



# GROWING IN THE WORD

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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

**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.**



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**This Week's Focus:** *It is in the Word that we hear the call of God that has in it the secret power of God to give what he commands. He commands: Believe! and the Word creates faith. He says, Follow me! and the Word creates the desire and the ability to follow him. That he should consider it glorious to call sinners, is that not an amazing thing? That he should attach such power to his Word that we answer the call, is that not a wonder that lasts an eternity for each of us?*

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### WELCOME

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

C: Amen.

## Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

### Stanza 1



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and



hear you.  
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,



Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

M: I have more insight than all my teachers.

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

## Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

### Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness  
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un-



shroud - ed  
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;



You must work all good with - in us.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his 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.

## Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

### Stanza 3



Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-  
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's



ceed - ing,  
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;



Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

**M:** God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

# Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

## Stanza 4



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -  
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -



ra - tion!  
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,



Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Gracious God, you sent your Son, the Word made flesh, to call us to yourself. Help us to hear your call and to follow where you lead through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*Be seated.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

### 1 Samuel 3:1-10

*Samuel adopted the attitude "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."*

<sup>1</sup>The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

<sup>2</sup>One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

<sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

# PSALM OF THE DAY

# Psalm 119

*Blessed are they who walk according to God's Word.*

Small Group: 1st Refrain & Verses

**ALL: Repeated Refrain & Refrains after Verses**

God, how I cherish your law;  
how I love your commands!

Small Group: This is what counts for me: to obey your commands. Lord, my part is to keep your Word. Your law is better than untold wealth.

*Refrain:*

God, how I cherish your law;  
how I love your commands!

Small Group: Comfort me with your love, just as you promised. Shower my life with tenderness, for I delight in your law.

*Refrain*

Small Group: I love your commands more than finest gold. Wonderful are your decrees, I guard them with my life. Unfold your Word, enlighten the simple.

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

## 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

*Stand firm on the apostles' teachings, the truth by which the Spirit sanctifies us.*

<sup>13</sup> But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

<sup>16</sup> May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,  
<sup>17</sup> encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

### ANTHEM

*Ancient Words*

*Sung by Small Group*

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world. They resound with God's own heart. Oh, let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this world, where e'er we roam ancient words will guide us home.

*Refrain:* Ancient words ever true, by the Spirit make us new. We have come with contrite hearts. Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age came to us through sacrifice. Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world. They resound with God's own heart. Oh, let the ancient words impart. *Refrain*

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL LESSON

*John 1:43-51*

*Philip recognized Jesus as the One written about by Moses and the Prophets.*

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

<sup>46</sup> "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

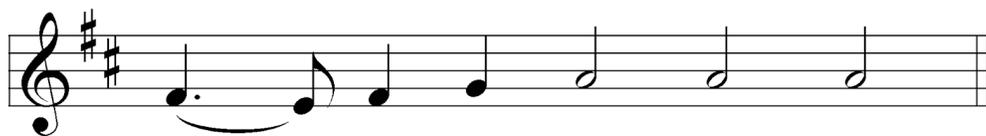
<sup>48</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

<sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." <sup>51</sup> He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

- 1 The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given, In human form appears.  
No sphere his light confining, No star so brightly shining  
As he, our Morning Star.**
- 2 Oh, time of God appointed, Oh, bright and holy morn!  
He comes, the King anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born,  
Grim death to conquer for us, To open heav'n before us  
And bring us life again.**
- 3 Awaken, Lord, our spirit To know and love you more,  
In faith to stand unshaken, In spirit to adore,  
That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving,  
May reap its fullness there.**
- 4 O Father, here before you With God the Holy Ghost  
And Jesus, we adore you, O Pride of angel host.  
Before you mortals lowly Cry "Holy, holy, holy,  
O blessed Trinity!"**

**SERMON**

*2 Thessalonians 2:13-17*

*Hold on to these Teachings  
For salvation - For strength*

*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 in the office, or given online.

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

**M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

**M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

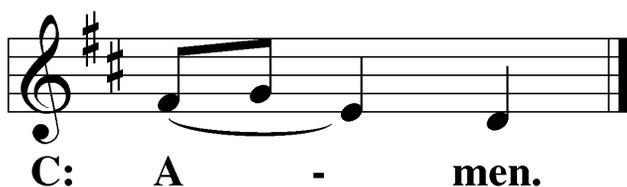
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

*Be seated.*

- 1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,  
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.
- 2 The Church from you, dear Master, Received the gift divine,  
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass That, all life's journey through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands Still guides, O Christ, to you.
- 3 Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old.  
Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see you face to face.

*Please stand.*

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



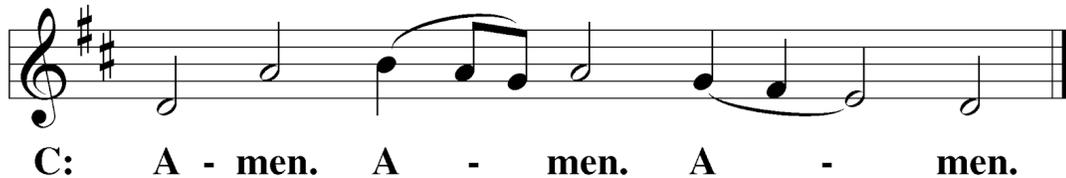
## THE BENEDICTION

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.



## CLOSING HYMN

*Holy Spirit, Light Divine* | 183 v. 1, 3

- Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the gloom of night away; Turn the darkness into day.**
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- Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Fill me with your heav'nly peace; Let it grow and still increase.**

*Be seated.*

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*SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:*

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**ALTAR GUILD:** Bonnie Baumann, Karen Beining, Linda Verfuertth

**USHERS:** 8:00 a.m.- Allen Kraemer, Terver Athorp, Ray Price, Dan Goetsch, James Bilgo;  
10:30 a.m. - Alan Kuether, Terry Roehrborn, Richard Kuether, Jeremy Neseemann, Aidan Dailey;

**OFFERING: 01/10-11 - \$12,813 (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$15,700)**

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

1. Arline Hoppe celebrates her 93rd birthday on Sunday, January 17!

## Weekly Announcements

1. **Office hours** are Monday - Thursday 7:15 - 4:00. You can reach Erin at [secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
2. **Mr. Marohn**, our Principal, received a divine call to be the principal at Emmanuel in Tempe, AZ. Please keep him, the Marohn family, and God's kingdom in your prayers as he deliberates.
3. **New Sunday Bible Study!** The book we are starting is Zechariah, a great spiritual encouragement to God's people for *remembering him*. The study starts at 9:25 in the gym. There is no live stream for this study. Handouts are available by contacting Pastor Mueller. We are on lesson three today (which includes sections from lesson 2.)
4. **Parenting Bible Study:** Join us Tuesday evenings, January 5-February 2 from 6:30-7:30 for a parenting Bible study entitled "Living Christian Values in the Home". Don't worry if you can't make it every time; come when you can. The class is geared towards helping parents serve the Lord better as we struggle with challenges that arise in our homes. As parents live out these values in our homes, we instill these values in our children.

The study covers the following five lessons:

- Developing a Sense of Mission
- Teaching Our Children Contentment
- Teaching Our Children to Have Compassion
- Teaching Our Children About Honesty
- Teaching Our Children About Responsibility

Babysitting will be provided (by students 7th grade and older). Contact Luther Curia with any questions. 920.287.8575; [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org)

5. **Grow in the basics!** Starting January 10 a basic Bible course will be offered Sunday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Babysitting will be offered. The course is an 8 week course to refresh in God's Word or learn what he says and join as a member of our congregation. The course is free. Contact Pastor Mueller if interested: 920.203.2316. Please confirm attendance ahead of time so materials may be ready for you at class time. We started on January 10, but we can make up the session if someone would still like to join.
6. **Meditations Renewal** - There are half sheet forms in the member room to renew or start your Meditations subscription. Your completed form and payment is due by February 14th, at the latest. Please drop your forms in the labeled box slot in the

member room or give them to Erin in the office. Please do NOT place forms/payment in the wooden box in the office. Thank you!

7. **Hymns for Her** - Continuing January 27, at the beginning of the school day (on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month) we'll have a 20 minute moms study in the narthex. We'll look at hymns from different seasons of the Church Year, who wrote them, and how God uses them to bring his encouraging truth to us still today. We'll start as close to 8:00 am as possible.
8. **The Growing Forward Capital Campaign** kicks off this week as we start hosting Cottage Meetings (that's just a term for a small group meeting). Every member is encouraged to attend one of these small group cottage meetings where you will learn more about St. Paul's exciting ministry expansion opportunities. Below is the list of upcoming meetings to choose from.

Tues. Jan 19th 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Jan 21st 6:30 p.m

Sun. Jan 24th 9:30 (Sun Bible Study)

Sun. Feb 7th 11:45 (after Church)

Mon. Feb 8th (after Church)

Tues. Feb. 16th 6:30 (PTF Meeting)

**Virtual** - Wed. Jan 20th or Feb 18th @ 6:30

**Personal Visit** (at home or church)

The small group cottage meetings will be held in one of the classrooms and will run approximately 1 hour. You can sign up electronically through links sent in Capital Campaign email updates or members of the Capital Campaign are available to assist you with signing up following today's services.

9. **Financial Class** - In this class we seek to grow in how we manage the LORD's money to his glory.
10. **Sunday School Planning:** This semester we have Sunday School with a class for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> graders, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders, and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to join the teens from January 3-24. We are not able to have the little ones in PreK or K in-person this semester due to COVID mitigation procedures. We do offer remote Sunday School for PreK and K. For an idea of what this is, check this link. To register for remote Sunday School, please speak with Pastor Bode. For further inquiries into our Sunday School program, please speak directly with Pastors Mueller or Bode.

11. **Youth Group Bible Study** – In January the Youth Group will start up a 4-week Bible Study series called *Dear Future Self*. During this study we will dive into God’s Word looking at topics from relationships, our perspective on life and our reputations. We will meet in-person, during Family Bible Hour starting on Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup> and meet weekly through January 24<sup>th</sup>. Due to reduced Sunday School size this current year, we will open this study up to 7<sup>th</sup> graders through seniors in high school. The study is geared more towards a high school aged audience, but we want to give our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders an opportunity to join in. We will meet in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. For any questions, contact Mike Leahy – mleahy@live.com.
  
12. **St. Paul's will be holding Open Houses and Registration Days** for our 4-year old preschool, and 5 year old kindergarten:  

**Friday, January 22nd - 4pm to 7pm**  
**Saturday, January 23rd - 9am - noon.**

If you know someone who may be interested in enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year - ENROLLMENT IS CURRENTLY OPEN! We anticipate full classrooms for both Preschool and Kindergarten. Early registration is encouraged! Click on the link(s) provided in the announcements sent via email, go to our website, or contact the office. Thank you.
  
13. **Annual Voters’ Meeting** will take place on Sunday, January 31st, following the late service, at approximately 11:45. Yearly reports, as well as the election of new committee and board members will take place at this meeting.
  
14. **Lent worship:** The season of Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 17. We will have a worship service with communion at 6:30 pm. The Wednesday Lent series will focus on the “Hands of the Passion”. Whether they were lifted to bless God’s chosen people or to stone God’s chosen prophets, hands in the Bible are rarely noticed but always in action. Our series explores the many roles hands played during the Passion History, from waving palm branches to nailing our Savior to the cross. Due to the ongoing climate with the pandemic, the Church Council has decided to forego the lenten suppers this year.
  
15. **St. Paul’s members over 90** - If you are 90 or older and have not been interviewed by St. Paul’s history committee, please contact Carl Toepel at 565-3723. Thank you.