

W elcome! 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 no matter how much noise they make. 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:
TRUE TREASURE IS FAITH IN JESUS

Worship Participants

Liturgist Pastor Jacob Hoff
Preacher Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Mrs. Marie Becker

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
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THE OPENING HYMN “Where Your Treasure Is”
Christian Worship Supplement #757

Refrain

Where your treas-ure is, there your heart shall be.

All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you

free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from

me. Where your treas-ure is, your heart shall be.

1 What do you gain from all your worry,
What you should eat or what to wear?
There is no peace in stress or hurry.
Do you not know that you are held within God's care?

Hymn continues on next page

Refrain

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2 Look at the ravens high above you.
They do not work their whole life through,
And yet God feeds them and protects them.
So how much more will God protect and care for you?

Refrain

3 Behold the lilies in their splendor.
In grace and beauty they are dressed,
And yet so soon their bloom is faded.
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?

Refrain

4 O little flock, do not be frightened;
Yours is the kingdom of the Lord.
Give your possessions to the needy;
Obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored.

Refrain

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

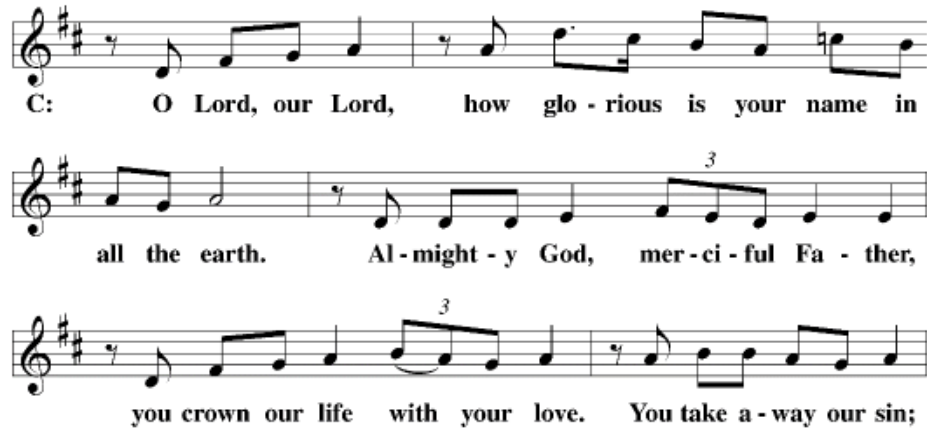


P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



O LORD, OUR LORD

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-6

15:1 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

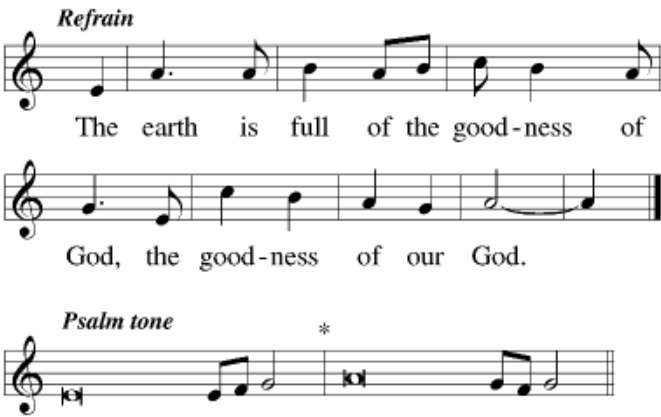
² But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

THE PSALM OF THE DAYPsalm 33

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Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;*
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
For the Word of the LORD is right and true;*
he is faithful in all he does.
By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,*
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
For he spoke, and it came to be;*
he commanded, and it stood firm.

Refrain

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;*
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,*
the purposes of his heart through all generations.
The LORD loves righteousness and justice;*
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

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..... Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

^{11:1} Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

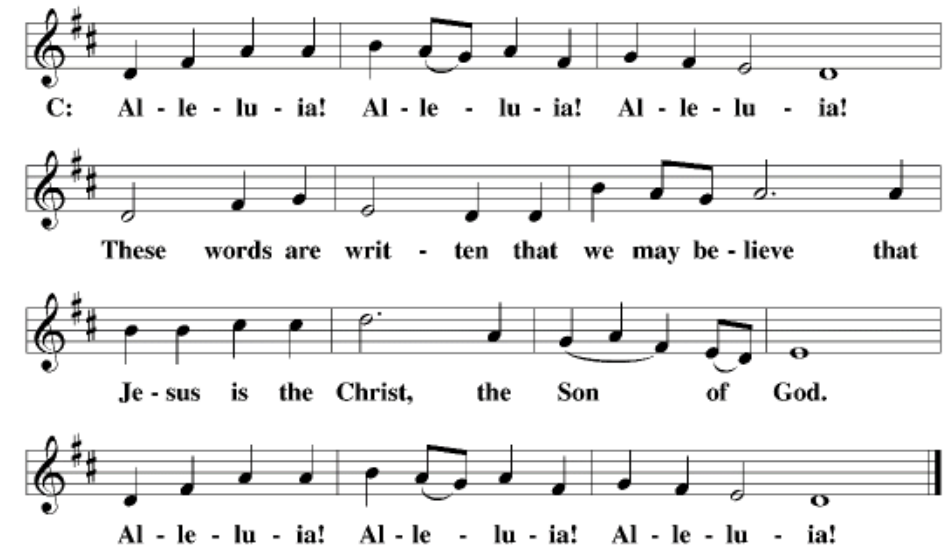
³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (*Hebrews 11:1*)



Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 12:32-40

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them.

³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of


the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY.....“Have No Fear, Little Flock”
Christian Worship #442



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear,
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer,
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts

lit - tle flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
lit - tle flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
high a - bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -
raise to God, For he stays close be - side you, In

give you the king - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

THE SERMON Genesis 15:1-6

Please Stand

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be Seated

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, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD
Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be Seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is a miracle. By God’s power, the Lord’s body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord’s Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord’s Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice “close communion.” We invite all who are members of St. Paul’s or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul’s, please feel free to contact one of the pastors.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face”
Christian Worship #315

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
2 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;
5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.

Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:
The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.
Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb’s great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Please Stand

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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.

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

Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN..... “How Firm a Foundation”
Christian Worship #768

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints
2 “Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be
of the Lord, Is laid for your
not the dis - mayed; For I am your
faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
God and will still give you aid; I’ll
more strength - can he say than to you
he has said Who un - to the
you to stand, Up - held by my
Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.

Announcements

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend’s altar flowers are given by Dave & Dawn Brightsman in thanksgiving for their 35th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH COUNCIL: The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 PM.

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: The 150th Anniversary Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 PM.

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.

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.

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!

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

JR. VIKINGS BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: Jr. Vikings boys basketball is an opportunity for 4th-8th grade aged athletes interested in attending Wisconsin Lutheran High School (WLHS) to increase their basketball fundamental skills, compete at a higher level, and develop relationships with future classmates at WLHS. The Jr. Vikings basketball team is a select group of players chosen by the Jr. Vikings coaching staff. Teams will practice twice a week and play in the highly competitive league on Sunday afternoons November-March. **Tryouts begin in September.** For tryout dates by class and to register, visit www.wlhs.org/JrVikings

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 (August 7 & 8)

- 8:00 AM** – Jacque & Doreen Vallier
- 9:30 AM** – Gordon & Michele Lesser
- 6:30 PM** – Richard & Kathy Hinz

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (August 14 & 15)

- 8:00 AM** – Jeff & Chris Romeis; Nolan
- 9:30 AM** – Marilyn Krueger
- 6:30 PM** – Donna LaBlanc

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:

- Aug 3 – 9 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer
- Aug 10-16 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

GRASS CUTTING:

- Aug 10-13 – TEAM #3 – Dave Qualmann
- Aug 17-20 – TEAM #4 – Jerry Lehtinen & Gary Tosic

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 7

- Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
- Worship Service with Communion9:30 AM

Monday, August 8

- Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 9

- Faculty Meeting9:00 AM
- Church Council 6:30 PM
- 150th Anniversary Committee 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 14

- Worship Service8:00 AM
- Worship Service9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

- Attendance: 8:00 AM – 72, 9:30 AM – 115, 6:30 PM – 68
- Total Attendance – 255
- Bible 201 Class – 5