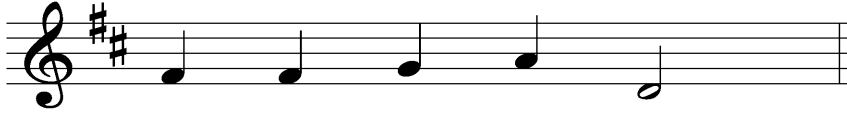
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

Preface

CW 199

The Lord be with you.



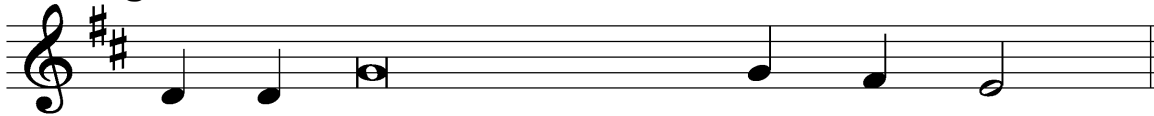
And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us, grant us peace.

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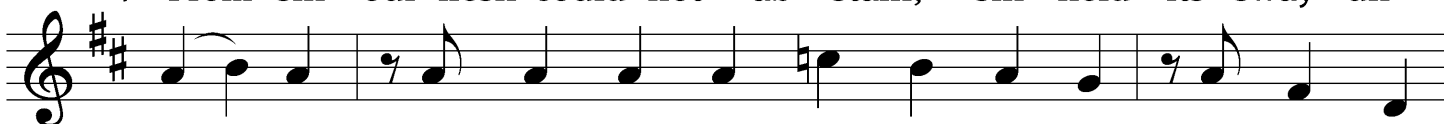
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: *St. Paul's invites up to Communion instructed and confirmed members of this congregation and the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). If you are visiting us and are not a member of either, we would love to have you join us - just after we have established a shared faith in Jesus with you on the basis of God's Word. Please speak with one of our pastors after the service so we can make this happen.*

Salvation unto Us Has Come

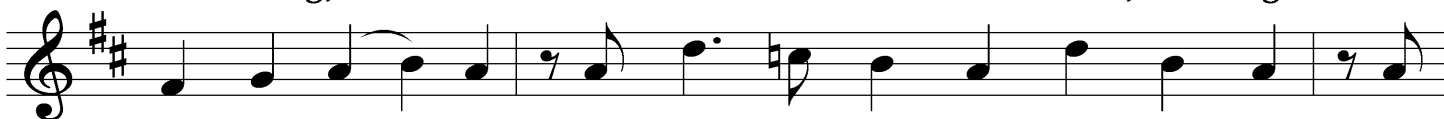
CW 558:1-6,10



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
2 What God did in his law de - mand and none to him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream that God his law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
ren - der caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand for man, the
giv - en that sin - ners could them-selves re-deem and by their
ceas - ing; the task was use - less and in vain, our guilt was



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those pure de - sires the
works gain heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to
e'er in - creas - ing. None can re-move sin's poi-soned dart or



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
spir - it of the law re - quires, and lost is our con-di - tion.
bring the in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
pu - ri - fy our wick - ed heart, so deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the law must be fulfilled
or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed
and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad
and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
your death is now my life indeed,
for you have paid my ransom.

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace;
all glory to his merit!
O triune God in heav'n above,
you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name be hallowed!

Stand

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

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

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

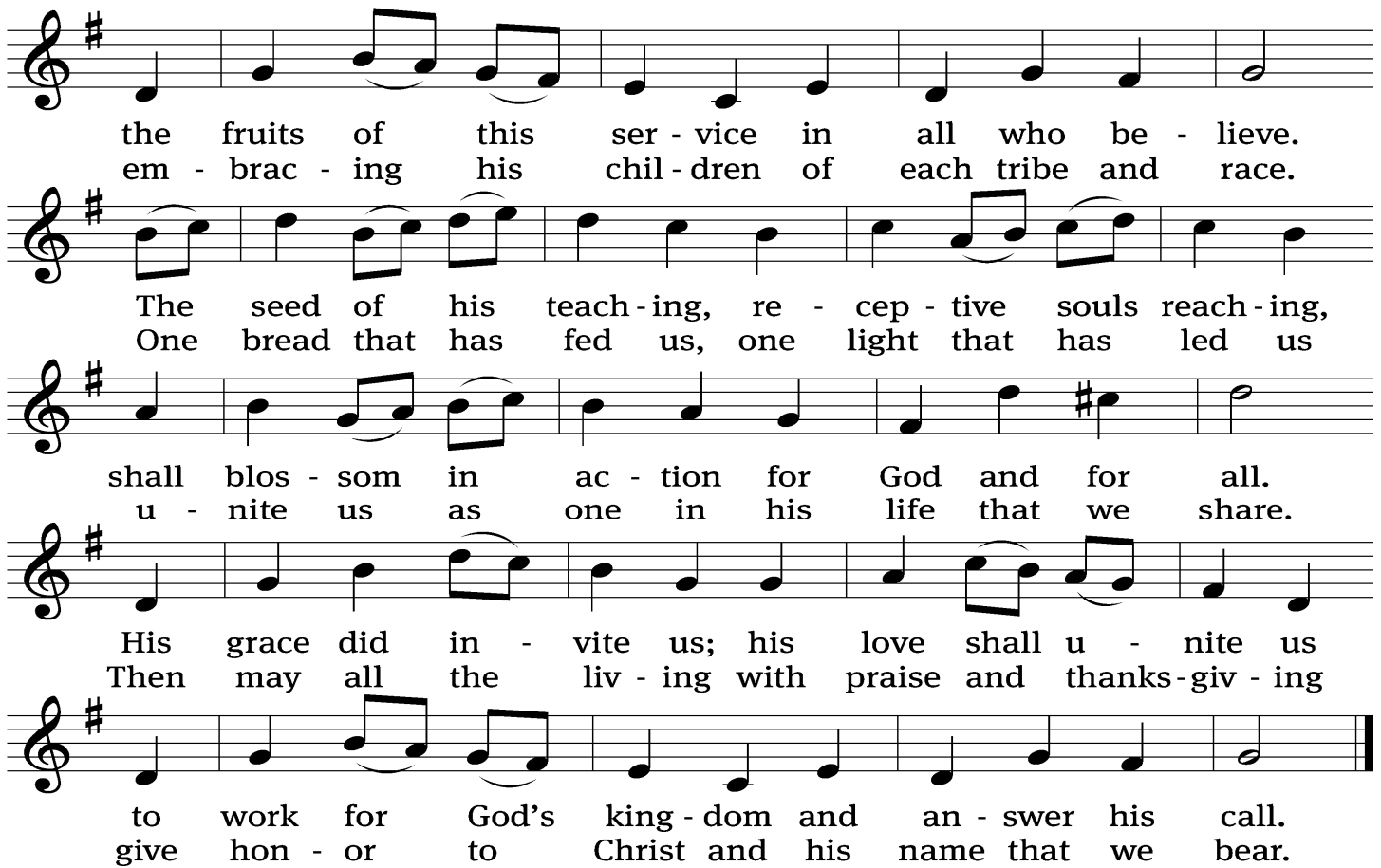
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

CW 932

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
the peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.
The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing his chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of his teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us

shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
u-nite us as one in his life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us; his love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to work for God's king-dom and an-swer his call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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PIANIST: Sarah Mueller

MUSICIANS: Bev Gumm and Lisa Marten

ALTAR GUILD: Sandy Bolz, Stefani Leverenz, Jenny Walleser.

USHERS: 8:00a.m.- Greg Johnson, David Wehrmann, Richard Stoelb, Will Belitz.

10:30a.m. – Kevin Reinemann, Tim Reinemann, Jim Truttschel, Tyler Truttschel.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:00 a.m. Steve Schueler, Mike Austreng. 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 9/17 & 9/18 - \$17,640 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$700 GROWING FORWARD. \$250 SCHOOL FUND.

ATTENDANCE: 9/17 & 9/18: 8:00 A.M. – 237. 10:30 A.M. – 142. 6:00 P.M. – 39.

In our prayers this week...

1. Siegmund Bulitz's 90th birthday on September 27.

This Week at a Glance:	
Date	Service, Bible Study, and Class Times
Sunday, September 24	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour
	6:00 p.m. Volleyball Open Gym
Monday, September 25	4:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship
	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Tuesday, September 26	6:00 p.m. BIC in Harvest Room
Wednesday, September 27	8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study
	9:00 a.m. Bible Study
	9:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Music and Movement
	4:15 p.m. Public School Catechism
	6:30 p.m. Elders
Thursday, September 28	6:30 p.m. Families of the Bible Bible Study in Harvest Room
Friday, September 29	NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, October 1	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
	9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour

Grow with Christ

Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

- Family Bible Study** - on September 3 we began a new 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 is in the Harvest Room with a 9:20 am start time. There is child care available for younger children while parents and older children are in Bible study. *Today we look at chapter 3.*
- Wednesday morning Bible** study is on *The Theology of the Cross*. Join us at 9:00 am in the Harvest Room!
- Sunday School** began on September 10 under the theme "The LORD is Our Strength"! Registration is live on our website, stpaulshowardsgrove.org. A QR code labeled "Sunday

School Registration” will also be in the hallways again this weekend to direct your device to our registration form. 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 - 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; 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. Due to scheduling conflicts, *our next class is October 3.*

In Other News

1. **Christmas at St. Paul's Student Registration** - We are excited to once again present "Christmas at St. Paul's" this year on Sunday, December 17. Service times will be at 8:00 (1st-8th grade) & 10:30 (3K-8th grade) with activities and snacks between services in the Sunday School rooms. The services will be in our gymnasium again to provide more seating and a larger-scale Christmas Worship event that you can invite your friends and loved ones to attend. It will be a multi-generational service, incorporating our children, St. Paul's adult choir, small groups of singers, and many instrumentalists -- all presenting the most amazing and beautiful piece of our world's history: the birth of our Savior, Jesus. We truly hope that your child(ren) will be able to participate in our St. Paul's Christmas service this year!



It is very important for all child participants to submit the participation form by Monday, October 9. This allows us to have finalized service materials in time for adequate preparation. Late registration unfortunately won't be allowed. Registration can be found using the QR code.

Please forward any questions regarding the service to Luther Curia:
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. **Now Hiring!** St. Paul's is looking to fill the following positions:
 - a. **AfterCare Help:** We are still looking for first through eighth grade after-school care help for the 2023-2024 school year. Hours are Monday through Friday from 3:30-5:30 pm. Please contact Mr. Wieting if you are interested or would like more information. We are also in need of another aftercare worker in the PreK wing all afternoon. Please speak with Mrs. Wieting for more information on this role. Job sharing is a possibility if you prefer not to commit to five days. Please strongly consider this opportunity, for as of right now, Mr. & Mrs. Wieting are helping to cover these hours.
4. **Divine Call** - On September 10, Pastor Bode received a divine call to Good Shepherd in Omaha, NE. Good Shepherd has a membership in the mid-300s and a grade school with an enrollment in the 70s. It is one of 3 WELS congregations in that large city. Pastor Bode welcomes your prayers and input in the coming weeks as he considers where he can best serve in God's kingdom in the years to come.
5. **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 or 920-428-2010.
6. **Fall Family Movie Night:** The Activities committee is planning a fun activity for your family Friday, October 13!

Schedule:

6:00: Doors open; pizza is served

6:15: Movie begins (Hotel Transylvania 3, rated PG)

COST: freewill offering collection

We'll have the gym set up for the occasion, with a huge movie screen. Besides pizza, we will have a "Build Your Own Movie Snackbox Bar". For the adults, we will have Old Fashioneds and Moscow Mules.

BRING ALONG: blankets, chairs, pjs, pillows, stuffed animals

Please register by OCTOBER 9 to help the committee plan for the event. Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org
7. **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.
8. **The Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG)** is holding a retreat for veterans and their spouses at Camp Shiloh (east of Dallas, Texas) from October 26 through 29. All the details are at <https://lutheranmilitary.org/what-we-do/spiritual-retreats>. Questions can be directed to LMSG leader Brad Price (bprice@lutheranmilitary.org).
 9. **October WELS Youth Night** - St. Paul's will be hosting another WELS Youth Night event on Saturday October 14th. This will be a fun evening for teens from all around the area to get together for an evening of fun, food, games and study in God's Word. Signup is open now for this event, please register if you plan to attend. We'd love for you to bring some friends along! This is the link to register: <https://forms.gle/cjG5QjGAWqVBqSaw9> or scan the QR code on the posters around the building.
 10. **MLHS Fall Festival** is on Sunday, October 22nd. The Fall Concert will begin at 4:00pm in the MLHS gym. Desserts and refreshments will be available starting at 2:00pm. The silent auction bidding will be starting at 2:00pm – only in-person bidding this year! Baskets will be showcased on social media prior to the Festival for all to see. Winners will be announced at the concert and winning baskets can then be picked up at MLHS on October 23rd – 25th. Proceeds will be put towards offsetting the cost of the Fine Arts trip to Nashville in April. Money raised will benefit MLHS STUDENTS in the MLHS Fine Arts Program! MLHS is also looking for donations of theme baskets for their silent auction. If you are interested in making a basket, more information can be found in the member room.
 11. **Double Kwik Trip Scrip** - During the month of September, take advantage of a 10%, usually 5%, discount on your Kwik Trip gift cards! Scrip can be purchased in between services or stop in the office to purchase. Exact cash or check are the accepted forms of payment.
 12. **Open Gym Volleyball** - Come check out our two new, side by side courts on September 24th from 6-8pm! Open to high school age and above, ALL skill levels, and both men and women. One court will be designated for fun, B league level play. The other will be designated for competitive, A league level play. Please contact Amanda Bode, mrsabode@gmail.com or 920-750-8437, if you are interested and/or have any questions. See you on the court!
 13. **Pastor Mueller** will be at Martin Luther College from Wednesday through Saturday this week for Governing Board meetings.
 14. **Living Nativity** – The sign-up emails for the cast and crew have gone out. You can sign up on ccb via the email sent, see one of the ladies in the narthex, or call Marilyn Eirich at 920-782-0208. How do you fit in? Information sheets are in the member room. Living Nativity is on Dec. 1, 2 and 3 this year. Please check your calendars to see when you can help present our 21st year of Living Nativity. We have spots for cast & crew. You can sign up on ccb via the email sent recently, see the folks in back after church, call Marilyn Eirich, or email us at living.nativity@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.

15. **Missing tablecloths** — Two lace tablecloths used by Ladies Aid and History Committee were stored in the Commons cabinets. Does someone know where they were moved? Please contact Pat Loersch or Carl Toepel if you have any information about the tablecloths.
16. **Fall LWMS Rally** — The fall rally of Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 3607 45th Street (HwyVV), Two Rivers. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the rally begins at 9 a.m. Lunch and fellowship will follow the rally. Speaker will be Pastor Mark Zondag, member of the WELS Asia One Team. For more information, see the poster on the Commons bulletin board. Offerings will be collected until Oct. 8 in the box for cash or checks located in the narthex. Checks should be made out to LWMS Shoreline Circuit.
17. **Church Photo Directory** - During the past several months, approximately 30 members from St. Pauls volunteered to help with the development of the church photo directory. As a result of their service, the church photo directory process went smoothly and it was a success! The following members volunteered their time and talents: Miriam Headrick, Luther Curia, Sue Vant Hul, D’Ann Schaefer, Dollie Jaeger, Lisa Specht, Debbie Schueler, Beth Heilman, Jane Roe, Nathan Kracht, Alison Berry, Ashley Pieper, Mike Leahy, Edie Headrick, Christina Sprenger, Jenny Radue, Eileen Belitz, Stephanie Damrow, Courtney Athorp, Joey Balge, Logan Schroeder, Bev Gumm, Lisa Marten, Kathleen Eickhoff, Brittney Stromski, Felicia Tinker, Audrey Kolosovsky, Lynn Litt, Pastor Mueller, and Erin Radue. Please complete the *needs survey* that was emailed out from the Evangelism Committee. It lets us know how many directories to print.
Thank you, The Evangelism Committee