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1 JOHN 4:18

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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!

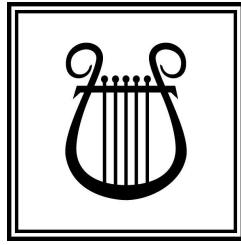
## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Worship during these times:** All pews in the sanctuary are open for seating. Face coverings are optional -- up to the individual. Bibles and hymnals have been put back in the racks for use as desired. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. All responses and songs are printed in your bulletin, which may 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.**



## MORNING PRAISE

**Today's Worship Focus:** Each year on the Sunday between Ascension and Pentecost, the Gospel lesson is a portion of Jesus' High Priestly Prayer, which he spoke the night before his crucifixion. Although he was about to suffer unimaginable torment, his concern was still for his disciples and for us. This prayer is a glimpse into the heart of the One who intercedes for us even now at God's right hand. Father, protect them! With the hostility of the world around us, with the evils of temptation and indifference and guilt that threaten our soul, Jesus prays for our protection.

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### OPENING HYMN

*If God Himself Be for Me* | 419 v. 1-2,4,5,7

- 1 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 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.
  
- 4 He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;**  
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.  
In him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;  
In him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.
  
- 5 No sin can now condemn me Or set my hope aside.**  
Now hell no more can claim me; Its fury I deride.  
No sentence now reproves me; No guilt destroys my peace,  
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with his grace.

7 My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad,  
'Tis full of joy and singing, Sees only sunshine glad.  
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

*Please stand.*

M: O Lord, open my lips.

Musical notation for the lyrics "And my mouth shall de-clare your praise." The music is in G major (two sharps) and common time. It consists of two measures. The first measure contains a quarter note on G, an eighth note on A, another eighth note on A, and a sixteenth note on B. The second measure contains a quarter note on G, an eighth note on A, another eighth note on A, and a sixteenth note on B. The lyrics are in a large, bold, serif font below the music.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

A musical score for a hymn tune. The key signature is two sharps, indicating G major. The time signature is common time (indicated by a 'C'). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes, primarily on the A, B, and C strings of a guitar. The lyrics "O Lord, come quickly to help me." are written below the staff.

M: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

A musical score in G major (two sharps) with a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics "Come, oh, come, let us worship." are written below the staff.

## **VENITE: COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD**

Soloist: 1st Refrain

#### **ALL: Repeated Refrain, Refrains Following Verses & Verses**

*Refrain*

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout with joy to our

sav - ing Rock; come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

**Verse 1**

You are a great and a won-drous God, cup-ping in your hands all the

depths of earth. You made the hills and the moun-tains high,

*Repeat to Refrain*

you made the seas and the dry land.

**Verse 2**

Come, let us wor - ship and, bow-ing low, kneel be-fore the One who has

made us all. You are the God whom we call our own,

*Repeat to Refrain*

we are the flock that you shep - herd.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray: Risen and ascended Lord, you now pray for us at the throne of the Father. Keep all those whom you love in your name, O Lord, that they may be one even as you and the Father are one; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Acts 7:54-60*

*God protected Stephen in death as he was filled with the Spirit and saw God's glory and Jesus at the Father's right hand.*

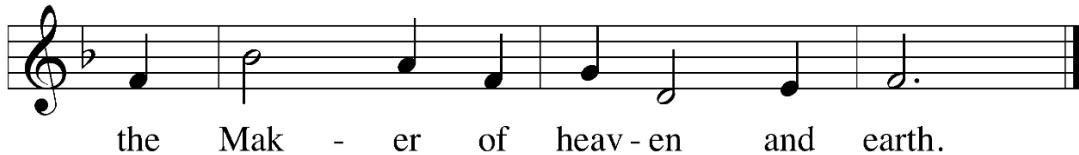
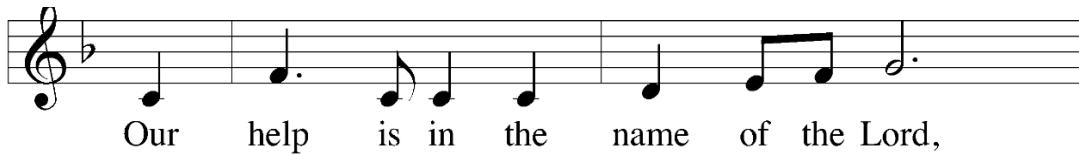
<sup>54</sup> When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

<sup>57</sup> At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## *Psalm 124*



If the LORD had not been on our side—let Israel say—  
if the LORD had not been on our side when men attacked us,  
when their anger flared against us,  
they would have swallowed us alive;

the flood would have engulfed us,  
the torrent would have swept over us,  
the raging waters  
would have swept us away.

### *Refrain*

Praise be to the LORD,  
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird  
out of the fowler's snare;

the snare has been broken,  
and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

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*

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 John 4:13-21

*We are protected because we know and rely on God's love for us.  
His love drives out fear and we have confidence on the day of judgment.*

<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

*Please stand.*

M: The Gospel according to John chapter 17.

## GOSPEL

## John 17:11b-19

*Jesus prays that the Father would protect his disciples from the evil one just as Jesus protected them by the power of his name.*

<sup>11</sup> Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not

of the world any more than I am of the world.<sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.<sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.<sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus, My Great High Priest | 359*

- 1 Jesus, my great High Priest, Offered his blood and died;  
My guilty conscience seeks No sacrifice beside.  
His pow'rful blood did once atone,  
And now it pleads before the throne.
- 2 To Christ, my substitute, Will I commit my cause;  
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.  
Behold my soul at freedom set—  
My Jesus paid the dreadful debt!
- 3 My advocate appears For my defense on high;  
A gracious Father hears And lays his thunder by.  
Not all that hell or sin can say  
Shall turn his heart, his love, away.
- 4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell unknown  
Put their most dreadful forms Of rage and mischief on,  
I shall be safe, for Christ displays  
Superior pow'r and guardian grace.

## SERMON

*1 John 4*

*Get Rid of Fear!*

*Please stand.*

# TE DEUM: YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

Soloist: First Refrain & Verses

**ALL:** Repeated Refrain, Refrains Following Verses & Sections in Bold Print

## *Refrain*

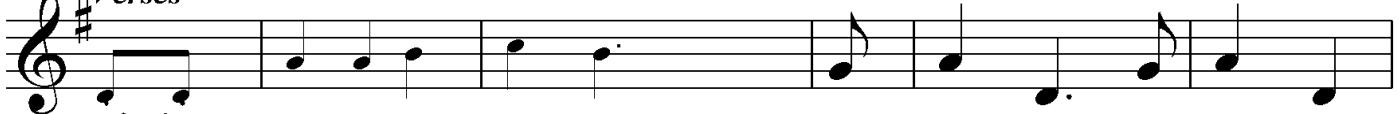


You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac- claim you. To



you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

## *Verses*



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,

2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **People:** We praise you, we praise you!

3. O\_\_\_\_ Christ, King of glo - ry,

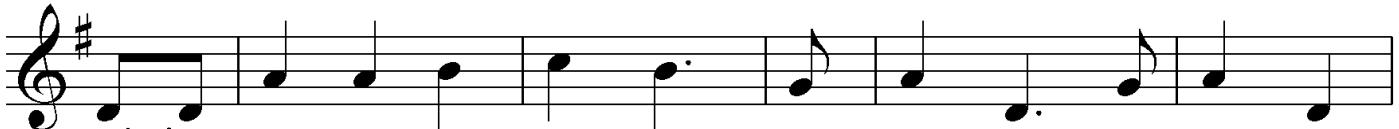


With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,

O\_\_\_\_ Je - sus Christ, the Son of God,

You be - came a man to set us free;

**We** praise you, we praise you!

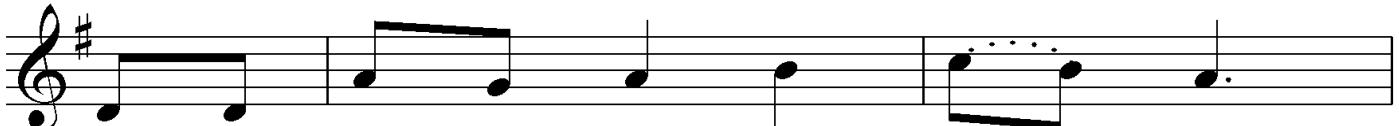


With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,

O\_\_\_\_ Spir - it, most ho - ly,

You have ris - en to free us;

**We** praise you, we praise you!



With the mar - tyrs and your ho - ly Church,

To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed,

And with all your saints in glo - ry,

We sing in end - less praise!

*(v. 1 & 2) to Refrain  
(v. 3) to Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac -

claim you. To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers

praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

## OFFERINGS BROUGHT FORWARD

*Online giving options available*



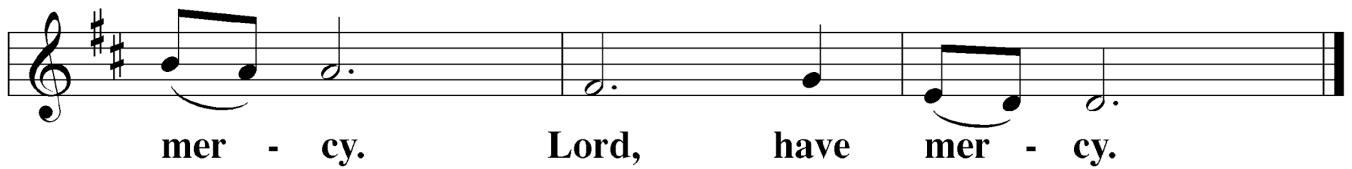
In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him.

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.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

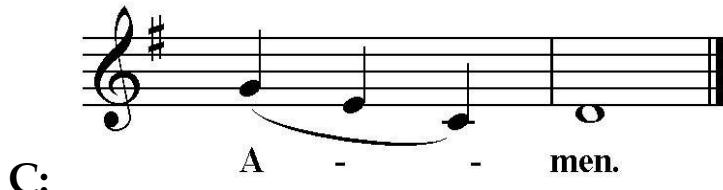


## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

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.

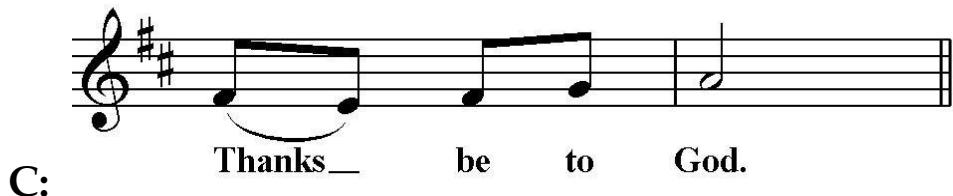
## PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.



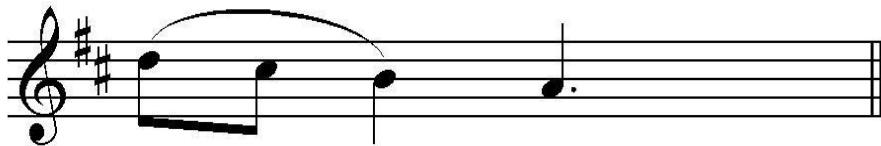
C:

M: Let us praise the Lord.



C:

M: The Lord bless and keep you.



C: A - - men.

M: The Lord's face ever shine upon you.



C: A - - men.

M: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C: A - - men.

Be seated.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Yours Forever, God of Love* | 426

- 1 **Yours forever, God of love! Hear us from your throne above;  
Yours forever may we be Here and in eternity!**
- 2 **Yours forever, oh, how blest They who find in you their rest!  
Savior, Guardian, heav'nly Friend, Oh, defend us to the end.**
- 3 **Yours forever, Lord of life! Shield us through our earthly strife.  
You, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.**
- 4 **Yours forever! Shepherd, keep All your weak and trembling sheep  
Safely in your tender care; Let us all your goodness share.**
- 5 **Yours forever! You our guide, All our needs by you supplied,  
All our sins by you forgiv'n, Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.**

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### *SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:*

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**PASTOR:** Rev. Adam Bode

**PIANIST:** Sarah Mueller

**MUSICIANS:** Mary Athorp, Brad Tinker, and Sue Vant Hul

**ALTAR GUILD:** Maryann Hahn, Jean Porter, Debbie Van Alstine, Sandra Weber

**USHERS:** 8:00 am-Karl Leverenz, Dan Rehbein, Justin Radue, Steve Schueler, Joe Goedeke; 10:30 am-Gary Fields, Jason Yancy, Matt Schueler, Mike Duwe.

**OFFERINGS: \$18,678. (WEEKLY BUDGET GOAL: \$15,700.) \$4,530 WAS RECEIVED FOR GROWING FORWARD CAMPAIGN.**

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 185 -122 -38**

### **In our prayers this week:**

1. Emerson Donald Radue, born to Justin and Erin.
2. Nora Grunewald, daughter of Josh and Amanda, baptized on Sunday.
3. Neil and Sharon Pahl, celebrating 50 years of marriage.

*The flowers in the front of church are from the Pahl children in celebration of Neil and Sharon Pahl's 50 years of marriage and in thanksgiving to the Lord for his faithful love to them.*

1. **Office hours** are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.. You can reach Erin at [secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulshowardsgrove.org). Erin will be taking maternity leave for the month of May. Her last day was April 28<sup>th</sup>. Erin's emails will be monitored and there is coverage for the office at the hours listed above.
2. **Bible Study Series: Heaven and Hell** - This Bible study offers insight into what Scripture teaches about heaven and hell. It searches the Bible to show what God has revealed about death, judgment, and the only two destinations after life is over: heaven and hell. The study takes place in the gym.
3. **A Second Sunday morning Bible** study on the book of Mark takes place in the commons and will begin again on May 9. Grab a Bible and a seat in the commons as we work through chapter 2.
4. **Teen Bible Study** – This study looks at Gideon. All students in grades 7<sup>th</sup> through Seniors in High School are encouraged to attend, we will meet in the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. For any questions, contact Mike Leahy [mleahy@live.com](mailto:mleahy@live.com).

5. **Parenting Bible Study:** Join us Tuesday evenings, May 18 & 25 from 6:30-7:30 for a parenting Bible study focused on Christian Discipline.

The study covers the following five lessons:

- The Ground Rules of Discipline
- Practical Expectations for Children
- Replace Whining with Respect
- Responsibility
- Mentoring Youngsters Towards Adolescence

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)

6. **Wednesday Bible study** is a study of Psalm 119. Always a good time to jump in if you like! 8:55am.
7. **Thursday Evening Bible Study** - We didn't meet last week due to the Ascension service. We start again this week at 6:30pm. We meet in the 7-8th grade classroom.
8. **Men's Early Bird Bible Study.** Our next study is on May 21, 6:00 am.
9. **New Bible Information Class:** Beginning June 3 and 5, we will have a new Bible Information Class, offered on Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Saturdays at 2:00 pm. This class is for those interested in exploring the Bible's teachings and joining our church -- or for those who simply want a refresher on God's Word. The class is about 8 two-hour sessions. We have several people already planning to come. Child care can be provided for those who request it in advance. Please speak to Pastor Bode for more information.
10. **Adult Basketball:** Want to get some exercise? Want to see if you've still "got it"? Join us for adult basketball each Tuesday night beginning at 7:00pm. Join us any Tuesday that you are able. It is some good exercise and great camaraderie. Contact Brandon Lis (920-226-0483) with any questions or to be added to the adult basketball communication list. Hope to see you on the court!
11. **Long Range Planning** met last week. The hope is to have plans and banking information for presentation at the July voters' meeting.
12. **Sunday School** will no longer require temperature checks, and face coverings are optional. Parents, please use your best judgment on keeping your child home if sick. Our last day of Sunday School for the spring is May 23.
13. **For All Children** We will be having an outing at Pine Ridge Campground on May 16th this is an opportunity for all kids to see what the Lutheran Pioneers is all about. We will have Pine Car Races, Canoeing, Hiking, a Campfire, and more. See Mike Heilman in the narthex after service for more information and to get your Pine Car. You can also call or email Mike as well at 920-698-1654 or [heilman\\_2004@yahoo.com](mailto:heilman_2004@yahoo.com)
14. **Mindful Moms** - Join us for the last playdate of the school year talking about Community Helpers on Wednesday, May 19 at 10am. If the weather is nice, we may be outside! Then, look for our updated summer schedule, including park playdates and a Bible Study book club, available on our Facebook group or on postcards in the member room.
15. **Mindful Moms Summer Kick off - Coffee Party!** Moms, come grab a little coffee and enjoy some fellowship to get your summer started on Wednesday, May 26 at 10:30am. Treat yourself to the goodies

at our coffee bar, taste different kinds of coffee with different topping combinations, or pour one big cup with all the fixings! Best of all, we get to enjoy each other's company before the end of school!

16. **Cemetery Volunteer** - the cemetery board is looking for a volunteer to shingle the storage building at the cemetery. All the supplies will be provided. If you are interested please contact Brian Grimm, Brian Stauss or Dennis Eirich.
17. **Growing Forward Giving Envelopes** are available in the member room by the cabinets or in the office on the top part of the office desk. They can be placed in the offerings boxes in the narthex or in the wooden box on Erin Radue's desk.
18. **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. We are looking at having various classes for cars and trucks and one for motorcycles. *The registration link is now live on our website.* More info to come over the next months. Mark your calendar!
19. **Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Offerings** given at St. Paul's amounted to \$200. The 2020-21 LWMS national offerings will be divided among four projects: Home missions -- Assistance for first public service in missions and Cross-cultural mission conferences and training; World missions -- Africa theological education and Hmong outreach in Vietnam.
20. **New Christian Worship Hymnal:** Our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, has been developing a new hymnal, set to be released later this year. We have already pre-ordered copies for our sanctuary. If you would like to order copies for home use, you may sign up in the member room to be included in our congregation's larger order. More information on the new hymnal can be found in our May church newsletter or at [christianworship.com](http://christianworship.com).
21. **Pastor Mueller's 2022 Trip to Israel is still happening!** Imagine Tours and Travel is set to open this summer with trips to Israel (and more). There are 25 people signed up (among the three pastor hosts) and the bus can hold 20 more. January 10-20, 2022. Direct flight to Israel from Chicago. For more information, please contact Pastor Mueller. I'm also aware of the developments in Israel this past week. We'll continue to monitor the situation and keep travelers and potential travelers updated.
22. **Church Softball Team:** We're looking to get a softball team together from St. Paul's to play in a competitive Wednesday night men's league from early June through early August. Because the league is in Howards Grove, team members must reside or work here in the village. There is a \$75 team fee and a \$20 player fee (\$10 if a Millersville Rec member). Signup deadline is May 23. If you're interested in some fun with friends and staying active this summer, please sign up in the member room. If you have questions, contact Mark Eichhorst at 980-8670 or [spikey1@tds.net](mailto:spikey1@tds.net).
23. **Axe Throwing!** The stewardship committee is headed to the Longhouse Axe Bar in Sheboygan for some fellowship...and axe throwing Wednesday, May 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Hope you can come! \$20 per person (discounted from their usual \$30/hour rate), plus more for snacks and beverages. No live targets. Sign up by Sunday, May 16 [HERE](#). **Drop off your payment in the office.** Bring questions to Luther Curia: 920.287.8575 or [luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:luther.curia@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).