

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:

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST KNOW THAT EARTHLY WEALTH IS MEANINGLESS

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 “What is the World to Me”

Christian Worship #477

1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my

plea - sure When you, and you a - lone, Lord
 might - y, Yet nev - er once re - flects That
 of - fers, Yet nev - er is con - tent Though
 trea - sure, My life, my health, my wealth, My

Je - sus, are my trea - sure! You on - ly, dear - est
 they are frail and flight - y. But what I tru - ly
 gold should fill its cof - fers. I have a high - er
 friend, my love, my plea - sure, My joy, my crown, my

Lord, My soul's de - light shall be; You are my
 prize A - bove all things is he, My Je - sus,
 good; Con - tent with it I'll be; My Je - sus
 all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly. Once more then

peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 he a - lone. What is the world to me!
 is my wealth— What is the world to me!
 I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

M: 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

M: 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.

M: 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

M: 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

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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 LESSONEcclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26

“Meaningless! Meaningless!”
says the Teacher.
“Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless.”

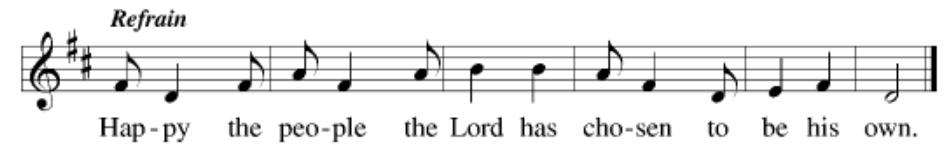
¹⁸ I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹ For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²² What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? ²³ All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

²⁴ A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? ²⁶ To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.



THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 34

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Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**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.....James 5:1-11

Please Stand

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you.²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes.³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.⁴Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.⁵You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.⁶You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

⁷Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.⁸You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.⁹Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.¹¹As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

¹⁴Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

¹⁸“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Brothers, Sisters, Let us Gladly”
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1 Broth-ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to
 2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, By the
 3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice For the



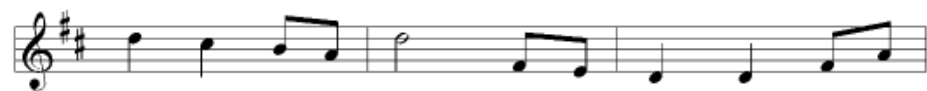
God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor-ough,
 gift of Christ, his Son, What great good - ness he has
 sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope a - bides now



hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed.
 shown us, What high mar - vels he has done!
 on - ly In the right - eous - ness he won.



All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our
 Let us to him prompt-ly, free - ly, Yield our
 Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to



time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de -
 bod - ies and our souls, Thank-ful that his love pro -
 com - fort and re - store Till in heav'n we rest re -



vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song.
 tects us, That his wis - dom all con - trols.
 joic - ing, Prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

THE SERMONEcclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26
 Remember Where to Find Meaning in a Meaningless World

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

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state (provincial), and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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



THE 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.



Please be Seated

CLOSING HYMN“Take the World, but Give Me Jesus”

Christian Worship #355



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its
 2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est
 3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his



joys are but a name. But his love a - bides for -
 com - fort of my soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing -
 cross my trust shall be Till with clear - er, bright - er



ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same.
 o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
 vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend’s altar flowers are given by Randy & Nancy Willms in thanksgiving for their 27th wedding anniversary.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC): This past week we had the wonderful opportunity to host 130 children for our VBC program this year. This was our largest year yet. We thank all the parents who brought their children to have and to learn about Jesus. If you wish to see pictures from this past week, please check out our church Facebook page or the link found on our website: stpaulsfranklin.org. All of this would not be possible without our many volunteers. Below is a list of the volunteers who helped out this week. (If we missed someone, please accept our apologies.)

Counselors	Preschool	Lunch
Dawson Ziegler	Rachel Manske	Jane Koplein
Haley Johnson	Dawn Stella	Gail Stuesser
Christine Melching	Betty Brightsman	Joan Shevey
Maya Grueneberg		Barb Migacz
Eithan Amezquita	Craft	Michelle Wienke
Meghan Braun	Nancy Adams	Mike Cannistra
Makayla Wesemann	Mary Tripoli	Kelly Cannistra
Luke Raduenz	Jean Villwock	Sarah Carabacan
Sarah Granberg	Sherry Kosovich	
Abby Martin		Camp Phillip Staff
Lindsay Hutchinson	Snack	Maddi Stuewer
Nathan Riel	Marie Becker	Amy Weiglein
Zach Pust	Marilyn Krueger	Emily Meske
Mason Meitner		Mark Flood
Cameron Hoffman	Other Volunteers	Edwin Zamrow
Hannah Burrow	Pastor Adams	
	Theresa Mess	
	Cathy Romeis	
Story Time		
Pastor Hoff		
Heather Schmidt		

ADULT CONFIRMATION: On Monday, August 1st, we welcome Mr. Mike Hettel into our congregation through Adult Confirmation. May the Lord continue to bless him as he continues to grow in his faith in Jesus.

ST. PAUL'S GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS: If you have children attending St. Paul's Grade School this fall, please pick up your summer mailing packet on the narthex counter.

BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK DAY: St. Paul's Building and Grounds Board has scheduled a Church grounds landscaping and cleaning this Saturday, August 6, between 8-10AM, and we are looking for volunteers to help with miscellaneous yard work. Supplied landscaping tools will be limited, and we would appreciate if you bring our own equipment. Please contact Jeff Graetz at 414-748-2656 if you have any questions or ideas for landscaping.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP: We continue to work on putting together a youth group here at St. Paul's. In order to help with communication, we ask for the names, addresses, phone numbers and email of all youth (Grades 7-12) who are interested or wish to be placed on an email list. The contact person for the group is Pete Kosovich. His contact information is: (414) 761-7664 or pekopete@aol.com.

GYM FLOOR REFINISHING: The gym floor is being refinished this week. We ask that everyone stay off of it this week. We thank you for your assistance.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES: The Pictorial Church Directories are here! If you had a photo taken for the directory, your copy is in your church mailbox. Extra copies are available on the narthex counter for anyone else that would like one.

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, August 13th. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "The Battle Begins". For those who may not be able to make it on a Saturday, we will be setting up a schedule for the class to be repeated during the week. Watch for a new schedule.

JR. VIKING FLAG FOOTBALL: Registration is now open for boys in grades 2-4 to participate in the NEW Jr. Viking flag football program. More information and registration forms are available at wiscofootball.com

WANTED: GROUP CONFIRMATION PICTURES: Were you (or anyone you know) confirmed at St. Paul's in any of the following years? A parent, grandparent or child? 1989, 1983, 1981, 1980, 1972, 1965, 1962, 1961, 1960, 1959, 1958, 1957, 1955, 1954, 1952, 1951, 1950, 1948, 1943, 1941, 1940, 1939, 1938 or before. If you have a picture but aren't sure of the year, if you know the name of someone in the picture, we can look up the year. Please let Pastor Adams know if you have a picture. It will be scanned and returned to you. Thank You!

FALL OUTING FOR OUR FRIENDS 50 AND OLDER: Wisconsin Lutheran High School Foundation is hosting an all-day trip to see Gershwin's *Crazy for You* on Wednesday, November 16. The cost is \$75 per person and includes transportation to Drury Lane Theater in Illinois (bus boarding starts at 8:45 a.m. at the 76th and Kearney park and ride), lunch, all gratuities, and ticket to the show. Come and join us for a day of fun, and feel free to bring a friend. But don't delay because reservations are limited. Contact Heidi Witz at [414-453-4567 ext 2004](tel:414-453-4567) or planner@wlhs.org to reserve your tickets.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (July 31 & August 1)

8:00 AM – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen

9:30 AM – Mark & Rosie Derouin

6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (August 7 & 8)

8:00 AM – Jacque & Doreen Vallier

9:30 AM – Gordon & Michele Lesser

6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR JULY

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

9:30 AM – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Ian Eppen

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

USHERS FOR AUGUST

8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser

9:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Nolan Romeis, Kyle Brightsman, Pete Eppen

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

July 27 – Aug 2 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Kelly Cannistra, Irva Baade

Aug 3 – 9 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

GRASS CUTTING:

Aug 3-6 – TEAM #2 – Frank Krajewski

Aug 10-13 – TEAM #3 – Dave Qualmann

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, July 31

Worship Service 8:00 AM

Worship Service 9:30 AM

Bible 201 Class 10:45 AM

Monday, August 1

Worship Service 6:30 PM

Thursday, August 4

Bible 201 Class 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 7

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM

Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 78, 9:30 AM – 79, 6:30 PM – 62

Total Attendance – 219

Saturday Bible Class – 10

Bible 201 Class – 10