

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 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.
- † For upcoming events and activities, “like” us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

TODAY’S THEME:
TRUSTING GOD THROUGH PERSECUTION

Worship Participants

Liturgist.....Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher..... Pastor Jacob Hoff
Organist Mrs. Sharon Larsen

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN “God Has Spoken by His Prophets”
Christian Worship #281

1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, Spo - ken his un -
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -
 3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, Speak - ing to the

chang - ing Word, Each from age to age pro - claim - ing
 last - ing Son, Bright-ness of the Fa - ther’s glo - ry,
 hearts of all, In the age - less Word ex - pound - ing

God the one, the right-eous Lord. In the world’s de - spair and
 With the Fa - ther ev - er one, Spo - ken by the Word in -
 His own mes - sage for us all. Through the rise and fall of

tur - moil One firm an - chor holds us fast: God is
 car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was, Light from
 na - tions One sure faith is stand - ing fast. God a -

king, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.
 Light, to earth de - scend - ing— He re - veals our God to us.
 bides, his Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
 ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSONEzekiel 2:1-3:4

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” ²As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ ⁵And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. ⁷You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious. ⁸But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious people; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”

⁹Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, ¹⁰which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

¹And he said to me, “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel.” ²So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

³Then he said to me, “Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

⁴He then said to me: “Son of man, go now to the people of Israel and speak my words to them.”

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 143

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Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;^{*}
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,^{*}
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;^{*}
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quickly, O LORD;^{*}
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,^{*}
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;^{*}
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**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

THE SECOND LESSON..... 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹²In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia! Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia! (*Luke 8:15*)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith.



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CHILDREN’S TALK.....9:30 AM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"
Christian Worship #536



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you
 lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing
 pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -
 fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built
 care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your
 vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That
 cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure
 sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word
 we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.
 grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things
 To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they
 The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils
 Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

THE SERMON Mark 6:1-6

Please Stand

THE 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.

Please be Seated

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

P: 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 BLESSING

P: 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.



Please be Seated

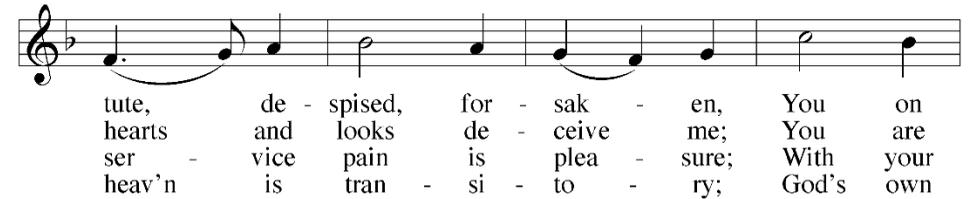
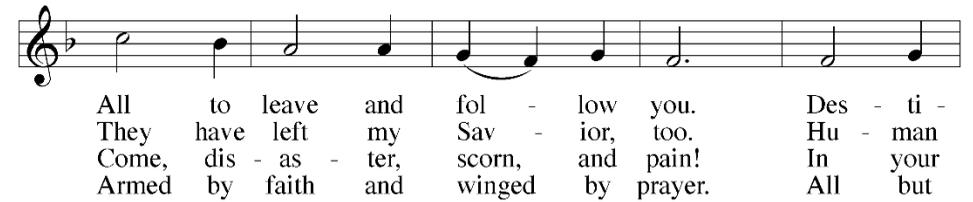
CLOSING HYMN **"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"**

Christian Worship #465



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,

Hymn continues on next page



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE AND 2018 - 2019 FISCAL BUDGET

- This Budget maintains a status quo ministry here at St. Paul's
- This proposed budget calls for the individual board budgets to remain relatively the same as the prior year.
- Proposed wage increase for all Called Workers of approximately 2% to maintain them around 90% of Synod Guidelines.
- Hourly workers proposed wage increase of .25 cents per hour
- Synod Health Care Premiums estimated to increase 7% and Pension rates up 10% (using published Synod rates)

	17/18 Estimated Actual	17/18 Budget	18/19 Budget
Receipts:			
School Tuition	\$ 124,177	\$ 115,000	\$ 125,000
Early Childhood Center	189,314	155,000	190,000
	313,491	270,000	315,000
Budgetary Contributions	572,153	664,500	611,065
Total Receipts	885,644	934,500	926,065
Expenditures:			
Board of Elders	9,874 1.1%	8,000 0.9%	8,000 0.9%
Board of Lutheran Schools	4,356 0.5%	7,350 0.8%	6,000 0.6%
Board of Outreach	4,319 0.5%	8,000 0.9%	6,650 0.7%
Board of Spiritual Growth	4,075 0.4%	4,450 0.5%	4,500 0.5%
Board of Fellowship	750 0.1%	950 0.1%	950 0.1%
Board of Church Properties	96,908 10.5%	97,000 10.5%	97,000 10.5%
Early Childhood Center	6,500 0.7%	6,500 0.7%	6,500 0.7%
Voters	25,385 2.8%	25,000 2.7%	25,000 2.7%
Synod/High School/Agencies	56,378 6.1%	57,000 6.2%	56,500 6.1%
Payroll & Taxes	711,075 77.3%	720,250 77.8%	714,965 77.2%
Total Expenditures	919,620	934,500	926,065
Projected income (loss)	\$ (33,976)	\$ -	\$ -
Estimated Weekly Contributions	\$11,003	\$12,779	\$11,751
Increase in Weekly Contributions vs. PY Est Actual			\$ 748
Increase in Weekly Contributions vs. PY Budget			\$ (1,028)

2018 VACATION BIBLE CAMP FULL: Thanks to all who registered for our Vacation Bible Camp. We are FULL. We have 150 kids registered this year. Unfortunately, we will NOT be able to take any more registrations. (Including "walk-up" ones on Monday, July 9th.) If you wish to be placed on a waiting list, you may call or email St. Paul's office. Thank you for supporting our mission to teach many children about Jesus.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEER MEETING: A meeting will be held tonight for ALL Vacation Bible Camp volunteers (except kitchen help) at 6:30 p.m. in the Bible class room. This meeting will be lead by the staff from Camp Phillip. They will explain everyone's responsibilities for a successful week. Each volunteer will be required to sign a Camp Phillip affidavit regarding staff conduct and camper-staff contact at the meeting. Thank you for being a volunteer and making this such a successful program.

PICNIC, CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG: We invite everyone – members and guests, all families, young and old to join us on Wednesday, July 11th at church as we host a picnic supper in conjunction with our Vacation Bible Camp. We will begin eating at 5:30 PM. Please bring a dish to pass (meat will be provided). A campfire and sing-along will follow. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a fun evening!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP FOOD SIGN-UP: The sign-up sheets for this year's food items that are needed are on the counter in the back of church. We thank everyone for their help with the food that is served for both lunches and snacks during the week of Vacation Bible Camp. We really appreciate your help!

NO MEN'S OPEN GYM: There will be no Men's Open Gym this week as the gym is in use for Vacation Bible Camp. We will resume next Wednesday, July 18th.

UTILITY WORK ON 51ST STREET: WE Energies has begun replacing one of their major gas lines that runs along 51st Street. Below is the notice that was received this past week from WE Energies:

Our work will require the southbound lane on South 51st Street between West Grange Avenue and Rawson Avenue to be closed approximately 7am to 7pm daily. The northbound lane will be controlled by flagging so vehicles may safely pass in one direction (northbound or southbound) at a time. All lanes will be open at night. Traffic access to east/westbound roads from 51st Street will be maintained; however, there

may be intermittent impacts to sidewalk access in this area. Construction began mid-May along West Grange Avenue, and we soon will begin work along South 51st Street. We expect all work to be completed by October. This upgrade will allow us to continue to provide safe and reliable natural gas service for years to come. Construction activities will require excavation as well as traffic control measures, which are being coordinated with Greendale, Franklin and Milwaukee County.”

Therefore, you may want to take an alternate route coming to St. Paul’s during the work week.

NEW SUMMER BIBLE CLASS: *This Is What The Lord Says* ~ In this ten week class we will crack open the Bible and see what God has to say about himself. It is an opportunity to ask questions of God and let him answer through the pages of the Bible. This class could be a great next step for you. If you have been coming to St. Paul's for a while and want to know what the next step for church membership is - this class is for you. If you have unanswered questions about God, who he is and how he operates - this class is for you. If you've been a life-long Christian and want a refresh on lessons you learned a long time ago - this class is for you. If you've got someone in your life who doesn't know or believe in Jesus and you don't feel confident sharing Jesus all by yourself - this class is a perfect opportunity to invite that person to come and see and know Jesus.

It will be held on Sunday mornings after second service (**10:45am**). The class will begin on **July 15th**. If you are interested, we'd love to have you join us! If you have questions, let Pastor Hoff know.

ST. JOHN’S KIDS’ DAY: St. John's Church on Howell Avenue will be holding a Kids' Day on Saturday, July 14 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A lunch will be served and there will be many fun and exciting activities and games for the children. It is recommended for children ages 3 to 12, but younger children accompanied by their parents are also invited to attend. Children are also encouraged to bring their friends. All the kids will have the opportunity to meet others and have a blast! St. John's is located at [6700 S Howell Avenue](#) in Oak Creek. If you would like your child(ren) to participate please contact Rod Bollinger at 414-762-3950.

WLHS HOSTS NEEDED: Are you interested in learning more about being a host family for a WLHS international student in the next school year? There are opportunities both for short home-stays during break times (like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and spring break) as

well as for the full academic year. Families receive a stipend to support their efforts with the student. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the International Student Program Director, Mr. Eric Duwe, at eric.duwe@wlhs.org.

WLHS JR. VIKINGS BASEBALL TRYOUTS FOR 2019: Does your son love to play baseball? Is he looking to take his baseball skills to the next level? Want to make lasting Christian friendships? The Jr. Viking baseball organization could just be what you are looking for! Join us for tryouts and show us your skills. Looking for boys 8-14 years of age (U8-U14). Tryouts for the 2019 spring/summer season will be at Neumann Family Baseball Field ([1401 Swan Boulevard](#)) on Sunday, July 29. Visit wlhs.org/jrvikings and click on "Baseball Information" for more details and to register. Registration deadline is July 22.

WELS NIGHT AT MILLER PARK: Back for another year, we are excited to announce the fifth annual WELS Night, which is scheduled for Friday, August 3rd. Mark your calendars and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at Miller Park to watch the Brewers take on the Rockies. Tickets for WELS members are discounted up to 50% and are reserved together in a block. We would like to order tickets in a block for St. Paul’s, so that we can sit together in the Field Outfield section. Tickets are \$21.00 each. You can also order a WELS Night T-shirt! There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex counter – please sign up by July 13th.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (July 8 & 9)

- 8:00 AM** – Don & Marge Gebert
- 9:30 AM** – Marilyn Krueger
- 6:30 PM** – Walter & Laurie Falkowski

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (July 15 & 16)

- 8:00 AM** – Nancy Adams
- 9:30 AM** – Gordon & Michele Lesser
- 6:30 PM** – Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR JULY

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski

9:30 AM – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Randy Raduenz, Luke Raduenz

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

July 4-10 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel

July 11-17 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

July 8: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

July 15: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Chris & Naomi Hathaway

GRASS CUTTING:

July 11-14 – TEAM #2 – Gordy Lesser

July 18-21 – TEAM #3 – Jerry Lehtinen & Gary Tosic

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 8

Worship Service8:00 AM

Worship Service9:30 AM

Vacation Bible Camp Volunteer Meeting 6:30 PM

Monday, July 9

Vacation Bible Camp 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, July 10

Vacation Bible Camp 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Church Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, July 11

Vacation Bible Camp 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Vacation Bible Camp Picnic, Campfire & Sing-Along 5:30 PM

NO Men’s Open Gym

Thursday, July 12

Vacation Bible Camp 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday, July 13

Vacation Bible Camp 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sunday, July 15

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM

Worship Service with Communion9:30 AM

Summer Bible Class10:45 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 104, Communed – 95

9:30 AM – 122, Communed – 82

6:30 PM – 56, Communed – 44

Total Attendance – 282

Total Communed – 221