

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:
FIRST THE CROSS, THEN THE CROWN

Worship Participants

Liturgist.....Pastor Brian Adams
 Preacher..... Pastor Jacob Hoff
 OrganistMrs. Karen Pautz

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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THE OPENING HYMN “Lift High the Cross”

Christian Worship #579

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim Till
 all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod, Our
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
 3 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 15:15-21

Lord, you understand;
remember me and care for me.
Avenge me on my persecutors.
You are long-suffering—do not take me away;
think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.
¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them;
they were my joy and my heart’s delight,
for I bear your name,
Lord God Almighty.
¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers,
never made merry with them;
I sat alone because your hand was on me
and you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unending
and my wound grievous and incurable?
You are to me like a deceptive brook,
like a spring that fails.

¹⁹ Therefore this is what the Lord says:
“If you repent, I will restore you
that you may serve me;
if you utter worthy, not worthless, words,
you will be my spokesman.
Let this people turn to you,
but you must not turn to them.

²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people,
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you
but will not overcome you,
for I am with you
to rescue and save you,” declares the Lord.

²¹ “I will save you from the hands of the wicked
and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.”

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 121

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Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



Psalm continues on next page

I lift up my eyes 'to the hills.*
Where does my help 'come from?

My help comes 'from the Lord,*
the maker of heav'en and earth.

He will not let your 'foot slip,*
he who watches over you will not 'slumber;

indeed, he who watches over 'Israel*
will neither slum'ber nor sleep.

Refrain

The Lord watches 'over you,*
the Lord is your shade at 'your right hand.

The Lord will keep you 'from all harm,*
he will watch o'ver your life;

the Lord will watch over your coming and 'going*
both now and for'evermore.

**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 forevermore. Amen.**

Refrain

THE SECOND LESSON.....Galatians 6:12-16

Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. ¹⁶ Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleuia! Your words become a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleuia!
(Hebrews 4:12)



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

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 16:21-26



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”



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 HYMN OF THE DAY..... “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,

All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -
 They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man
 Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but

tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on
 hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are
 ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your
 heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own

earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry
 not, like them, un - true. And since you have
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this

fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er
 smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in
 earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the

hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -
 love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may
 all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may
 pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly

Hymn continues on next page



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.
 shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.
 gath - er; All must work for good to me.
 glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

THE SERMON Jeremiah 15:15-21
 First the Cross. Then the Crown.

Please Stand



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



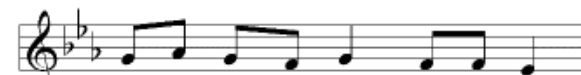
C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION 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

Hymn continues on next page

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

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre -
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

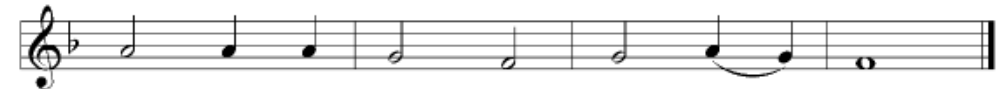
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



Please be Seated

THE CLOSING HYMN..... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Christian Worship #125



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER APPEAL UPDATE: We give thanks to the Lord that we have received \$30,055.00 in offerings to date for our Summer Appeal.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS: A new Bible Information will begin this 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.

SENIOR CHOIR: Sing to the Lord a new song. The Senior Choir is starting up rehearsals for the 2017-2018 season and you are invited to join us as we raise our voices in praise to God. The choir rehearses on the 1st, 3rd, and occasional 5th Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. 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 this Wednesday at 6:30pm.

MARY MARTHA MEETING: Mary Martha will meet this Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 PM. We will begin the meeting with a potluck supper (please bring a dish to share). All ladies are welcome to attend!

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.

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.

OUTREACH TRAINING SEMINAR: We all know that the good news about Jesus needs to be shared. We all know and interact with people on a daily basis that need to know about Jesus. One seemingly large obstacle remains... how?

Partnering with Victory of the Lamb (our sister church just down Loomis Rd), you are invited to an outreach training seminar. The goal is to teach you a simple and practical way to share your faith - to show you that the obstacle is not as big or intimidating as it seems.

Where: Victory of the Lamb - 11120 W Loomis Rd., Franklin, WI 53132

When: Friday, October 13th, 5pm (light dinner), 6-8:30pm Seminar (Childcare provided!)

Put it on your calendar. More information and registration will be available soon.

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 a friend!

"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".

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!

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE GETAWAY WEEKEND: Bethany Lutheran College invites all high school juniors and seniors to join us for a free weekend October 26-28, 2017. Meet professors, directors and coaches, experience life in the residence hall and tour the campus and the city of Mankato. To reserve a seat or obtain more information, call Bethany's Admissions Office at (800) 944-3066. Please sign up by October 16th.

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).

VOLUNTEERS

GREETERS THIS WEEK (September 17 & 18)

8:00 AM – Larry & Lucille Ellenberger

9:30 AM – Marilyn Krueger

6:30 PM – Dave & Janet Long

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (September 24 & 25)

8:00 AM – Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry

9:30 AM – Richard & Betty Patin

6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

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 13-19 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

Sept 20-26 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

Sept. 17: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Chris & Naomi Hathaway

Sept. 24: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Larry & Marion Klug

GRASS CUTTING:

Sept 20-23 – TEAM #1 – Gordy Lesser
Sept 20-27 – TEAM #2 – Frank Krajewski

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 110, 9:30 AM – 143, 6:30 PM – 53

Total Attendance – 306

Sunday Bible Class – 28, Sunday School – 15

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

Monday, September 18

Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 19

Pastor Conference – Elkhart Lake
NO PSCIC
Board of Spiritual Growth 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 20

Pastor Conference – Elkhart Lake
Senior Choir..... 6:30 PM
Men’s Open Gym 7:30 PM

Friday, September 22

School Devotion8:30 AM
School Dismissal..... 12:00 PM

Saturday, September 23

Bible Class8:00 AM

Sunday, September 24

Worship Service8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Bible Information Class9:15 AM
Worship Service10:30 AM