

14th Weekend After Pentecost August 26 & 27, 2018

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:
FOLLOW CHRIST AT ANY COST

Worship Participants

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

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN “Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening”

Christian Worship #283



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems

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you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en

And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 You give peace and words of par - don.
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 Joshua 24:1, 2a, 14-18

^{24:1} Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

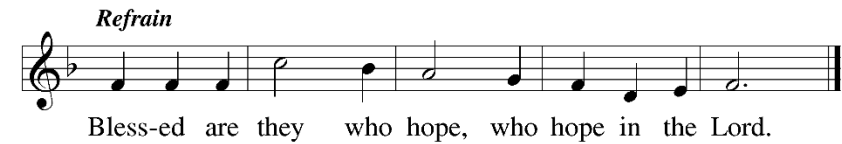
² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.

¹⁴ "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 71

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In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;*
let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;*
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;*
For you are my rock and my fortress.

Refrain

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,*
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,*
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,*
your might to all who are to come.

**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.....Ephesians 5:21-31

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10b cf. NIV)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... John 6:60-69

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”



Please be Seated

CHILDREN’S TALK.....9:30 AM

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... “Love, Divine, All Love Excelling”
Christian Worship #365**



1 Love di - vine, all love ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Take a - way our love of sin - ning; Al - pha
3 Sanc - ti - fy your new cre - a - tion; Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down, Fix in us your hum - ble
and O - me - ga be. End of faith as its be -
spot - less let us be. Let us trust your great sal -



dwel - ling, All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.
gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
va - tion, Won for us on Cal - va - ry,

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Je - sus, you are all com - pas - sion, Bound - less
 We would ev - er seek your bless - ing, Serve you
 Till we lay our crowns be - fore you, Till in



mer - cy from a - bove. Vis - it us with ben - e -
 as your hosts a - bove, Pray and praise you with - out
 heav'n we take our place, Till in glo - ry we a -



dic - tion; Com - fort us with heav'n - ly love.
 ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your per - fect love.
 dore you, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE SERMON John 6:60-69

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.

Please be Seated

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Christian Worship #403



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though per - se -



Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith con -
 seeks by night and day To rob me of this
 cu - tion, grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver -

Hymn continues on next page

fess - ing, Un - moved I stand up - on his Word. Man's
 trea - sure And take my hope of bliss a - way. But,
 overwhelm me, Let me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And

rea - son can - not fath - om The truth of God pro -
 Lord, with you be - side me I shall be un - dis -
 then at my de - par - ture, Lord, take me home to

found; Who trusts in world - ly wis - dom Re - lies on
 mayed; And led by your good Spir - it, I shall be
 you, And let me there in - her - it All you have

shift - ing ground. God's Word is all - suf - fi - cient,
 un - a - fraid. A - bide with me, O Sav - ior,
 prom - ised me. In life and death, Lord, keep me

It makes di - vine - ly sure, And, trust - ing
 A firm - er faith be - stow. Then I shall
 Un - til your heav'n I gain, Where I by

in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

Please Stand

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.

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

CLOSING HYMN "Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall"

Christian Worship #506



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
2 Oh, blest that house where faith you find And all with -
3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
4 Blest such a house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol -
in have set their mind To trust their God and serve
chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care
joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives
pro - mise make and say: Though all the world for - sake



ly his— How sad and poor and dark it is!
him still And do in all his ho - ly will.
or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
is shown How rich - ly God can bless his own.
his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER APPEAL UPDATE: We give thanks to the Lord that we have received \$28,250.00 in offerings to date for our Summer Appeal.

NO LABOR DAY SERVICE: Next Monday for the Labor Day holiday, there will be no Monday evening service. Instead we will have our 6:30 PM worship service on Tuesday, September 4th.

SENIOR CHOIR: Sing to the Lord a new song. The Senior Choir is starting up rehearsals for the 2018-2019 season and you are invited to join us as we raise our voices in praise to God. Our kick-off rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday September 5th at 6:30pm. We rehearse on the 1^s, 3rd, and occasional 5th Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Rehearsals last between 45 and 60 minutes. Choir membership is open all high school aged singers and up. We encourage you to come and check us out. If you have any questions, feel free to contact David Brightsman (414.559.9059 or david.brightsman@wlc.edu). We hope to see you on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE: We will be having our Family Fall Fest (formerly known as Prairie Days) on Sunday, October 14th from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Watch for more details coming soon!

SCHOOL HOT LUNCH HELP: Our Hot Lunch program is in need of more volunteers! Volunteers would need to be available from approximately 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Days are flexible – even volunteering once a month is helpful! If you would like to help or find out more information, please contact Jaime Petricek at (414) 238-5122.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANCE: Over the last couple of years, our Sunday School Program has been growing. Since there has been a large range in the age of the students who have been coming, we would like to look at splitting some of the grades apart. In order to accomplish this, we are going to need some additional help. If you are willing to help, you may talk to one of the pastors or contact Cheryl Konell at 262-492-4349 or at cheryl.konell@tcrisk.com.

BOARD OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH FELLOWSHIP IDEAS: The Board of Spiritual Growth would like to explore how we might have more fellowship activities to get together with each other here at St. Paul's. First of all, they are looking for ideas. Those ideas could

include things like going to athletic games in Milwaukee, a card playing club, game nights, book club, movie nights, bowling, walking club, exercise club, garden club, etc. are just a few ideas that were tossed around. We are sure that there are a lot of ideas that people may have. Secondly, we are going to need help to carry out that idea. In other words, if there is something that someone is passionate about, would you be able to share that passion with others. Be creative. You may share that idea with Pastor Adams or Pete Kosovich, the chairman of the Board of Spiritual Growth.

THRIVENT “CHOICE DOLLARS”: The “Thrivent Choice” program is an easy way for eligible Thrivent members to recommend how Thrivent Financial should distribute a portion of its charitable funds to organizations that have been approved by Thrivent. St. Paul’s has been an approved non-profit of Thrivent for nearly ten years. This is a program that is only open to people who are members of Thrivent and have Thrivent products. If you wish to donate Choice Dollars to our Summer Appeal or our Budget, you may do so. St. Paul’s only receives a total amount that is directed toward St. Paul’s each quarter. It doesn’t receive a dollar amount as to what each individual has directed. Up to this point, those dollars have simply been going into the Escrow Account here at St. Paul’s. In order for those dollars to be directed toward our Summer Appeal or our Budget, individual members would need to contact St. Paul’s to let us know the amount you wish to direct toward St. Paul’s ministry budget.

LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEERS: It’s been several years since we’ve had an active LGP program here at St. Paul’s. Lutheran Girl Pioneers is a Christ-centered youth ministry for girls in 1st through 8th grade. It is an opportunity for girls to discover and develop interests in many areas. We are looking for any ladies who might be interested in helping to get our caravan active again.

LGP NATIONAL CONVENTION: The 2018 Lutheran Girl Pioneers National Convention will be held here at St. Paul’s on Saturday, October 6. If you’ve ever wanted to learn more about LGP or are interested in becoming a leader, then this event is for you! Convention registration forms are available on the counter in the narthex. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Jane Koplein at 414-510-9291 (e-mail janee2005@outlook.com) or Nancy Adams at 414-423-1445 (e-mail njadams86@yahoo.com).

WLHS INSTALLATION AND ANNIVERSARY SERVICE: Join WLHS in celebration at the installation and anniversary service on Sunday, September 9, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Peter's Lutheran Church ([1205 S 8th St.](http://1205S8thSt.com)) in Milwaukee. The service will include several new faculty installations and two staff members, Marilyn Bond and Pastor Ken Fisher, will be honored for 25 years in the ministry. All are invited to stay for the reception following the service.

EXTRA FABRIC NEEDED: Do you have more fabric than you'll ever use? Would you like to see sewing skills passed on to the next generation? WLHS Fashion Techniques department is in need of extra fabrics, scraps, notions, and patterns for our students to develop their God-given talents. Please contact Patti Wenzel at 414-453-4567 ext 1851 or patti.wenzel@wlhs.org.

WLHS JR. VIKING GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: The Wisconsin Lutheran High School Girls' Basketball Program would like to invite girls entering grades 4-8 to tryout for the Jr. Vikings girls basketball team. This team is part of a Christ-centered program aimed at helping girls who are interested in attending WLHS and playing high school basketball. Register for tryouts at wlhs.org/irvikings under “Girls Basketball.” Please E-mail Coach Randy Strutz randall.strutz@wlhs.org with questions.

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS FOR THIS WEEK (August 26 & 27)

8:00 AM – Pete & Sherry Kosovich
9:30 AM – Carl & Carolyn Streeter
6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK (September 2 & 4)

8:00 AM – Terry & Linda Ganyo
9:30 AM – {Sign up to be a greeter!}
Tuesday 6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

USHERS FOR AUGUST

8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
9:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Terry Ganyo, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8:00 AM – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling
10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Aug 22-28 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek
Aug 29-Sept 4 – TEAM #1 – Sherry Kosovich, Beverly Garves, Sue Stempel

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Aug 26: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon/Tony Tripoli
Sept 2: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

GRASS CUTTING:

Aug 29-Sept 1 – TEAM #1 – Dave Qualmann
Sept 5-8 – EAM #2 – Gordy Lesser

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 26

Worship Service 8:00 AM
Worship Service 9:30 AM
Summer Bible Class..... 10:45 AM

Monday, August 27

First Day of School 8:15 AM
Worship Service 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 22

NO Men’s Open Gym

Thursday, August 31

NO SCHOOL

Sunday, September 2

Worship Service with Communion 8:00 AM
Worship Service with Communion 9:30 AM
Summer Bible Class..... 10:45 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 97, Communed – 84
9:30 AM – 129, Communed – 105
6:30 PM – 65, Communed – 56
Total Attendance – 291
Total Communed – 245