

AND WE KNOW  
THAT IN

*all  
things*

GOD WORKS  
FOR THE GOOD  
OF THOSE WHO  
LOVE HIM

THE LORD

*Provides*

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Congregation in the Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this worship service! Especially to you who are guests and visitors, WELCOME!

We at St. Paul's Lutheran share a common belief in **Jesus** as **our Savior** from sin and as the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, revealed in the Bible. We want to share God's Word with as many people as possible because we know that Jesus lived, died and rose from death to save us and all people. We're happy to have the opportunity to share the saving truths of the Bible with you!

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Returning for worship:** We are following Sheboygan County's guidelines for capacity and distancing. Door handles and pew backs are cleaned prior to each service. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. Bathrooms will be available. All responses and songs are printed in your bulletin, which should be taken with you or discarded after worship. Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes in the narthex.

**Communion** is offered in worship on the 2nd and 4th weekends. Members who are not yet comfortable returning to worship with the pandemic may schedule a communion appointment with one of the pastors.

**DVDs:** There will be a small number of DVDs of this weekend's worship service available to be picked up from the office. They will be ready by Monday afternoon. In order to ensure cleanliness, you do not need to return a DVD. Please consider a small monetary donation (\$2) to cover the cost of the DVD if you take one.

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

# The LORD Provides

**This Week's Focus:** *The Christian trusts God to provide. God reveals his mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. God feeds hungry mouths and hungry souls with his gifts of grace. When we bring our problems to Jesus, he will richly supply all we need.*

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**OPENING HYMN**     *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* | 353 v. 1, 3

- 1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the one who frees the pris'ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands  
With the Father's word of peace.
  
- 3 Let us praise the Word incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the one who makes us one.

*Please stand.*

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins or habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## KYRIE

*Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve your goodness, still you provide for all our needs of body and soul. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit to help us acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you obediently; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

***Romans 8:28-39***

*God, who gave us his Son, will graciously give us all things; nothing can separate us from his love.*

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, <sup>29</sup> because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

<sup>33</sup> Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! <sup>34</sup> Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who

is also interceding for us! <sup>35</sup> What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SOLO

### *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me,  
Lord, unto me!

*Please stand.*

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 14.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 14:13-21*

*Jesus miraculously provided food for thousands with some fish and loaves of bread.*

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

<sup>16</sup> But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

<sup>17</sup> They told him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

<sup>18</sup> "Bring them here to me," he replied. <sup>19</sup> Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. <sup>21</sup> Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Thank You for Your Blessings | 615 v. 1, 3*

**1 We thank you for your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;  
We thank you for the harvests, yes, Lord, for ev'rything:  
For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, for rip'ning fruit and grain,  
For all the precious sunshine, and for the gentle rain.**

**3 But best of all your blessings, the rainbow of your love,  
Are all the many mercies your Word brings from above.  
Our life now has full meaning -- Christ Jesus is our God!  
Thanksgiving shall be living the way the Savior trod.**

**SERMON**

***Romans 8:28-39***

***God's Got This***

*Step by step \* Day by day*

*Sermon text questions:*

1. While the theme isn't grammatically good, God is good and works for your good. The words *according to his purpose* is just a way of saying, according to his plan. God's plan for you as his dear child is to do you earthly and eternal good no matter what (or who, how, why, or when). In those times, are you trusting God's got this?
2. Step by step: How do each cement in our soul the truth: God's got this?
  - i. God's foreknowing his people
  - ii. God's predestining his people
  - iii. God's calling his people
  - iv. God's justifying his people
  - v. God's glorifying his people
3. Verses 38-39 give us the practical daily ways to apply God's got this. Did Paul leave any items off of the list that you would include right now?
4. Do these verses allow us to be boldly callous? Do these verses allow us to be spiritually bold? What is the difference?

*Please 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.**

## **OFFERING**

*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 during scheduled office hours, or given online.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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 BENEDICTION**

**M: 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: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Feed Your Children, God Most Holy | 616*

**Feed your children, God most holy;  
Comfort sinners poor and lowly.  
Jesus, bread of life from heaven,  
Bless the food you here have given.  
As these gifts the body nourish,  
May our souls in graces flourish  
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor  
At your feast due thanks we render.**

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*SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:*

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**USHERS:** 8:00 a.m.-Tim Doro, Tom Damrow, Derrick Hermann, Scott Schomberg, Clark Kleinhaus; 10:30 a.m.- Kevin Mueller, Eric Wehrmann, Nathan Ledvina; 6:00 p.m.- Dennis Sprenger, Trevor Meyer.

**OFFERING: 7/26 & 7/27 - \$11,729. (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$15,700.) \$200 - CHOIR FUND**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Sunday morning Bible Study continues in-person this weekend.** Our topic is Sanctification, meeting in the sanctuary from about 9:20-10:00 and leaving time for cleaning before and after. Weather permitting, we will have light refreshments outside prior to Bible class.

2. **Mrs. Erin Radue** is our new Church/School secretary! She starts August 3. Marilyn will also be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for work and training. You can contact Erin at: [secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
3. **Thursday Bible study** is on Nehemiah at 6:30pm. This week we will consider how a leader coordinates with other leaders and finds joy in heartache.
4. **Youth Group Bible Study:** \*Monday nights @ 8 pm (August 10) \*Bible Study: JOY, NO MATTER WHAT: This series on the book of Philippians helps us find joy no matter what circumstances we face, especially the new reality of life right now. **Can't come every time?** No worries. Join us when you can. **Don't want to talk?** No worries. Listen to the discussion. Chime in only if you want to. **Who should join?** All incoming 9th graders on up.
5. The **MLHS "Sweet Corn Fest"** is coming soon. The corn will be picked and ready for our congregation sometime on August 15<sup>th</sup> and can be picked up after church services on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the member room or call the office at 565-3780 with the number of ears you would like to reserve. We will need a few volunteers to travel to the Schultz farm on the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jim Van Alstine at 565-4294. To date, the MLHS Academic Voucher Committee has awarded 1535 vouchers to students in grades 5-8 that participate in the MLHS Academic Fair. Each voucher is worth \$100 of tuition to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. This program has been around for twelve years and much of the money raised has been through the "Sweet Corn Fest" each summer. Please make plans to participate in this great program.
6. **St. Paul's Booyah Bash** Come on out and enjoy some food, fellowship, and fun with your St. Paul's family Saturday, August 22 from 3:00-9:00 p.m. There will be plenty of food to choose from: booyah stew (prepared in a huge kettle over a roaring fire), hot dogs, salad, french bread, chips, etc. You'll also receive 2 free beverages per person (wine, beer, water, soda). Additional beverages can be purchased (cash only). Join in traditional yard games and/or sign-up for a kickball team! Cost: only \$4/person with a \$20 cap/family. What a deal! To register for the event, contact the secretary or view the link at our website. The deadline is Wednesday, August 12. Call the office if you'd like to register by phone, or sign-up in the member room off the narthex. Checks payable to St. Paul's can be dropped off in the member room. Contact Luther Curia with any questions. [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)
7. **St. Paul's Long Range Planning Committee** has met with five architects over the past two weeks. The intent was to roll out our ideas for the next 25-30 years of ministry growth at St. Paul's. In the next three weeks, we hope to meet a second time

with each architect and have them unveil their *draft* site plan for our ministry, and the phases in which we could accomplish it. After the second round of meetings is when we choose one of the five architects and develop those plans for the congregation. More information to come. [Tim Doro chairs the Long Range Planning Committee.]

8. **Committee Leaders of the Living Nativity** meet on August 3 to brainstorm options for the event. Meeting time is 7:00pm.
9. **Mindful Moms** has resumed **summer park play dates!** Moms and kids of all ages are invited to join us weekly on Wednesdays at 10am at a variety of area playgrounds. For location details each week, check out our Mindful Moms Facebook group posts or contact Alycia Cameron (414-736-8966, [Alycia.cameron@gmail.com](mailto:Alycia.cameron@gmail.com), or FB messenger).
10. **The Car Show is happening!** The date is August 8, and the time is from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Registration is open on our website. Very small fee to register! Contact Nick Schmidt or the evangelism committee for further information.
11. **St. Paul's School reopening** measures are available for viewing on our website. We are planning five days a week in personal classes with appropriate safety measures and backup plans.
12. **Box Tops for Education** - We will continue to collect the box tops until September 30. You may deposit them in containers found in the member room or the office work room.
13. **Take a Trip to Israel!** Pastor Mueller is leading a trip to Israel/Jerusalem in January of 2022. Official dates are January 11-20, 2022. This flight has no layover, just direct from Chicago to Tel Aviv. See the pages of Scripture unfold right before your eyes as you see where Paul and Jesus were imprisoned, Herod's Masada, the cliffs of Nazareth, a boat ride of the Sea of Galilee, the gates of Dan where Abraham entered, and so much more. Paperwork is available from Pastor Mueller: [pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org), 920-207-2316.
14. **In our prayers this week** - Jordan Fread and Emily Nuernberg were married in our church on August 1st by Pastor Mueller!