

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:  
READY OR NOT, HERE I COME!

**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 ..... “Hosanna to the Coming Lord”**

*Christian Worship #21*



1 Ho - san - na to the com - ing Lord! Ho - san - na  
 2 O Sav - ior, with pro - tect - ing care A - bide in  
 3 O Ad - vent King, our sins for - give; Come in our  
 4 Then in the last and dread - ful day, When earth and



to the in - car - nate Word! To Christ, Cre - a - tor, Sav -  
 this your house of prayer, Where we your part - ing prom -  
 lives and hearts to live, And let our hum - ble souls  
 heav'n shall melt a - way, Your flock, re - deemed from sin -



ior, King Let earth, let heav'n ho - san - na sing.  
 ise claim, As - sem - bled in your sa - cred name.  
 be - come A tem - ple wor - thy of your name.  
 ful stain, Shall swell the sound of praise a - gain.

*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 eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON ..... Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>2:1</sup>This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: <sup>2</sup>In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. <sup>5</sup>Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 18

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*Refrain*

The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

*Psalm tone*

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and by deliverer;\*  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;\*  
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;\*  
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

**Refrain**

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;\*  
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble\*  
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,\*  
and your right hand sustains me.

**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 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**P: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:20)**

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

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

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

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

*Please stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 24:37-44**

<sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

<sup>42</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So 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*

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

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY....."Savior of the Nations, Come"**

*Christian Worship #2*



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the  
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the  
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -  
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of  
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the  
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing  
God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.  
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!  
death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!  
Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

**THE SERMON .....Romans 13:11-14**

*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.

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.



### 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.



*Please be seated*

CLOSING HYMN ..... "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

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1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When God's Son,  
 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound And all the  
 3 A book is o - pened then to all, A rec - ord  
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but  
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my



the A - noint - ed, Shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear  
 earth be shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found  
 tru - ly tell - ing What each has done, both great and small,  
 car - nal plea - sures, Who here de - spised his pre - cious Word  
 sin was smit - ten; With - in the Book of Life I know



As judge of all ap - point - ed. All mirth and  
 Shall from their sleep a - wak - en And with the  
 When he on earth was dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry  
 And loved their earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and  
 My name has now been writ - ten. I will not



laugh - ter then shall cease When flames on flames will  
 liv - ing in that hour By the Al - might - y's  
 heart be clear - ly seen, And all be known as  
 trem - bling they will stand And at the judg - e's  
 doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan can - not



still in - crease, As Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.  
 bound - less pow'r Be changed at his com - mand - ing.  
 they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
 stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.  
 threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
 But hasten our salvation;  
 We often tremble on our way  
 In fear and tribulation.  
 Your saints are waiting patiently;  
 Come soon, Redeemer; make us free  
 From ev'ry evil. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOUTHSIDE MINISTRIES DOOR COLLECTION UPDATE:** We thank all who gave generously to the door collection last weekend for Southside Ministries. We had our highest door collection ever for them - \$1,040 was given. Thank you!

**NEW BIBLE CLASS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER:** The Lord's Prayer has been a part of the Christian Church for the past 2,000 years. Christians know it well. Many a Christian have begun their day or ended their day with the words of the Lord's Prayer. It is a part of nearly every worship service at St. Paul's. Yet, do we always focus on the wonderful things that we are asking God in each of the petitions of the Lord's Prayer? On December 4<sup>th</sup> we continue our new Bible Class on The Lord's Prayer each Sunday morning at 9:15am. Please come and join us!

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS NEXT SUNDAY:** There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class this Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Weekend.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL:** On Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our only Midweek Advent worship service. The Junior Choir, Adult Choir and Junior Handbells will be a part of this special service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal prior to that service beginning at 5:30pm. In order to assist in our planning for the meal, we ask you to sign-up on the sheets in the back of church if you are desiring to attend the meal. If you would like to help bring some of the food items for that meal, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex. (If you are donating food, please have the items at church by 4:30pm.) Monetary donations are welcome any time, and there will be a free-will offering gathered at the meal.

**CHURCH DECORATING:** As has become the tradition in recent years, the Confirmation Classes at St. Paul's and their families are invited to help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. The church decorating will take place next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> beginning after the 2nd service at around 11:30 AM. Take down of the decorations will be on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.

**"THE STORY" BIBLE CLASS:** Our next bible class will be Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. As we continue to look at God's story in the Bible, our lesson focuses on the theme: "God's Messengers".

**LIVING NATIVITY:** Our Living Nativity will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be performances with live animals celebrating the birth of the Savior at 6:00pm, 6:30pm and 7:00 pm each night. Following each performance, there will be refreshments and crafts. There are various ways that you can help;

- Sign up to help on the easel in the back of church.
- Support the Living Nativity event with a monetary gift. We are also thankful that we have received two Thrivent Action Team grants (totaling \$500) to pay for new outdoor banners and most of the cost of the yard signs. Yet, there are opportunities for anyone to help further with any gifts.
- Invite people to this event through the use of yard signs, invitation cards and personal invitations.
- Come!

For more information, please talk to one of the pastors or Caleb Manske (Chairman of the Board of Outreach) at 262-442-4286 or [clmanske@hotmail.com](mailto:clmanske@hotmail.com).

**MARY MARTHA COOKIE SALE:** A signup sheet is located in the narthex for anyone in the congregation who is interested in making Christmas cookies for the annual Mary & Martha cookie sale. Please consider baking a batch of cookies (100 cookies if possible) for this sale. Please have your cookies labeled "Mary & Martha cookie sale" and dropped off at church by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 10th. Anyone from St. Paul's is welcome to come and help pack the cookie boxes on Saturday, December 10th at 9am. The sale will take place after each service on Sunday and Monday, December 11th and 12th. The proceeds from this sale benefit the ongoing work of the Mary and Martha Society and their support of missions.

**IF YOU ARE THE AGE OF 70 ½ OR OLDER, PLEASE READ:** The IRS has made a deduction permanent for you that may benefit you and St. Paul's. The Qualified Charitable Deduction (QTD) is connected to retirement money like Traditional IRAs. If you coordinate with a "Qualified Charity" like St. Paul's, you can have your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) paid directly to the charity. The **benefit to you** is that this distribution isn't reported as taxable income. The **benefit to St. Paul's** is the use of these funds to carry on its mission. In addition to confirming this QTD with your tax advisor, you can **coordinate this process with the treasurer** of St. Paul's **OR coordinate with the Planned Giving Committee**. The Planned Giving Committee will add this to the Gift Trust Fund (GTF). You may recall that the GTF's mission is to **provide tuition support** to students

pursuing the WELS Pastor or Teacher degrees. Donn Johnson is the main contact for the GTF. You can call him at [414-427-5868](tel:414-427-5868) or email him at [Donn44@wi.rr.com](mailto:Donn44@wi.rr.com).

**ADULT CHOIR:** The Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Festival choir will begin on November 30. Anyone who enjoys singing and praising God with their voice is welcome to join! New and past members are always welcome. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a positive attitude. If you are worried about making a commitment for the entire year, the choir year is divided into 4 sessions. You can join all 4 sessions or just the session(s) that fit your schedule. The Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Festival Choir is from November 30 - February 19. Rehearsals are 45 -60 minutes and are typically on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 PM. Choir Director: Marie Becker. Phone: (262)-623-4145 or email: [mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:mbecker@stpaulsfranklin.org).

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:** We are still in need of a few more members for our Refreshment Committee to help out in both services. The sign-up sheet is on the narthex counter, or you may can contact Tony Tripoli at (414) 232-5817 if you would like to help!

**PRESCHOOL POWER HOUR:** Join us at Power Hour two Thursdays 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: December 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, January 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**WLHS CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT:** Start the Christmas season off with WLHS' annual Christmas Pops Concert on Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. This concert features the WLHS Concert Band, A Cappella Choir, Inspiration, Wisco Kids Show Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbell Choir, and other instrumental ensembles. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert. Afterward, enjoy a reception of Christmas cookies, coffee, and punch.

**WLHS SACRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The annual Sacred Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert, titled "How Great Our Joy!" will feature the A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir, Wisconsin Lutheran Children's Choir, and numerous instrumentalists. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

**VOLUNTEERS**

**GREETERS THIS WEEK (November 27 & 28)**

- 8:00 AM – Corrine Mayer
- 10:30 AM – Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam
- 6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK (December 4 & 5)**

- 8:00 AM – Bob & Carol Goelz
- 10:30 AM – Tony & Mary Tripoli
- 6:30 PM – Donna LaBlanc

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

- 8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Brad Johnson, Frank Krajewski
- 10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Ian Eppen
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

- 8:00 AM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser
- 10:30 AM – TEAM #8 – Nolan Romeis, Kyle Brightsman, Pete Eppen
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Dave Long

**ALTAR GUILD**

- Nov 23-29 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade
- Nov 30-Dec 6 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Irva Baade

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

- Nov 27: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Jerry Lehtinen, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli
- Dec 4: Set-up – Tony Tripoli & Don Gebert, Clean-up – Tony Tripoli

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, November 27**

- Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM
- NO Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
- Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM

**Monday, November 28**

- Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, November 29**

- Public School Confirmation Class..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 30**

- Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 6:30 PM

**Thursday, December 1**

- Preschool Power Hour ..... 10:45 AM

**Friday, December 2**

- School Devotion ..... 8:30 AM

**Sunday, December 4**

- Worship Service with Communion ..... 8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Bible 301 ..... 9:15 AM
- Sunday School ..... 9:15 AM
- Worship Service with Communion ..... 10:30 AM
- Confirmation Class Church Decorating ..... 11:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

- Attendance: 8:00 AM – 89, Communed – 82
- 10:30 AM – 140, Communed – 89
- 6:30 PM – 54 , Communed – 43
- Total Attendance – 283
- Total Communed – 214
- Sunday Bible Class – 30, Sunday School – 10
- Bible 301 Class – 11
- Saturday Bible Class – 10