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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a
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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

Worship during these times: We offer distanced seating on one side of the sanctuary. We also encourage compliance for all who are able to wear a face covering to honor God's representatives in our state government. Door handles and pew backs are cleaned between Sunday services. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. 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 each month on the 2nd and 4th weekends. Members who are not yet comfortable returning to worship during the pandemic may schedule a communion appointment with a pastor.

DVDs: DVDs of our worship services can be made per request. Please contact the office to make arrangements. 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 request 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 COMMON SERVICE

Today's Worship Focus: *Lord, keep us mindful of the Judgment! He will come to judge the living and the dead. We confess it every Sunday, but often live like those are empty words. Moses' psalm on the mortality of man shakes us from our spiritual slumber. Number your days aright and gain a heart of wisdom! Today the Church prays that God keep us ever mindful of the Last Judgment that we might be found in faith, fruitful in both word and deed. Then there's no need to fear Judgment Day; rather, we can look forward to the day of our redemption.*

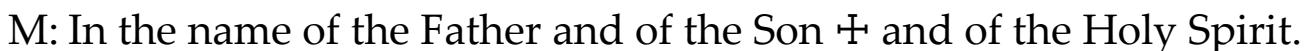
WELCOME

HYMN *Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness* | 376 v. 1-3, 5

- 1 **Jesus, your blood and righteousness** My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 **Bold shall I stand in that great day—** Who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 **Lord, I believe your precious blood,** Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.
- 5 **When from the dust of death I rise** To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea: Jesus has lived and died for me.

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: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: 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.

M: 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 \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. Lord God, humble us by your Holy Spirit to keep in mind the end of all things and the Day of Judgement. Stir us to holiness of life and, at the Last Day, exalt us to live with you forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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

LESSON

Daniel 7:2-10

The Ancient of Days will sit in majesty and power to judge all peoples.

² Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³ Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.

⁴ "The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human being, and the mind of a human was given to it.

⁵ "And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!'

⁶ "After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.

⁷ "After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.

⁸ "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

⁹ "As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 90

All our iniquities and secret sins come to light before the LORD, whose anger consumes and terrifies.

The congregation will sing the refrains and speak the verses.

Refrain



In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
For a thousand years in your sight are like a day
that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

Refrain

You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.

You sweep them away in the sleep of death.
The length of our days is seventy years—
or eighty, if we have the strength;
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.
Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Refrain

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Please stand.

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 25.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

The Son of Man will come in glory and render eternal judgement for people of all nations.

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed

clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 fully 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.

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near | 207:1, 2, 5

- 1 The day is surely drawing near
When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.
- 2 A trumpet loud shall then resound
And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken
And with the living in that hour
By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at his commanding.
- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

The One Check and Balance
Old * Ostentatious * Order

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 in the office, or given online.



Please stand.

SPECIAL PRAYERS AND 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 SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

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.

Be seated.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

M: 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 \ddagger give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near | 207:6

**6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
From ev'ry evil. Amen.**

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Sprenger; 10:30 a.m.- Eric Vant Hul, Loren Reinemann, Derek Grunwald, Jeremy Rasmussen

OFFERING: 10/18 & 10/19 - \$9,418 (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$15,700) \$200 - FAITH FOR THE FUTURE FUND.

10/25 & 10/26 - \$17,034 (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$15,700) \$920 - VERNETTA GRUNEWALD MEMORIAL FUND; \$200 - DEBT REDUCTION.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE 11/01 & 11/02 : 184 - 8:00AM SERVICE; 102 - 10:30AM SERVICE; 27 - 6:00PM MONDAY SERVICE

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

1. Laone Loose who was hospitalized for a blood clot in her lungs.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **New Sunday Bible Study Series: Relationships** Are you disappointed in the way relationships in your life have gone? Have you been hurt as you watched an important relationship fall apart? Do you long to be more deeply connected to those around you: family, friends, coworkers? If so, join us in the sanctuary Sunday mornings beginning November 1 as we explore what Jesus and his Word teach us about relationships. Bible study begins at 9:20 and will continue to be livestreamed.
2. **The office will be open** Monday- Friday from 7:15 am - 4 pm. You can contact Erin at: secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
3. **The Funeral for Myron Loose will be Saturday, Nov. 14th at 11:00 am.** The family is asking for the in person funeral service to be for immediate family. St. Paul's is planning to livestream the service, just as we do for Sunday worship. The link is available through our website or in the announcements emailed out on Friday.
4. **Crafts-Men's Bible Study** Being a man of God in the modern world is difficult: never quite finding the right balance between work/family/friends/personal time in the Word, feeling pressure in the workplace, facing our own inadequacies. Join your brothers in Christ as we strive to become Craftsmen of God: skilled at navigating the challenges of this world, equipped with God's perfect, unchanging Word. **Bible Study Focus:** Building Godly Character; **When:** Tuesdays, Nov. 24-Dec. 15 @ 6:30 p.m.; **Where:** St. Paul's Commons; **What to Bring:** your Bible & 2 bottles/cans of your favorite craft beer (or bottle of wine) to share during the study (optional)
5. **Sunday School** continues this weekend from 9:15 to 10:00 am. Procedures and registration available online.
6. **Wednesday 9:00 am Bible Study** looks at a book called Prepared to Answer. Join if you like, we meet in the commons and spread out.
7. **Thursday evening Bible study** continues on the topic of Law and Gospel. We spread out for our meeting in the commons.
8. **Muffins and Meditation Mindful Moms Bible Study** Start your Wednesday off with a fresh dose of God's Word, friendship, and food. On November 11 we will meet at 8:00am in the gathering area in front of church to dive into God's Word together. This semester we are studying Psalms for Moms. Contact Pastor Bode or Alycia Cameron for more information. All moms are invited! Busy activities for little ones provided.
9. **Women Writing the Word** This week we studied Matthew 11:28-29. Make a list of what is burdening you and go to Jesus in prayer. He wants to listen and give you rest. In what ways does Jesus give you rest? What does it mean to be yoked to Jesus? Join our journaling plan and Slack discussion at any time! Contact Alycia Cameron (alycia.cameron@gmail.com, 414-736-8966) for information on how to get connected.

- 10. Men's Bible Study Developing**...men, looking for feedback on a Friday 6:00am weekly Bible study. The approach would be a *top of the news* style study, where we would look at top or trending issues for the week across the spectrum of culture, science, history, nation, and world and apply Scriptures to it. If interested, please speak with Pastor Mueller.
- 11. Living Nativity** – the leadership committee met and due to the uncertainty of Covid -19 guidelines and in the best interest of our cast, crew and guests from the community the difficult decision to cancel was made. A huge thank you to everyone that had already signed up for cast and crew, we will be back next year, so watch for those signups. Please continue to keep this amazing evangelism tool for St. Paul's in your prayers. See you in 2021.
- 12. Forward in Christ Subscription:** There are forms in the Member Room to renew or sign up for Forward in Christ. Forms and payment can be deposited in the marked payment slot in the Member Room. Due date is November 23rd. Please contact the office if you have any questions. (920) 565-3780 or secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
- 13. Both the Boy and Girl Pioneer** groups will meet at least once a month starting in January the schedule will come out in mid-December. **January's meeting will be a winter campout!** In a heated chalet. The Lutheran Boy Pioneer group will meet again once a month (or more) typically in the commons at St. Paul's Lutheran School. The Lutheran Girl Pioneer group will meet once a month (or more), if we can get one or two ladies to lead/help with Girl Pioneers, we will definitely have separate meetings, if not we may consolidate some meetings. Our pioneer meetings this year will be on Monday night again starting at 6:30 and going until 8 pm. These meetings will be for Boy and Girl Pioneers from First to Eighth Grade. Meetings will be fun, informative, and run with God's guidance. For the Little Pioneers (Kindergarten) I will be having special fun meetings that are just for them. If you would like to sign-up your child there is still plenty of time, contact either Mike Heilman at 920-698-1654 or the St. Paul's Lutheran school office. Again we are looking for one or two women to help lead the Girl Pioneer group, and one man to help with the Boy Pioneer group. If interested, please speak with Mike or call him at 698-1654.
- 14. Lutheran Boy Pioneers:** It may seem early but...the Boy Pioneers are taking orders during October for Christmas wreaths. Although we may not be having as many in person meetings, we do support the Pioneer national organization which provides us materials for working with the boys and girls. The wreaths are 24" natural pine, decorated with pine cones and a red velvet bow. The price again is \$19.00 and helps support the Pioneer activities. The order sheet is located in the library/member room. Wreaths will be available for pickup at church on Sunday November 29th.
- 15. Mindful Moms- Sharing Love and Jesus** At St. Paul's, we have several people who have been unable to have family or pastors visit them much in person since March. Many are lonely and yearning for more comfort from God's Word. Mindful Moms has put together a craft bag with all the materials and directions needed to make the craft at home with your

child(ren). **Please return it to the school office by November 15th** for us to deliver. Craft bags are located in the member room. Please contact Amanda Bode (mrsabode@gmail.com, 920-750-8437) with any questions.

16. Protecting our Kids - The world is a scary sinful place. We recognize that we can't shield our kids from all harm, but we actively pray that we are able to use the resources available to us to help prevent spiritually and physically dangerous interactions. All parents are invited Thursday, November 12 from 6:30-8pm for a discussion on topics including sexting, internet crimes and safety, and trafficking, presented by Beth Heilman, CPS Intake Social Worker at Sheboygan County Health and Sheboygan District Attorney Joel Urmanski. Contact Beth Heilman at bethels_2000@yahoo.com with any questions. (Kids 7th grade and older welcome to attend.)

17. Take a Trip to Israel! Pastor Mueller is leading a trip to Israel/Jerusalem in January of 2022 (with three other pastors). Official dates are January 11-20, 2022. There are only **twenty** remaining bus seats available! With four pastors coming and promoting the trip means securing a seat sooner than later is optimal. I have **thirteen** registered and a number still very interested! Paperwork is available in hardcopy or email from Pastor Mueller: pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org, 920-207-2316.

18. History Committee will have a meeting on November 15th at 9:00am in the library. Any questions please contact Carl Toepel.

19. Did You Know? Longtime St. Paul's member Richard Kuether turned 97 in August! Did you know that his father, Rev. H. A. Kuether, was the pastor of St. Paul's congregation from 1930-1949? Find out more about the history of our congregation's pastors in the church library.

20. A New Bulletin Board was built and installed on the wall by the kitchen. Thank you to Matt Boenisch for making the seven foot wide board for us! The new board will show pictures of our leaders on the various boards so members can see who is serving them. The new bulletin board replaces a smaller one which had info on Wells in Africa.