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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a  
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:** As things continue to open up from the pandemic closures, 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** this month will be 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 a pastor. Please refer to the weekly announcements for more on this.

**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.**

## WORSHIP THEME

*The Holy Ministry preaches Christ in spite of persecution. Christ promises courage for his witnesses to testify even in the face of pain or persecution. Today Christ reminds us that even when that peace and joy are absent, he will give us the courage to continue to testify in his name.*

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### WELCOME

### HYMN

*Children of the Heavenly Father* | 449

Verses 1 & 4: ALL

Verses 2 & 3: Choir

- 1 **ALL: Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne'er was given.**
- 2 Choir: God his own doth tend and nourish;  
In his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them;  
In his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Choir: Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth,  
And their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 **ALL: Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.**

*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:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Lord of grace and truth, I confess my unworthiness to stand in your presence as your child. I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have lived as if I was ashamed to belong to you. I have failed to share the good news of your salvation with those around me. In my sinfulness I cry to you to take my guilt away, and to cleanse my lips to speak your word. Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**HYMN**

*Drawn to the Cross* | 387 v. 3

**3 Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing through your cross and pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. Amen.

**HYMN**

*Drawn to the Cross* | 387 v. 4

**4 To pledge my labor willingly,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

M: Let us pray. Lord Almighty, Protector of your people, help us to leave behind our lethargy and fear, so that we will be faithful in the confession of your name to people everywhere; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 20:7-13*

*Jeremiah was not afraid in ridicule and persecution, for the LORD was with him like a mighty warrior.*

<sup>7</sup>You persuaded me, Lord, and I agreed to it. You are stronger than I am, and you won out. I have become a laughingstock all day long, and everyone is mocking me.

<sup>8</sup>Whenever I speak, I cry out. I cry out, "Violence and destruction!" But the word of the Lord has brought scorn on me. I am mocked all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him or speak in his name anymore," then there is a burning fire in my heart, shut up in my bones, and I am weary of holding it in. I cannot!

<sup>10</sup>I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side!" All my close friends, those who are watching for my fall, say, "Denounce him! Let's denounce him. Perhaps he can be pressured into making a mistake. Then we will have the upper hand against him, and we will take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior. So my persecutors will stumble, and they will not gain the upper hand. They will be put to shame completely, because they have not been successful. Their eternal disgrace will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>Lord of Armies, you test the righteous. You see the heart and the mind. Let me see your vengeance on them, for I have laid out my case before you.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the Lord! Praise the Lord, for he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of the wicked.

## ANTHEM

## *We Are Not Alone*

We are not alone, God is with us. We are never alone, for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always. Forever and ever, we are never alone.

And God will make us strong, for God is with us. We will press on, for God is with us. Now, through all our days, always. Forever and ever, we are never alone.

We are not alone, God is with us. God is with us now.

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

## *Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

*Though we will be persecuted like Jesus was, we do not need to be afraid,  
for we are valuable to our Father.*

<sup>5</sup> Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, <sup>21</sup> “Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup> You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor is a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If the master of the house was called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So do not be afraid of them, because there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

<sup>29</sup> “Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without the knowledge and consent of your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone who confesses me before others, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

*Be seated.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*If God Himself Be for Me | 419 v. 1, 2, 6*

*Sung to a new tune by Joseph Schumann, found on the service projection*

Verse 1: Choir

Verses 2 & 6: ALL

- 1 Choir: If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;  
For when I pray, before me my foes, confounded, fly.  
If Christ, my head and master, befriend me from above,  
What foe or what disaster can drive me from his love?
- 2 **ALL: This I believe, yea rather, of this I make my boast,  
That God is my dear Father, my friend who loves me most,  
And that, whate'er betide me, my Savior is at hand  
Through stormy seas to guide me and bring me safe to land.**
- 6 **ALL: No danger, thirst, or hunger, no pain or poverty,  
No earthly tyrant's anger shall ever vanquish me.  
Though earth should break asunder, you are my Savior true;  
No fire or sword or thunder shall sever me from you.**

## **SERMON**

*Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

### **Send Workers Who Can't be Toppled**

*Proclaim the cause \* Hang on to history \* Put God on the pedestal*

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **OFFERING**

*Online giving options available*

In thanks for the victory Christ gives us over death, we bring him a generous portion of all we receive. Offerings may be dropped in the box under the canopy during “drive-in worship”, or brought to the office during the hours listed in our weekly congregational



announcements. If you are looking for further office needs or requests, please call ahead to schedule so that we can appropriately follow room capacity guidelines.

*Please stand.*

## **[10:30] INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS AND STAFF MINISTER**

### **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 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 ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*I Know My Faith Is Founded | 403 v. 3*

**3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though persecution, grief, and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, let me a steadfast trust retain.  
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to you,  
And let me there inherit all you have promised me.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me until your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by your great mercy the end of faith attain.**

## PASTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

## THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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**

*Members are free to depart after receiving the Sacrament.*

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*SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:*

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**USHERS:** 8:00 a.m.- Chuck Schelk, Richard Nack, Ethan Schelk, Darin Reinemann, Tim Klapperich. 10:30 a.m.- Nathan Kracht, Derek Pantel, Jim Van Alstine, Trevor Wehrmann, Kristopher Sturm. Monday, 6:00 p.m.- Bob Johnson, Bill Reichardt.

**OFFERING: 6/21&22 - \$11,495. WELS MISSION: \$20. (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$15,700.)**

**Weekend of June 28th Announcements**

1. **Sunday morning Zoom Bible Study is on Sanctification** from 9:20-10:00. Rather than shunning the -tion words, such as justification and sanctification and redemption, we want to embrace their meaning for our lives. Sanctification is the Spirit's work of setting us apart as holy. Purchasing the book (NPH) is optional but may be helpful.
2. **Installations** of Luther Curia into Staff Ministry, Greg Johnson into Administrator/Vice principal and Sarah Mueller into 3rd & 4th grade is today in the 10:30 am service. Mr. Fred Pahmeier will be installed in early July.

3. **Pastor Bode is on vacation.** Please contact Pastor Mueller for ministry needs. To schedule private communion, please contact him by email or cell: 920.207.2316.
4. **Applications for the secretary position** are available through June 30th. To request an application, please email any of the following: [president@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:president@stpaulshowardsgrove.org), [secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org), [pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:pastormueller@stpaulshowardsgrove.org). For further information about the job, contact President Todd Marten or the pastors/principal.
5. **The Board of Christian Education** is seeking applicants from among our St. Paul's members for a **Preschool Aide** for the upcoming school year. Please direct questions about the position to our principal, Chad Marohn, at [chad.marohn@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:chad.marohn@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
6. **A women's Bible study on Tuesday** evening looks at a book called 'Golden Fruit' by Julie Maschhoff. The study walks through the Fruit of the Spirit in conjunction with different Biblical women who exemplified that trait. For example, the Love of Ruth, the Joy of Elizabeth, the Peace of Hannah. Purchasing the book is optional (NPH or Amazon) but may be helpful. Join the study at 8:00pm.
7. **Luther is seeking pictures** of our graduates to use in pre-service worship slides. Pictures of your summer projects are also welcome. Email to [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
8. **We will have Evening Connection Devotions** Tuesday through Friday this week at 6:00 pm (not Monday due to in-person worship). We are working through the book of 2 Thessalonians.
9. **Thursday Bible study** studies Nehemiah at 6:30 pm via zoom.
10. **The Evangelism Committee is planning the Car Show** for this summer on August 8, from 8:00-11:00am. More information will be coming on how you can be involved in this effort to make connections with our community.