

CONFIRMATION WEEKEND 2017

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21 & 22, 2017

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Also,

- ✠ Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- ✠ We love families! Your children are always welcome in our service. Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus! If you would like, there are children's bulletins with crayons in the back of church and a cry room in the back of the sanctuary.
- ✠ Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- ✠ If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leaders
Organist
Choir Director

Pastor Brian Adams & Pastor Jacob Hoff
Ms. Heather Schmidt
Mrs. Marie Becker

CONFIRMATION

The word, "*confirmation*," means "*strengthening*." The young people being confirmed today have been *strengthened* by God's Word. For the past two years they have been instructed with the Word in confirmation classes – an in-depth study of the teachings of the Lutheran Church with the Bible as the text book. This process traces its roots all the way back to the very first century after Jesus, when new Christians would go through a three year course of study before publicly declaring faith in the God of the Bible.

Today we celebrate the Holy Spirit who has worked through his Word to strengthen the faith of these young Christians. We also will have the opportunity to hear these young men and women publicly declare their faith in the Triune God.

We invite the Holy Spirit to strengthen the faith of everyone here through his powerful word and sacrament. We ask the Holy Spirit to help these confirmands remain faithful to the solemn promises they make before God today.



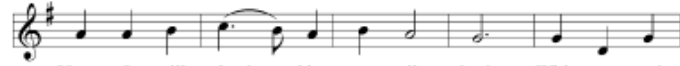


Following the bells in the 10:00 am service, the confirmands will process into the church, led by the pastors, as a class. **Please stand and join in singing the opening hymn.**

OPENING HYMN – CW #235 PRAISE THE ALMIGHTY; MY SOUL, ADORE HIM



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him As long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal When the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with

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all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther -
 help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

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!** *(Psalm 119:97-99, 103)*

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.



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 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated



THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON:

GENESIS 4:1-16

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth¹ a man.”² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

⁶Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

¹⁰The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. ¹¹Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear.¹⁴ Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

¹ *Cain* sounds like the Hebrew for *brought forth*

¹⁵But the LORD said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. ¹⁶So Cain went out from the LORD’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Please Stand

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

Be Seated

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

Each confirmand was given the opportunity to choose a Bible passage that held special significance to them. They were also asked to write why they chose that passage.

Emma Cait Barnhardt

My passage is 1 Peter 5:7, “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

This passage is very important to me because it reminds me all that I fear and worry about, my troubles, stress, and anxiety, can be taken to our God who gives me reassurance and peace. I forget this a lot of times, and I’m sure a lot of you do, too. We constantly forget that we can take our problems and fears to the Lord. But God gives us this passage to remind us that we can always come to him for help and care. We love God

for that. He always shows us the love and mercy that we don’t deserve. Now that I’m getting older and am going to be experiencing new things and new people, I know I’m going to have a lot of anxieties. But God cares for me and each one of us. We can go to him in prayer and find peace and serenity in him.

Hannah Elizabeth Marie Burrow

My passage is Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

I chose this passages because it is really comforting to me. I know that God is always there with me no matter what time or what day. It is pretty cool to know how every time you pray to God, God is right there listening to you, and seeing how he could help you. Every time I'm in need, or just need need someone to talk to, I know I have God with me. He is ready listen to me whenever. Since I was a little baby I've known God had a plan for me - like how my future would turn out, or just how the next day would go. From this day forward, God still has a plan for me.

Adam Scott Frank

My passage is Psalm 117:2, "For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!"

God has shown his love by dying for us and he has risen so that we may rise too. God has always stuck with us and has preserved us when the rest of the world has gone bad. He keeps us around and helps us to find him. If God lost his faithfulness then we would be sent to hell, but God will not stop being faithful. Instead, he helps us if we get stuck. He is slow to anger, and eternally faithful. This passage tells of his faithfulness. Praise the Lord. This is my reason for cherishing this passage for the rest of my life.

Ashley Donielle Hernon

My passage for confirmation is Proverbs 3:5-6. It states, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight.”

I decided to choose this passage because it reminds me to depend not just on my own judgment and decisions in life, and in the lives of others. Many people often wonder if they are doing the right thing, and we just have to trust that God will put us on the right

path through his word in the bible. Even when good or bad things occur, I remind myself that God is guiding me down this path for a reason. It means so much to me to know that when we acknowledge God in all we do, that he will guide us in the direction that he has chosen for each of us. This passage provides comfort to me knowing that God is with me always and will guide me in the direction he so chooses.

Cameron Ruth Hoffman

My Confirmation verse is Philippians 4:13. This passage states “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

This passage means so much to me in my spiritual and everyday life. It gives me confidence that God is always with me in everything that I do, and that I don't have to worry. It assures me that I can come to him in prayer and that he not only will hear that prayer, but will answer it as well. I can live everyday knowing with God's help, I can face all the obstacles that are thrown to me in this lifetime. This verse also reminds me that none of the things that I have accomplished or will accomplish would be possible without the help of God. Christ gives me the strength to face all challenges that will come my way, and I know that without him nothing is possible.

Haley Marie Johnson

My passage is Psalm 46:10, it says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

My passage is very special and important to me. It means that no matter what trouble or hard times happen to come my way, I need to just be still, put my faith in God to help me through all of the hard times, and put all my worries on him.

This passage gives me the confidence that even though things in this world seem like more than I can handle, God reminds me with this passage that he is always present and that we do not walk this life alone.

This passage gives me hope that I can survive any challenges in life with the help of God. It encourages me to always put my complete trust in God to guide me through this life and to lead me on my road of faith in him.

Luke Michael Lesser

My confirmation passage is John 8:12, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

This passage reminds me that God will always be there for me, even through my sinful days. I know that I am a sinner and cannot be perfect, but this passage gives me confidence that God will be there throughout the bad and good times, and he will help me and act as a guide. John 8:12 reminds me that God is helping me overcome the battle with the Devil and I know that with God I can overcome him, and one day be in heaven. This passage encourages me to stay faithful to God, and strengthen my faith every day while walking in God's path. It also encourages me to spread the word of God to others so they can follow in his path, and one day be in paradise with him.

Devin Thomas Martin

My passage is Joshua 1:9, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

I chose this passage because I *will* always have troubles in my life because of sin. Those troubles may be scary, and I may feel like I can't get through them sometimes. Joshua 1:9 tells me to not be scared of the troubles of this world. It tells me that I need to be strong and brave, and that I need to be confident that I can get through the troubles in my life. I can be strong and confident knowing that no matter how bad the troubles in my life are, or how scary they can be, God will always be with me and will help me through them. These words give me great comfort and encourage me to follow them for the rest of my life.

Wyatt Paul Nidy

My passage is Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble."

I picked this passage because it applies to everyone. What I mean by everyone is the young and old, rich and poor, men and women, and sick and healthy. I find peace from this passage because it tells me that I am never alone. It is comforting to know that God is with me no matter where I go, and no matter what I am doing. We are all sinners, this passage reminds us that when we are weak, make bad choices, and find ourselves in trouble, God our

Savior is our strength and refuge. He is always there to guide, help, and shelter us. His love and mercy is never ending.

Angela Jae Olen

My passage is 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

It feels as if God is talking directly to me as a person in this passage. The first part is be on your guard. This reminds me that God is protecting me. He is reminding me to be alert and aware of the danger of sin. Next, the passage tells me to stand firm in the faith. To live a long, vigorous life, and then live eternally in heaven, God tells us to stand strong and believe in Jesus Christ and that he died for us. We know that believing in Jesus will carry us through life into the happiness of heaven. The third and fourth parts, be courageous and be strong, remind us of Jesus and what he did for us. He suffered for us and was courageous and strong for sinners. Even when they weren't perfect like him, he fought for them. Everyone should look up to our Savior, and we should be motivated to live courageously and strong, because that is what He asks us to do. And lastly, it tells us to do everything in love. God loves us, even though we all are sinners. Jesus suffered for us because he loves us. I want to live through life spreading the love Jesus has shown me, with everyone, until he will bring me to heaven, which is where I definitely want to go.

Nikolaus Aaron Raap

My confirmation passage is Proverbs 23:26, "My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways."

This passage in its entirety teaches me that I need to obey God in my head and in my heart, living my life according to the Bible, not losing focus on God's Commandments.

"My son, give me your heart", reminds me that I should offer God my heart because God sent Jesus to die for my sins. My heart is the only gift that I can give back to God thanking him for all he has done for me.

"Let your eyes keep to my ways", reminds me that I should be serious and follow the ways God describes in the Bible. This passage requires me to give God my whole heart and love him solely, not divide my heart between him and the world.

I will try my best to live my life according to God's Commandments and take every opportunity to preach the Word of the Lord and stress His love for the world.

Nathan Lee Riel

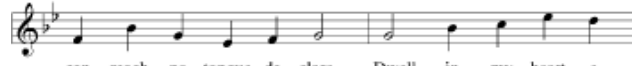
My passage is Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."

I chose this passage because I am not ashamed of the gospel, and I am not afraid to confess my faith. I know that it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone that believes. Romans 1:16 reminds me that I'm not perfect, no one is, but Jesus did more than just set an example. The gospel tells us how he died to forgive our sins. I can't be perfect, but I can do all I can to share and spread the word of God with others that may not believe the same as me. No matter what, I am not ashamed of the gospel. There will be temptations but I hope and pray knowing God gets me through them, and helps me keep a strong faith. I am so thankful that I've been able to learn about Jesus everyday at St. Paul's, and can be certain that Jesus loves me and always will.





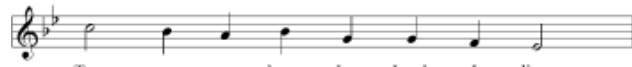
1 Je - sus, your bound - less love to me No thought
2 Oh, grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt -
4 In suf - f'ring be your love my peace; In weak -



can reach, no tongue de - clare. Dwell in my heart e -
but your pure love a - lone; Oh, may your love pos -
less - ly to you as - pire. Oh, may your love my
ness be your love my pow'r; And when the storms of



ter - nal - ly, And reign with - out a ri - val there.
sess me whole, My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown!
hope re - new, Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire!
life shall cease, O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour



To you a - lone, dear Lord, I live;
All cold - ness from my heart re - move;
And day and night be all my care
Be then my rod and staff and guide



My - self to you, dear Lord, I give,
My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there,
And draw me safe - ly to your side.

SERMON:

JOHN 14:15-21

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign and pass along the friendship register located in each row.

8:00 am and 6:30 pm services continue with the Prayer of the Church on page 16

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Those being confirmed stand

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation? If so, answer: I do.

R: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? If so, answer: I do.

R: I do.

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? If so, answer: I do.

R: I do.

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

R: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

R: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

Congregation please stand.

(The minister addresses the congregation.)

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER

M: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

Gracious Father, you have adopted these brothers and sisters in Baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Move them to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Give them the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Clothe them with the kindness, humility, and patience of Christ and so that they may live at peace with all the members of Christ's body. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Protect them from the powers of evil, and give them the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Keep them faithful and holy so that they may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (8:00AM AND 6:30PM)

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

8:00 am & 6:30 pm services continue with The Sacrament on Page 19

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:00 AM ONLY):

*Heav'nly Father, send Thy blessing
On Thy children gathered here;
May they all, Thy name confessing,
Be to Thee forever dear;
May they be like Joseph loving,
Dutiful and chaste and pure,
And their faith like David proving,
Steadfast unto death endure.*

*Holy Savior, who in meekness
Didst vouch safe a child to be,
Guide our steps, and help our weakness,
Bless and make us like to Thee;
Give us rest when we are weary
In Thine arms and at Thy breast,
Through life's desert dry and dreary
Bring us to Thy heav'nly rest.*

*Spread Thy golden pinions o'er them,
Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove;
Guide them, lead them, go before them,
Give them peace and joy and love.
Temples of the Holy Spirit,
May they with Thy glory shine
And immortal bliss inherit
And forevermore be Thine.*

A CONFIRMATION BLESSING

CONFIRMATION BLESSINGS

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all of you, we now ask him to give each of you individually.

*The confirmands, in turn, come forward and may kneel.
The minister lay his hands on the head of each one.*

Emma Cait Barnhardt

Hannah Elizabeth Marie Burrow

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M: Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through the Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless and keep you.

THE SACRAMENT

THE 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."

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We invite those who are members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church and those guests who are affiliated with our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to come forward at the direction of the ushers to participate in the Lord's Supper. The Confirmation Class, along with their parents, will receive the Lord's Supper first.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: CW #311, SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS

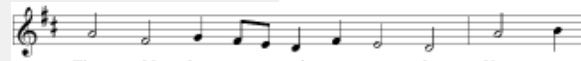


1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; Leave be - hind all
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, And with lov - ing
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther cost nor
 4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, Filled with joy most
 5 Hu - man rea - son, though it pon - ders, Can - not fath - om

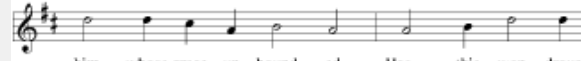


gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day - light's splen - dor;
 rev - 'rence greet him, For with words of life im - mor - tal
 pain will mea - sure, But the price - less gifts of heav - en
 deep and ho - ly, As with trem - bling awe and won - der
 these great won - ders, That Christ's bod - y must be bound - less

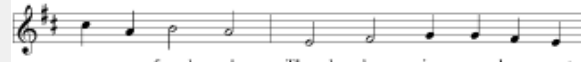
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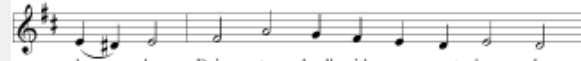
There with joy your prais - es ren - der Un - to
 He is knock - ing at your por - tal. O - pen
 God to us has free - ly giv - en. Though the
 On your might - y work I pon - der, How by
 Since the souls it feeds are count - less, And that



him whose grace un - bound - ed Has this won - drous
 wide the gates he - fore him, Say - ing, as you
 wealth of earth were prof - fered, Naught would buy the
 mys - ter - y sur - round - ed. Depths that no one
 he his blood is giv - ing With the wine we



sup - per found - ed. Though he reigns a - bove most
 there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -
 are re - ceiv - ing. These great mys - ter - ies un -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive you, That I nev - er - more will leave you.
 riv - en, And his blood, for you once giv - en.
 bid - den Se - crets that with you are hid - den.
 sound - ed Are by God a - lone ex - pound - ed.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You have left your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forgo all joy and gladness
 And to shed your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
 Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
 Jesus, Joy of me desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring—
 At your feet I cry, my Maker:
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven
 For our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,
 Let me gladly here obey you.
 By your love I am invited;
 Be your love with love required.
 By this supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace you give me
 As your guest in heav'n receive me.

Please Stand

THANKSGIVING

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

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

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.**

LORD'S BLESSING

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.

C: **Amen.**

Be Seated



CLOSING HYMN: CW #332, Go, My CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you

Ne - ver a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing.
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and
 And give you peace; I the Lord will

I am with you; You are my own.
 much I love you, What I can cure.
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.
 smile up - on you And give you peace;

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,

made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,
 ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,
 Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;

with my bless - ing— You are my own,
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
 I will keep you And give you peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Frank & Sam Krajewski in honor of their 8th wedding anniversary.

ASCENSION SERVICE: Please join us for our Ascension service this Thursday, May 25th at 6:30 PM. Junior Choir and Junior Handbells will be included in our Worship service!

SERVICE TIME CHANGE: We will begin our summer Worship schedule next Sunday, May 28th. Service times are Sunday at 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM and Mondays at 6:30 PM.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SERVICE SCHEDULE: There will be no Monday evening service on Memorial Day, May 29th. Instead there will be service on Tuesday, May 30th at 6:30 PM.

BOARD OF ELDERS: The Board of Elders will meet this Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 PM.

INSTRUMENT RECITAL: St. Paul's students will have their instrument recital this Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:00 PM in church. Everyone is invited to come and support our musicians!

WELCOME COOKOUT: St. Paul's is hosting a Welcome Cookout on Wednesday, June 14th at 5:00 PM. We invite all guests of St. Paul's church and school to join us at this family friendly cookout for fellowship in a casual, fun environment. All new member families who have joined St. Paul's within the last two years are invited as well. We are also looking for 20 veteran member families who are excited about St. Paul's Ministry and are looking to share that enthusiasm with others. Register online by scanning the QR Code. For more information please contact one of the pastors or Caleb Manske at (262) 442-4286, clmanske@hotmail.com



MEN'S OPEN GYM: It's time to dust off those b-ball shoes (again). Men's Open Gym will resume on Wednesday nights at 7:30 starting June 7th after school is out for summer. This advanced notice should give the old guys just enough time to stretch out by then. Men's Open Gym is open to college age St. Paul's members, school families, and their guests.

LIBRARY TYPEWRITER: Our typewriter in the Library has died. If anyone knows where we can find a used electric typewriter, please let the office know!

USHER COORDINATOR: The Board of Elders has asked Kyle Brightsman to be the new usher coordinator/head usher. We will begin to evaluate where there are vacancies on the crews and give an opportunity for new people to assist in ushering here at St. Paul's. As that happens, it may be helpful to have the usher crews realigned. Stay tuned for further details in the future. If you have any questions please contact Kyle at (414) 335-2906 or kgb5217@gmail.com. If you are interested in ushering, there are sign-up sheets on the narthex counter.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION: It's time to register for Vacation Bible Camp! Please see the insert in today's bulletin. Forms can be turned in to the school office, or in the bin on the narthex counter. Vacation Bible Camp is July 10th-14th.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP HELP: We are looking for help for our Vacation Bible Camp this summer! Please see today's insert for more information on how you can help. Vacation Bible Camp is July 10-14th.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC): We are looking for donation of a few items for craft projects for VBC. If there's anything you'd like to donate, please label it and leave it in the multi-purpose room. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Adams at 423-1445 or njadams86@yahoo.com. If you would like to help with a monetary donation, it would also be appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts to one of the pastors. The items needed are:

- Brown paper grocery bags
- Wood Clothespins with springs
- White pipe cleaners

CHURCH/SCHOOL DOOR LOCKS: Our school has recently installed electronic card readers on the exterior doors to allow access to our church/school. Last week the existing key locks on the exterior doors were replaced with new locks. At this point, the only way to gain access to the building is to visit during normal business hours or by using an electronic card supplied by Building and Grounds. Electronic cards have been supplied to Faculty and Church council members. If there is a need for someone to acquire an electronic card, please contact Jeff Graetz at 414-748-2656 or maintenance@stpaulsfranklin.org

“THE STORY” BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, June 10th. As we continue to look at God’s story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: “Jesus, the Son of God”.

27TH ANNUAL WLHS CHARITY GOLF OUTING: Register now for the Friends of Wisco Annual Charity Golf Outing on Monday, June 19, at this year’s new location at Hawk’s View Golf Club in Lake Geneva, Wis. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. with shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. Special pricing for sponsorships include a foursome of golf. \$150 single registration includes: green fees, cart, 2 beverage tickets, lunch, and dinner. Registration and sponsorship information can be found at wlhs.ejoinme.org/Golf2017. **Register by May 26**, to ensure the golf outing pullover will fit you. For questions, contact Heidi Witz at planner@wlhs.org or [414-453-4567 ext. 2004](tel:414-453-4567).

REELING IN THE FUTURE: Reeling in the Future (taking the place of WLHS’ Fishers of Men tournament) fishing tournament will be held June 3, 2017 on Pewaukee Lake, at the boat launch by Curly’s Waterfront and Smokey’s West Baitshop. Registration deadline is May 31, 2017. For more information, visit www.reelinginthefuture.com.

VIKING EXPLORER CAMPS: Hey kids! Don’t waste a minute of your summer this year. Attend a camp at Wisconsin Lutheran High School to explore a wide variety of activities and interests in a Christian setting. Camps include: chess, theater, sports, robotics, and cheerleading. There are booklets on the narthex counter with more information. To register, go to www.wlhs.org/explorers.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (May 21 & 22)

8:00 AM – Larry & Lucille Ellenberger
10:00 AM – Jack & Kathie Klunder
6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (May 28 & 30)

8:00 AM – Larry & Marion Klug
9:30 AM – Bob & Sue Dittrich
TUESDAY 6:30 PM – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

USHERS FOR MAY

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

USHERS FOR JUNE

8:00 AM – TEAM #2 – Bob Goelz, Todd Flunker, Scott Sievert, Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess
9:30 AM – TEAM #
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

ALTAR GUILD

May 17-23 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade
May 24-30 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

May 21: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli
May 28: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli

GRASS CUTTING:

May 24-27 – TEAM #4 – Dave Qualmann
May 31-June 3 – TEAM #1 – Gordy Lesser

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 21

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM
Confirmation Worship Service with Communion 10:00 AM

Monday, May 22

Worship Service with Communion6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 23

Pastor Circuit Meeting 10:00 AM
Instrument Recital.....6:00 PM

Wednesday, May 24

Board of Elders6:30 PM

Thursday, May 25

Ascension Service.....6:30 PM

Friday, May 26

School Devotion 8:30 AM

School Track & Field Day..... 12:00 PM

Sunday, May 28

Worship Service 8:00 AM

Worship Service 9:30 AM



Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 111, 10:30 AM – 154, 6:30 PM – 35

Total Attendance – 300

Sunday Bible Class – 28, Sunday School – 12

Saturday Bible Class – 10

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