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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a
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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. Contact surfaces such as door handles 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: *This is the final weekend of our Growing Forward series. We have asked the Lord to grow us in many ways, including growing in his Word and in love for others and in our appetite for sharing the gospel with all. Today we ask him to grow us in generosity. In our readings, we will see that generosity can look different from one person to the next and from one situation to the next. But the God who owns all things and provides all we need can give us the focus and the heart to be generous. Lord, grow us in giving!*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly | 484

- 1 **Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
Give to God our all, our best—
Service hearty, thorough, honest,
With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving,
All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion;
Come before him with a song.**

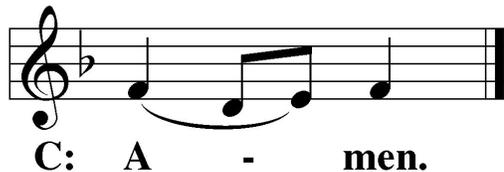
- 2 **By his mercy, by his bounty,
By the gift of Christ, his Son,
What great goodness he has shown us,
What high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely,
Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that his love protects us,
That his wisdom all controls.**

3 Gracious Lord, accept our service
 For the sake of Christ, your Son;
 Lo, our hope abides now only
 In the righteousness he won.
 Bless and save us; help and guide us;
 Watch to comfort and restore
 Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
 Praising you forevermore.

Please stand.

INVOCATION

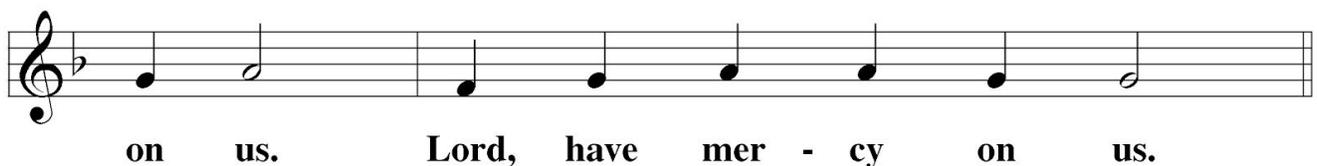
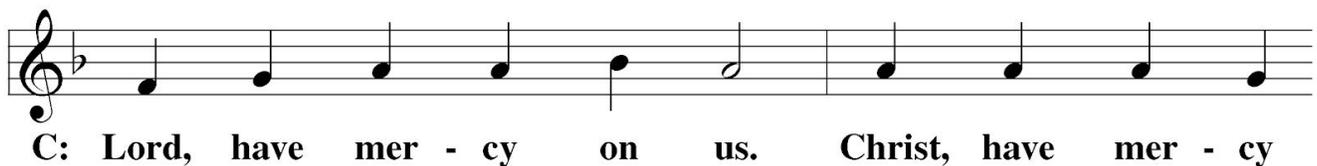
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.



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 ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, you commended the poor widow's great offering given in faith. Fill us with the same abundant faith in you, who gave up your life for our sins and daily give us all that we need, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated.

ANTHEM

We Are Called

Come, live in the light. Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come, open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so all hatred and violence will be no more.

Refrain

Sing, sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 35:4-9, 20-21, 36:2-7

The LORD called upon the Israelites for a free-will offering to construct the tabernacle and received generous gifts.

⁴Moses said to the whole Israelite community, "This is what the LORD has commanded: ⁵From what you have, take an offering for the LORD. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the LORD an offering of gold, silver and bronze; ⁶blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ⁷ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; ⁸olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; ⁹and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece.

²⁰Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses' presence, ²¹and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments.

²Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. ³They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. ⁴So all the

skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left what they were doing ⁵ and said to Moses, “The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the LORD commanded to be done.”

⁶Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: “No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.” And so the people were restrained from bringing more, ⁷ because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine.

Please stand.

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 12.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Mark 12:41-44

The poor widow gave all she had to live on to the God who gives all things.

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴²But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Is the World to Me | 477

- 1 What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure
When you, and you alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
- 2 The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty,
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize Above all things is he,
My Jesus, he alone. What is the world to me!
- 3 The world seeks after wealth And all that money offers,
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good; Content with it I'll be;
My Jesus is my wealth—What is the world to me!
- 4 What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.
Once more then I declare: What is the world to me!

SERMON

Exodus 35-36

*We Have More Than Enough!
To move our hearts - To do his work*

Please stand.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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.



SPECIAL PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

M: Almighty Lord, today our Growing Forward Capital Campaign formally ends. We have studied the Word in worship and Bible study. Today we unite as one people under our one God to set before you our hearts.

C: **Search us, O God, and know our hearts.** [Psalm 139:23a]

M: We are passionate about your Word and your work. At the same time we are hamstrung by fears of obstacles, costs, unexpected setbacks, the unknown, the economy, and our own welfare.

C: Test us and know our anxious thoughts. [Psalm 139:23b]

M: We look past our limitations to our unlimited Savior Jesus. Accept these pledges and donations in his name for your ministry. Receive our prayers. Bless our plans according to your will. May we raise up parents to know you, children to sing your praise, and countless generations to grow forward in Christ and faithful service to you.

C: See if there is any offensive way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. [Psalm 139:24]

Silent prayer may be offered while pledges are brought forward and placed before the Lord.

After the pledges are brought forward, other special prayers are spoken.

M: We join to pray:

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: A - men.

O CHRIST, 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;



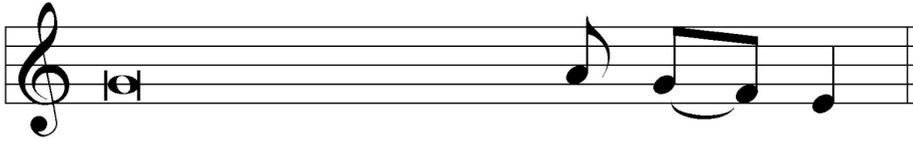
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon you lean.
- 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.
- 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
Another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in your might, your might alone.
- 4 Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.
- 5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Please stand.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be | 469 v. 1, 4, 6

1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

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USHERS: 8:00 a.m.- Corey Schroeder, Clay Schroeder, Brian Stauss, Andy Sprenger, Kevin Oleck; 10:30 a.m.- Jeff Plass, Todd/Zac Marten, John Marten, Dave Probst, Jon Probst.

OFFERING: 2/21 & 02/22: \$18,508 (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$15,700). \$500 - FAITH FOR THE FUTURE. \$445.50 - SCHOOL FUND. \$70 - IN MEMORY OF LYLE REINEMANN.

In our prayers this week...Kurt Bulitz, son of Siegmund and Regina, scheduled for surgery on Monday.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Office hours** are Monday-Friday 7:15 - 4:00. You can reach Erin at secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
2. **Sunday Bible Study!** The book we are studying is Zechariah, a great spiritual encouragement to God's people for *remembering him*. **Today we start lesson eight in the gymnasium and pick up where we left off in Zechariah 11. We will be wrapping up Zechariah this Sunday. Study begins at 9:25.**
3. **Evangelism Bible Study** - Sunday mornings beginning March 7, a new study will begin in the gym. Since our congregation is planning to expand ministry to share the gospel with more people, we also want to equip each of our members to be active sharers of the gospel. Join us to search God's Word on the why, how, where, when and who of talking to others about our Savior Jesus.
4. **Mindful Moms** - Come play with us! Playdates for moms with littles are in the gym at 10am the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. All moms with school age children and younger are invited. Then join us March 10 at 8am for Muffins and Meditations - Hymns for Her. This 20 minute study will focus on 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. Activities provided for kids.
5. **The *Growing Forward* Capital Campaign:** Thank you everyone for your support - in prayer, in encouragement, or in donation/pledge! Thank you to all who participated in the cottage meetings. These formal or virtual cottage meetings have ended. If someone would still like to view a recording of one, please contact the secretary and she can email you the link.

On February 28 we assemble all the pledge envelopes handed in and present them formally before the Lord in each worship service (including Monday). One individual will bring them forward representing our united effort [in faith] as a congregation in the Lord. [Pledges may still be turned in even after this Sunday. If possible, please turn in prior.]

On March 7 the total pledged amount along with any donated amounts will be tallied [some cash gifts have already been received]. We will first thank God for all this in the prayer of the church. Following the service congregational leaders will come forward and give further details and direction forward.

6. **Financial Class** - In this class we seek to grow in how we manage the LORD's money to his glory.
7. **Sunday School Planning:** This semester we have Sunday School with a class for 1st-2nd graders, 3rd-4th graders, and 5th-6th graders. 7th-8th graders are encouraged to join in the next youth group class, likely after Lent. 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.
8. **Easter Flowers:** We are approaching the Easter season and would like to adorn our sanctuary with spring plants on Easter Day. A printout list of the plants available will be displayed on a table in the narthex starting on March 7th. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of a loved one, it will be printed in the weekly bulletin.

If you care to help beautify our church please sign up and write a check or pay cash to the Altar Guild. All plants will be tagged with your name and taken care of until pick-up. They will be available for pick-up after the Monday evening service.

If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Perronne at 920-838-4307.

9. **Lent worship:** The season of Lent continues with a Wednesday evening worship series focusing 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.
10. **The St. Paul's Car Show** will take place August 14 this summer. The Show will run from 9-2 with food trucks serving from 11-2. More info to come over the next months. Mark your calendar!
11. **Fast Fundraising February:** TODAY IS THE LAST DAY that Kwik Trip will be offering a 10% discount on scrip cards. Scrip cards can be purchased during school office hours and in the narthex on Sunday's. There is also BP,

Culver's, Festival Foods, Meijer, Menards, Miesfelds, Pick 'n Save, Piggly Wiggly, Walgreens, and Walmart available.

12. **Marriage Enrichment Retreat:** St. Paul's will be hosting a marriage enrichment retreat at the Osthoff Resort Friday-Saturday, March 19-20. **Registration is due March 1.** Flyers with event details and registration forms can be found in the member room. You can also register online [HERE](#). Contact Luther Curia with any questions: luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org.
13. **St. Paul's Variety Show:** Don't forget to tune in to the St. Paul's Variety Show Friday, March 5 @ 6:00 p.m. There are a number of fun acts and also opportunities to learn more about the passions of some of our St. Paul's family. [It will be livestreamed at this link.](#)
14. **Crafts-Men's Monthly 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 for our first *monthly* Bible Study as we strive to become Craftsmen of God: skilled at navigating the challenges of this world, equipped with God's perfect, unchanging Word. **When:** Thursday, March 11 @ 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)