

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
6881 S. 51st Street ~ Franklin, Wisconsin
Pastor Brian Adams
May 17, 2015 ~ Confirmation ~ 10:00am

Welcome to Worship



Today, we also welcome these young people into communicant membership in our congregation. We invite them to join us in receiving the blessings the Lord gives us through the Lord's Supper. Today, these young people will also promise before God to remain faithful to God and His Word. May the Lord give each of them the strength that they need to remain faithful to God and His Word. May the Lord give each of them the strength that they need to remain faithful to that promise. May the Lord continue to bless each of them as they continue to serve their Lord with their lives.

The Order of Service

Pre-service Music.....**St. Paul's Youth Handbells**
Bells

Following the Bells, the Confirmands will process into church as a class.
*Please **Rise and join** in the singing of the Opening Hymn.*

The Opening Hymn**"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"**
Christian Worship #452



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus. His death from the
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us
 e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us,
 sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us,
 from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us.

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And to sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his
 Sun - shine fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in
 Quick - ens us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti -
 Je - sus, thou art now our head. We are tru - ly



foot - steps tread - ing, Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,
 tears of sor - row, We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,
 fy, while liv - ing, Flesh and blood and die to sin,
 thine own mem - bers; Where thou liv - est, there live we.



Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the
 And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter
 And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the
 Take and own us con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as



Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me.
 on the mor - row. Christ, I suf - fer here with thee;
 gate to heav - en. Je - sus, here I die to thee,
 thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus, here I live to thee,



Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.
 There, oh, share thy joy with me.
 There to live e - ter - nal - ly.
 Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

The Call to Worship

- P:** Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!
C: **We will rejoice in the Lord, we will be joyful in God our Savior.**
P: Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice!
C: **We have no greater joy than to know that our children are walking in the truth.**
P: You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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- C: If we hold to His teaching, we are really his disciples. Then we will know the truth, and the truth will set us free.**
- P:** Yet, your enemy the devil prowls like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful you don't fall.
- C: If the Lord had not been on our side when men attacked us, they would have swallowed us alive.**
- P:** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.
- C: We will hold unswervingly to the faith we profess, for He who has promised is faithful.**
- P:** From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
- C: God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it. My heart is set on keeping your word to the very end.**

The 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: (Spoken) Amen.**

Please be Seated

The Gospel Reading John 15:1-8

Jesus reminds all of us, especially the Confirmands, to remain faithful and connected to Him, who is the vine who gives eternal life.

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If

a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Congregation Hymn “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”
Christian Worship #462, verses 1 & 2

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, And
keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God would
make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no do -
grant me grace To know and do his will!
min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.

Confession of Faith

Each Confirmand was given the opportunity to choose their own Confirmation Blessing. They also were asked to write why they chose that passage and what that passage means to them. They will now read their explanations to the congregation.

Braeden Andrew Barwick

“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

This passage reminds me that God chose us to hear and teach his Word. He calls us a royal priesthood. We are people who belong to him. He has also taken away our sin so that we can be with him in heaven.

Colin John Connor

“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)

This passage tells us that God wants us to be faithful to the point when we die. He will give us eternal life in heaven. During Confirmation Class I have learned that heaven is more important than

anything in this world. So, this passage is very comforting to me because if I stay in the faith and believe in Jesus I will go to heaven.

Ian Thomas Eppen

“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)

I chose this verse because it reminds me that the devil will tempt me from time to time and try and get me to fall away from my faith. If I stay faithful to God, no matter what happens, I will be rewarded with something greater than this life, even greater than this world. The reward is never ending peace in heaven. It is worth a lot more than the daily struggle of fighting against the devil's temptations. Overall I like this bible verse because it reminds me that there is something great at the end of this life and this motivates me through each day.

Nicholas James Flunker

“God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’” (Hebrews 13:5)

I have chosen Hebrews chapter 13, verse 5, because I believe that it shows a major point of our Lord Jesus Christ's love for us. The passage states God has said, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you". This shows that no matter how many sins and wrongdoings we do against Him, He will stay with us loving and protecting us, keeping His promise to take us to Heaven.

Seth Richard Gibbons

“If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.” (Psalm 139:9-10)

I chose this passage because I know wherever I go in life, or whatever I end up doing 20 or so years from now, I know that God will still be with me and guide me wherever I go or whatever I do that pleases him. This passage goes the same for all of us and it's a good thing to know he'll be with me for my whole life.

Jordan Arianna Guerra

“What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)

I chose this passage, because it depicts that if the Lord loves and cares for all who believe in him, there is no one that could ever truly be against us. This shows also that not even the law can be against them because it has been fulfilled within them due to the mercy of the almighty God, our father who lives in heaven. Even if man may be against us believers, they serve no purpose; they will not ever prevail over the Lord. If the Lord is for his children, nothing shall be against them; not the world itself, not Satan, not sin, and not death itself. Those who believe will reign with the Lord for eternity in Heaven.

Connor James Henry

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

This passage means so much to me because even with all the problems in this world, I know that I can go to God in prayer and he will help me work through it all no matter what. This applies to all of us! If you don't know what to do or how to fix a problem, you can pray to God anytime and anywhere, and he will answer your prayers. God cares for everyone and keeps us with him all the time.

Dominic James Hoffmann

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

I have choose Matthew 28:20 for my passage which says "surely I am with you always to the very end of the age" I choose this passage out of all the others ones because it's very comforting to have the promise that Jesus will always be by my side no matter what. This passage means to me I will always have God to look to whenever I am in need and have problems with my life. This is very reassuring looking forward to the future knowing no matter what life throws at me I will have God with me every step of the way. I know this bible verse to be true already in the first 14 years of my life. He has been with me in the past is with me in the present and will be with me in the future.

Tobin Marcus Kallies, Jr.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

I chose this passage because it means that if all of us put everything away to the side, and put God's Word first, he will give you eternal life in heaven. He will also give you a long life on the earth. If you love God above everything else, he will make sure you join him after your final moments on the earth and spend eternal life with him.

Brian Ming Zhe Melching

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1b-2)

I chose this passage for Confirmation because it always suited me. As a cross country runner, we had to persevere through the entire race and cross the line that was set. So has God put up a marked race for everyone. Even though we may run the wrong way, we must fix our eyes on Jesus, standing at the finish line, waiting for us, because he suffered and died for us, so that we can join him in heaven and praise God.

Katelin Grace Nidy

“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13)

I chose this passage because it shows that having Christian faith isn't just knowing God, it is more than that. It is a commitment to love the Lord and to use your time on this Earth for the good will of God. This passage also says that no matter how hard life becomes, if you have faith, you are not alone. I like this because there have been moments in my life when I have felt quite alone, and it was so important to know that there was somebody who would always be there for me, someone I could lean on, and someone that would love me no matter what.

Jacqueline Sandra Olen

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” (Romans 8:18)

Romans 8:18 states, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." This verse comes to my mind when thinking of the substantial struggle many fellow believers and I previously had. In early times, man had fallen into sin. This act burdens us today, and sin consumes human nature. We, as living among sin, have endured a period of internal suffering. Deep within, we know we are imperfect and sinful. However, God reassures us that if we trust in Him, we will be saved. All of our guilt and pain resulting from our inherited sin cannot suppress the greatness that our Lord promises and fulfills. I chose Romans 8:18 because it shows that He relieves us of condemnation, and portrays His mercy for us, of which I am forever grateful.

Rebecca Renee Olen

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

I selected the Bible passage Joshua 1:9, which states, 'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' This quote serves as an important concept to remember throughout our Christian lives. In a society consisting of negativity and a world teeming with sin, it is easy to be tempted to fall short of God's will. However, as natural sinners, we will always fall short. Joshua 1:9 reassures us that we must not be reluctant and timid in our faith, but remind ourselves that the Lord is with us. Personally, it encourages me that, as long as I repent from my sins and serve Christ, God will guide me. I must take the time to devote myself to the Lord. For all of us Christians everywhere, John 1:9 advises that if we commit our lives to Jesus, God will lead us on a journey, a journey to a life of love and happiness.

Haley Noelle Plant

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

John 3:16 says for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son and whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. I picked this passage because I believe it shows what a great blessing Jesus has done for us. He died on the cross to save us from our sins and, when it was finished, we were saved. Jesus showed his love for us in the garden of Gethsemane, as he asked for God to take this cup of suffering from him, yet, he said not my will but thy will be done. On our own, we cannot get to heaven without knowing God's Son paid for our sins as our salvation. Every day God shows a great number of blessings towards us. We should show him our love by continuing to believe and trust in his word everyday till he returns.

Brandon Michael Schultz

“For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

I chose my passage because it really gives me comfort knowing that God has a plan for me. That plan will prosper me. That plan gives me peace of mind. Even though I go through tough times, all of that is for one purpose – to draw me closer to God and to keep me in the faith. We may not notice it at first, and we may ask him why. Through all, God will draw us closer to Him, so we may stay on the narrow path to heaven.

Brandon Michael Skorik

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

I choose my passage because it's a comfort knowing that God will always be with me. If God was not with us, we would not be able to survive, because we would fall into sin and would die. God says, “He is with us until the end of the age!” It should really comfort all people knowing that every second of your life, good times or bad, God is with you and will help you in times of need, and when we die, we will spend eternal life with Jesus!

David Douglas VanErt

“If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” (Matthew 21:22)

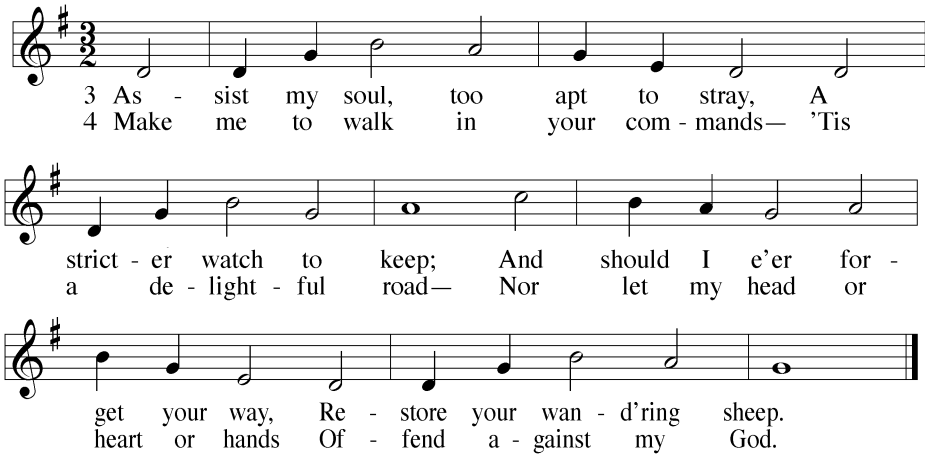
"And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." I picked this verse because it brings me comfort and because I know that in my time of need, I can pray to God, and He will answer my prayers. Even if the answer is not directly what I asked for, I know he will answer me in some way, shape or form.

Edward Donald York

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

I chose John 15:5, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” It means that if we remain in God, we will be able to do lots of good things. If we depart from Him, we won’t be able to do the works he desires for us to do.

Congregation Hymn “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”
Christian Worship #462, verses 3 & 4



3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands— 'Tis

strict - er watch to keep; And should I e'er for -
a de - light - ful road— Nor let my head or

get your way, Re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

The Sermon Psalm 139:9-10
“Hold me fast, O Lord!”

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

The Offering

Please take a moment during the collection of the offering to sign the “Friendship Register” in each of the pews. We thank everyone for their support of the Lord’s work through the offering. The vast majority of our church and school ministry is carried out by what is given in these weekly offerings. May the Lord continue to bless you! And may he use our gifts to be a blessing to many others.

Following the Offering, the Confirmation Class will stand.

The Rite of Confirmation

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In obedience to the Lord’s command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord’s body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

P: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life and salvation? If so, answer, “I do.”

Confirmands (C): I do

P: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? If so, answer, “I do.”

C: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit? If so answer, “I do.”

C: I do.

P: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God? If so answer, “I do.”

C: I do.

P: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther’s Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God. If so, answer, “I do.”

C: I do.

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it? If so, answer, “I do, and I ask God to help me.”

C: I do, and I ask God to help me.

P: Do you intend to conform all your life to the teachings of God’s Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament, and in faith and action to remain true to God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – as long as you live? If so, answer, “I do, and I ask God to help me.”

C: I do, and I ask God to help me.

Congregation Please Stand

P: Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on Him for these Confirmands, that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

P: Gracious Father, you have adopted these brothers and sisters in Baptism and anointed them with your Holy Spirit. Renew and strengthen them by that same Spirit so that they may continue to grow in faith and boldly confess you before others. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer

P: Move them to faithfully hear your Holy Word and joyfully receive your Sacrament that they may again and again be assured of your gracious love and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer

P: Give them the sincere desire to die each day to sin and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

P: Clothe them with the kindness, humility and patience of Christ so that they may live at peace with all the members of Christ’s body. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

P: Protect them from the powers of evil, and give them the weapons to fight against the devil. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

P: Keep them faithful and holy so that they may inherit eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

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.

Please be Seated

Anthem “The Potter’s Hand”

Sung by St. Paul’s Faculty/Staff

*Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,
I know for sure all of my days are held in your hand,
Crafted into your perfect plan.
You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by your Holy Spirit.
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through your eyes.
I’m captured by your Holy calling.
Set me apart, I know you’re drawing me to yourself.
Lead me, Lord, I pray.
Take me, mold me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Potter’s hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me.
I give my life to the Potter’s hand, the Potter’s hand.
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Confirmation Blessings

P: Come, then, to the Lord's altar, as a symbol of your promise and kneel to receive his blessing.

The confirmands, in turn, come forward and kneel as the pastor lays his hand on the head of each one.

Braeden Andrew Barwick

May God the Father who created you, may God the Son who redeemed you, may God the Holy Spirit who sanctified you keep you faithful unto life everlasting. "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)

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The Parental Response

Parents of the Confirmands please rise

P: When you brought these children to be baptized you realized that you were following the will of the Lord Jesus who said to himself, “Let the little children come to me.” At the same time you understood that your responsibilities had not ended at their baptism; you knew that the Scriptures commanded you to “bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord.” This you have done in your home and by using the assistance that has been offered by your fellow Christians in this congregation. However, the Lord Jesus wants you to remember that your duty to these children is not

completed at Confirmation, either. Rather, it continues until your role as their parents is ended by death.

Therefore, I ask you: Will you continue to lead these children to appreciate the Word of God, to invite them to accompany you to the Lord’s Supper often, and to encourage them to make daily use of their Bible in their home? Will you carry out these duties faithfully and firmly, remembering the importance, but also with love and understanding, realizing that these young people are now passing from childhood into maturity? Will you by your words and actions, and especially by your examples, impress upon them the necessity of hearing the Word of the Lord, which is the one thing needful and which cannot be taken away from them? Will you, finally, in all things, point them to their priceless Treasure, their Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised them and you a crown of righteousness in heaven? If so, then answer, “We will, with the help of God.”

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Parents and Confirmands please be seated

Congregation Hymn “May God the Father of Our Lord”
Christian Worship #597, verses 1 & 2

Musical notation for the hymn "May God the Father of Our Lord". The notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1 May God the Fa - ther of our Lord, Who 2 In Je - sus Christ may you be blessed And called brought you to by his his e - ter - nal Word, Per - fect, work es - tab - lish, set - tle you, Keep you will through per - faith form for - ev - er true. done.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The 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.”

The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

We invite those who are members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church and those guests who are affiliated with our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to come forward at the direction of the ushers to participate in the Lord's Supper. The Confirmation Class, along with their parents, will receive the Lord's Supper first.

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,

Hymn Continues on next page →



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.

Distribution Hymn “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”
Christian Worship #318



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev - er -

fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take
liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will

leave. The sup - per is end - ed; Oh, be now ex -
face. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er

tend - ed The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be -
car - ing, Em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and

lieve. The seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep -
race. With your feast you feed us; With your

tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for
light now lead us; U - nite us as one in this

Hymn Continues on next page →

God and for all. His grace did in - vite us; His
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing With
 love shall u - nite us To work for God's
 praise and thanks - giv - ing Give hon - or to
 king - dom and an - swer that his call.
 Christ and his name that we bear.

Please Stand

Song of Simeon..... *Christian Worship, page 24*
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.

Thanksgiving..... *Christian Worship page 24*

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

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

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.

C: A - men.

The Benediction..... *Christian Worship, page 25*

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.

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

Please be Seated

Closing Hymn..... **"Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day"**
Christian Worship #599

1 Our Lord and God, oh, bless this day And
 2 Oh, bless your Word to all the young; Let
 3 And when they leave their child - hood home, When

hear us, we im - plore you; None of your chil - dren
 them, your truth pos - ses - sing, Bear wit - ness true with
 Sa - tan comes al - lur - ing, May their bap - tis - mal

turn a - way Who now ap - pear be - fore you. We
 heart and tongue, Their faith and ours con - fess - ing. From
 grace be - come A ref - uge re - as - sur - ing. God's

come be - fore your face And pray: let your rich grace
 moth - er's arms your grace With love did them em - brace.
 cov - e - nant is sure; His prom - is - es en - dure.

Hymn continues on next page →



De - scend from heav'n a - bove In all your won - drous
 Bap - tized in - to your name, As yours you did them
 They ne'er shall be un - done Who trust in God a -



love, And keep us by your Spir - it.
 claim; O Lord, as yours now own them!
 lone— God is their might - y Fa - ther!

2015 Confirmation Class

Braeden Andrew Barwick
 Colin John Connor
 Ian Thomas Eppen
 Nicholas James Flunker
 Seth Richard Gibbons
 Jordan Arianna Guerra
 Connor James Henry
 Dominic James Hoffmann
 Tobin Marcus Kallies, Jr.

Brian Ming The Melching
 Katelin Grace Nidy
 Jacqueline Sandra Olen
 Rebecca Renee Olen
 Haley Noelle Plant
 Brandon Michael Schultz
 Brandon Michael Skorik
 David Douglas VanErt
 Edward Donald York

Worship Participants

Worship Leader Pastor Brian Adams
 Organist Miss Heather Schmidt
 Choir Faculty & Staff of St. Paul's
 Youth Handbells Director Miss Heather Schmidt

Announcements

2nd PASTOR CALL: On Sunday, May 3rd, St. Paul's extended a Divine Call to Pastor Schutz, who is currently serving Hope Lutheran Church in Spearfish, South Dakota. We have received the following letter from him acknowledging receiving the Call from St. Paul's.

"Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, He is risen! May our Living Savior fill you with all joy and peace as you remain in him! I am writing to let you know that I have received the Divine Call you have extended to me to serve as the Associate Pastor of your congregation. I have begun the process of prayerfully considering where I will serve our gracious God and Savior. I trust he will guide me through his Word to make a decision that is both God-pleasing and for the benefit of his kingdom. During this time I ask that you would pray for me, my family, and your brothers and sisters in Christ at Hope in Spearfish, SD whose lives are also touched by this call. I thank you for your prayers. May the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ fill your hearts and overflow into your interactions with each other and your community. He is faithful and can do so much in the building of his kingdom through each and every one of you. I welcome your contacting me by mail (111 Union St. Spearfish, SD 57783, phone (605-722-3857), or e-mail (pastorschutz@hopelutheran.us) with any questions or comments you may have. May our gracious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you as you trust the LORD to work all things for our eternal good. Yours in Christ, Pastor Mark Schutz."



From left to right: Natalie (4), Jonathan (17mo.), Jill, Mark, Lydia (6)

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AWARD: On Monday, May 18th, Milwaukee County Historical Society will recognize St. Paul's upcoming 150th anniversary at its 62nd Annual Awards Dinner at the Pfister Hotel in downtown Milwaukee. We thank Pastor Larry Ellenberger for leading us in worship on Monday, May 18th as Pastor Adams attends this Awards Dinner.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS BEGINS: On Thursday, June 4th, at 6:30pm, we will begin a new Bible Information Class. The main purpose of this class is to teach the basic teachings of God's Word to those who wish to know more about God's Word before joining St. Paul's as a member. Anyone who wishes to review the basic teachings of God's Word is welcome to attend as well. The class will be held on Thursday evenings through the summer.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Please make note that next Sunday, May 24th, the second service time changes from 10:30 to 9:30 am for the summer.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE CHANGE: In observance of Memorial Day, next Monday's service will move to Tuesday, May 26.

THANK YOU: We wish to thank all who gave toward Wisconsin Lutheran High School's "*Share the Mission*" program. \$300 was gathered for the program through the free-will offering last weekend.

WORSHIP SERVICE VIDEO ONLINE: Just a reminder that video of our worship services can be found on our website, if you miss a week for worship. Please feel free to share that information with anyone who may wish to explore knowing more about St. Paul's.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBC: We are looking for donations of a few items for craft projects for Vacation Bible Camp. If there's anything you'd like to donate, please leave it in the multi-purpose room. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Adams (423-1445 or njadams86@yahoo.com)

1. 1x6 pine boards in any length (they will be cut into smaller pieces) scrap pine wood of any size is ok as long as it is large enough to cut into 6x6 or 4x6 pieces (1 inch thick).
2. 1 1/4 inch finishing nails or brads
3. Colored pencils (used are ok)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30 pm.

ST. PAUL'S PIANO RECITAL: St. Paul's piano students will be having their piano recital on Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 PM in the church. All are invited to come and listen to some beautiful music performed by our students.

GRASS CUTTING CREWS: It once again is getting to be the time to setup the grass cutting crews for church. There are sign-up sheets on the counter in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Gordy Lesser (421-5687).

KITCHEN REORGANIZATION: Beginning June 1st the school kitchen will undergo extensive reorganization. If you have any items stored in the kitchen at this time, please remove them prior to June 1st. If the items need to stay in the kitchen, please clearly label them. Any items not claimed will be donated to Southside Ministries.

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: St. Paul's was founded in 1865 when a group of German Lutherans, in the township of Franklin, met on September 21, 1865, in the house of H. Sanders on Smith Road (now 51st Street) for the purpose of organizing a new Lutheran congregation. At that meeting, H. Wolter was chosen to be the Chairman and H. Sanders as Secretary. Mr. Wolter would donate the land necessary to build the new church and cemetery. Planning and work on a new church building began shortly after that meeting, and the church would be completed in two months. On November 14, 1865 Pastor Phillip Brenner was called to be the first visiting pastor of St. Paul's. Worship services were held in the house of H. Wolter until the new church would be completed in late 1865.

The Board of Elders would like to form a committee of men and women who would be willing to help plan events related to the upcoming 150th anniversary celebration of St. Paul's congregation. Anyone interested in being part of this committee should contact Pastor Adams or Steve Baade, the chairman of our Board of Elders.

2016 AUCTION AND GALA: On February 20th, 2016, we will be hosting our 3rd Auction and Gala. We need you to make it a success! It is a great opportunity to meet new families, get involved, and make a HUGE difference in the lives of our school kids! The last two auctions raised over \$55,000! The money was well spent on upgrading the technology throughout the school – modernized infrastructure, Chromebooks and iPads were installed and purchased. The kids are so excited to use this new technology! Please consider your involvement and the impact you can make. There are opportunities for every level of commitment, from auction chairs to much-needed, but short-lived tasks and everything in between. Please send your contact information and any questions to Auction@stpaulsfranklin.org.

SAVE THE DATES: Our Vacation Bible Camp dates for this summer have been set with the staff from Camp Phillip. Our VBC program will be on July 6-10 from 9am – 3pm. Registration forms will be available at a later date. Help needed forms are in today's bulletin.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK (May 17 & 18)

8:00 AM - Bob & Carol Goelz
10:00 AM - Andrew Backus
6:30 PM - Dave & Janet Long

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (May 24 & 26)

8:00 AM - Josh & Allison Ebeling; Henry
9:30 AM - Bob & Sue Dittrich
6:30 PM - Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR MAY:

8:00 AM - TEAM #1 - Bob Hille, Larry Stujenski, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker
10:30 AM (10:00AM & 9:30AM) - TEAM#5 - Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski
6:30 PM - TEAM#9-Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

ALTAR GUILD:

May 13 - May 26 -TEAM #3: Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms
May 27- June 2 - TEAM #4: Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 17

Worship with Communion.....8:00 AM
Confirmation Service10:00 AM

Monday, May 18

Worship Service with Communion 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 19

Mary Martha Outing..... 6:00 PM
Church Council Meeting 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 20

Senior Choir Rehearsal..... 6:30 PM

Thursday, May 21

St. Paul’s Piano Recital 6:00 PM

Friday, May 22

School Devotion.....8:30 AM
School Track Meet 12:00 PM

Sunday, May 24

Worship Service8:00 AM
Worship Service9:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 am-109, Communed-n/a; 10:30 am-168, Communed-n/a; 6:30 pm-39,
Communed-n/a; Total Attendance - 316; Total Communed-n/a; Sunday School-11; Bible Class-24