

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:
THE CHURCH WILL STAND FOREVER

Worship Participants

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

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation”

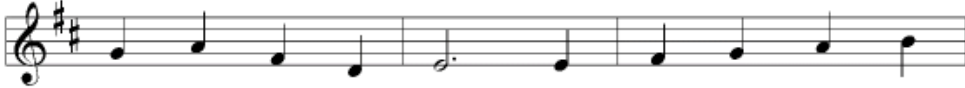
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1 The Church’s one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus
 2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, Yet one o’er
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord,
 4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees
 5 Mid - toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By
 all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One
 to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is
 her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By
 of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word. From heav’n he came and
 Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she
 with her to the end. Though there be those that
 her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are
 peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own
 bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one
 hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both
 keep - ing; Their cry goes up, “How long?” And soon the
 glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great

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PRAYER AND PRAISE



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

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.

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



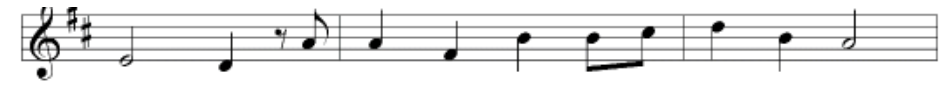
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



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 Exodus 6:2-8

² God also said to Moses, "I am the Lord. ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself fully known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. ⁵ Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶ "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. ⁸ And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.'"

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.....Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?"

35 "Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?"

36 For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (2 Timothy 1:10b cf. NIV)

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 16:13-20

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



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CHILDREN'S TALK..... 10:30 AM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

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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,



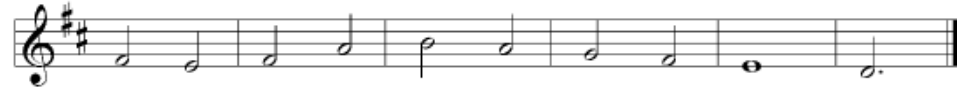
on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure
sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word
we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.
grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.

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THANKSGIVING



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 SERMONMatthew 16:13-20

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

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.

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CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Onward Christian Soldiers"

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1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful; Join the hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:

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Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ the King;

For - ward in - to bat - tle See his ban - ners go!
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
 This through count - less a - ges Saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,

With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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 **"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"**
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1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your
 2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -

take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.
 shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Gary & Donna Boldt in thanksgiving for their 34th wedding anniversary.

SUMMER APPEAL UPDATE: We give thanks to the Lord that we have received \$29,655.00 in offerings to date for our Summer Appeal.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Adult Bible Study and Sunday School sessions begin today at 9:15 AM (in between services). Adult Bible Study is open to everyone in 7th Grade and older, and Sunday School is open to ages 3 through 6th Grade.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS: A new Bible Information will begin on Sunday, September 17, at 9:15 AM (between the two worship services). The purpose of the class is to present the basic teachings of the Bible as well as to introduce you to the rewarding life of Christian discipleship. This class is open to anyone interested in learning more about our church, considering joining our church or anyone who would like to refresh their knowledge of God's Word. If you wish more information, please talk to Pastor Adams.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS: Confirmation class for our 7th & 8th grade public school students begins this Tuesday, September 12th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Adams.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Church Council will meet this Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 PM.

BOARD OF ELDERS: Board of Elders will meet this Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 PM.

ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP: We want to provide a fun and safe place for the teens of St. Paul's to continue to build their relationships with God and with each other. We have a few key volunteers in place, but we need your help. We want to gauge interest and start generating a list of kids and potential volunteers, so...

- First, if you are or have a teen (7th through 12th grade) that would be interested in youth activities, please sign up on the sheet in the back of church.

- Second, if you are older than 12th grade and would be interested in helping with the youth group, please also sign up. If you have any questions please get in touch with Kyle Brightsman ([414-335-2906](tel:414-335-2906); kgb5217@gmail.com).

HURRICANE HARVEY DONATIONS: When all is said and done, Hurricane Harvey will go down as one of the most destructive natural disasters in our nation's history. One of the blessings of being a part of the WELS is the work that Christian Aid and Relief (the humanitarian arm of the WELS) is doing on our behalf. Most of us aren't able to leave our lives behind to travel to Texas and help those who are hurting, but that doesn't mean we can't help. You can give funds that go directly to Texas in two ways.

- 1) Online: www.wels.net - Under the "Giving" tab select "Donate Now." On the right side of the screen you can choose to give directly to "Christian Aid and Relief" designating the funds for "Hurricane Disaster Relief"

- 2) Mail: Send a check made out to "WELS Christian Aid and Relief" to the WELS Center of Mission and Ministry: N16W23377 Stone Ridge Dr, Waukesha, WI 53188 (please put "Hurricane Harvey" in the memo line - they are already preparing for Hurricane Irma)

If you want to stay updated on the work Christian Aid and Relief is doing find them on Facebook, or visit www.wels.net/christian-aid-relief.

PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR: Join us at Power Hour two Fridays a month! Open to children ages 0-4 with their caregivers. Meet us in the church narthex from 10:45-11:45 AM on the following dates: September 14th & 28th, October 12th & 26th, November 9th, December 14th, January 11th & 25th, February 8th & 22nd, March 8th & 22nd, April 12th & 26th and May 10th & 24th. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information. There are also extra copies on the narthex counter to pass along to friends!

"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS: Our next bible class will be Saturday, September 23rd at 8:00 AM. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "Paul's Final Days".

SOLES FOR JESUS: St. Paul's is excited to be working with Soles For Jesus for our first quarter mission project. SFJ is a non-profit organization that exists to share the love of Christ by distributing shoes to the underserved in sub Saharan Africa. We will be hosting a shoe drive, raising funds to cover shipping costs, and volunteering at the SFJ facility cleaning and packing donated shoes. Here's how you can help:

SHOE DRIVE: Our shoe drive will run September 18th through October 21st. Donate new or gently used shoes and make a life-changing difference in the life of adults and children in Africa. Sizes needed: Toddler - Adult 12. Collection bins will be located in the back of church and in the school hallway.

RAISING FUNDS: Monetary donations to ship shoes to Africa may be turned into the office.

VOLUNTEERING: On Saturday, October 7th from 9:00-11:00am, St. Paul's church and school adults have been invited to volunteer cleaning and packaging shoes at the SFJ distribution center. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of church. This event is capped at the first 25 volunteers to sign up.

For more information or questions contact Rachel Manske at rmanske@stpaulsfranklin.org.

OPPORTUNITY AT ST. PAUL'S: We currently do not have someone to direct Junior Handbells. We are looking for anyone that may be interested in leading this group of 5th through 8th graders, twice a week for about 30 minutes during the students' lunch and/or recess period. This person would need to be familiar with music and a desire to help this group explore the gifts and abilities God has given them. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Schulmeister at nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars for our school's 3rd biennial Gala and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 14th. More information will be coming soon!

GALA INFORMATIONAL MEETING: If you are interesting in helping with our school's Gala, or curious about what we're doing this time around, please join us in the Bible Study room on Sunday, September 24th at 7:00 PM for an hour long informational meeting. We will also be taste- testing a recipe for the evening's signature drink – Sangria!

YOU'RE INVITED: WELS Lutherans for Life will be holding 2 fundraising events on Friday, October 13 at Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee. Both the luncheon and the dinner have been paid in full by generous underwriters. While there will be no cost to attend, there will be an opportunity to support the ministry financially. All funds raised will directly support life-affirming help for abortion-vulnerable mothers, people suffering post-abortion trauma, and a youth development program. Pre-registration is required and seats are limited, so don't delay. Learn more and register at EveningForLife.org, email Contact@ALife2.com, or call [414-727-8176](tel:414-727-8176).

JR. VIKINGS 4TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: Jr. Vikings boys basketball is offering an opportunity for 4th grade boys interested in attending Wisconsin Lutheran High School to increase their basketball fundamental skills, compete at a higher level, and develop relationships with future classmates at the high school. The Jr. Vikings basketball team is a select group of players chosen by the Jr. Vikings coaching staff. Register to tryout by Friday, September 15, at www.wlhs.org/JrVikings. For questions, E-mail Coach Ryan Walz at ryan.walz@wlhs.org.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir (WLCC) has a long history of praising our Lord through quality literature. The choir is open to all 5-8 grade boys and girls with unchanged voices. To register visit www.wlhs.org/wlcc. After registering, live auditions for placement purposes will be held on September 11 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Online auditions may also be submitted by Wednesday, September 13, at 5:30 p.m. For questions, contact director Casey Pufahl at [414-453-4561 ext. 2572](tel:414-453-4561) or casey.pufahl@wlhs.org

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (September 10 & 11)

8:00 AM – Jeff & Chris Romeis; Nolan

9:30 AM – Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam

6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (September 17 & 18)

8:00 AM – Larry & Lucille Ellenberger

9:30 AM – Marilyn Krueger

6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

8:00 AM – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

9:30/10:30 AM – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

6:30 PM – Dave Long, Terry Plant, John Kiesow, Curt Stellwagen

ALTAR GUILD

Sept 6-12 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer
Sept 13-19 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Sept 10: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug
Sept. 17: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Chris & Naomi Hathaway

GRASS CUTTING:

Sept 13-16 – TEAM #4 – Dave Qualmann
Sept 20-23 – TEAM #1 – Gordy Lesser

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 10

Worship Service8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Worship Service10:30 AM

Monday, September 11

Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 12

Pastor Circuit Meeting (Franklin).....10:00 AM
PSCIC 6:00 PM
Church Council 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 13

Board of Elders..... 6:30 PM
Men’s Open Gym 7:30 PM

Thursday, September 14

Preschool Power Hour10:45 AM

Friday, September 15

School Devotion8:30 AM

Saturday, September 16

School Cleaning.....9:00 AM

Sunday, September 17

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Bible Information Class9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 107, Communed – 77
9:30 AM – 104, Communed – 83
6:30 PM – 44, Communed – 33
Total Attendance – 255
Total Communed – 193