

**W**elcome! 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!
- † 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!

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist and Preacher** ..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Organist** ..... Mrs. Sharon Larsen

# OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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THE OPENING HYMN ..... "Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"

*Christian Worship #405*



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though  
2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -  
3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When  
4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor  
5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble  
neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of  
tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,  
heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean  
life's last spark is fled And with a pure and



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,  
grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,  
knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,  
can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,  
heav'n - ly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,  
And then, whate'er may come,  
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss  
Of an eternal home.

*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.

## 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:** Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

**P:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**P:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**C:** A - men.

## **O LORD, OUR LORD**

**P:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



**C:** O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;

you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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 ..... Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup> “Am I only a God nearby,”

declares the LORD,

“and not a God far away?”

<sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places

so that I cannot see them?”

declares the LORD.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”

declares the LORD.

<sup>25</sup> “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ <sup>26</sup> How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? <sup>27</sup> They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup> “Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

*Refrain*



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

*Psalm tone*



O LORD, you have searched me and you know me;\*  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;\*  
you are familiar with all my ways.

***Refrain***

Where can I go from your Spirit?\*  
Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there,\*  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

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.

**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..... Hebrews 12:1-13

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

<sup>6</sup>because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

<sup>7</sup>Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup>If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. <sup>9</sup>Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! <sup>10</sup>They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup>No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. <sup>13</sup>“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**P:** Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.



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..... Luke 12:49-53**

<sup>49</sup>“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup>From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be Seated*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "When in the Hour of Utmost Need"**

*Christian Worship #413*



1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not  
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil-dren's  
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our  
5 So that with all our hearts we may To you our



where to look for aid, When days and nights of  
meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful  
cries in time of need Through him whose name a -  
woes be - fore you lay. Be with us in our  
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,  
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,  
to your Word And now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

**THE SERMON ..... Hebrews 12:1-13**

*Please Stand*

**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.

## 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

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## 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 the pastor.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** ..... **“Fight the Good Fight”**  
*Christian Worship #457*



1 Fight the good fight With all your might;  
2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;  
3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;  
4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.



Christ is your strength and Christ your light.  
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.  
His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove  
On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

*Please Stand*

## THANKSGIVING

### THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.



*Please be Seated*

## THE CLOSING HYMN..... "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

*Christian Worship #326*



1 May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior And the  
2 So may we a - bide in un - ion With each  
3 Now with all the saints in heav - en Thanks and



Fa - ther's bound - less love With the Ho - ly Spir - it's  
oth - er and the Lord, Gath - ered here in blest com -  
praise to you we sing, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



fa - vor Rest up - on us from a - bove.  
mun - ion By the pow - er of his Word.  
Spir - it, Three in One, our tri - une King.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Today after the 10:30 AM service Ethan Jacob Marciniak will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Ethan is the son of Jacob & Sarah Marciniak. Serving as his godparents are Matthew and Meredith Marcotte. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are given by Pete & Sherry Kosovich in thanksgiving for their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT:** We will be hosting an Outdoor Movie Night next Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, with the movie "Ferdinand". Arrival begins at 6:30 PM and the movie will start at 7:00 PM. Movie snacks and drinks will be provided. Bring a blanket or chairs and join us!

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE:** This weekend there will be no Monday evening service or Tuesday evening service for the Labor Day holiday. Our only services are on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM or 9:30 AM.

**WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Beginning next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> we will return to our regular worship schedule times of 8:00 AM and **10:30 AM** on Sundays and 6:30 PM on Mondays.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** Adult Bible class will start next Sunday, September 11 at 9:15 AM. The topic will be Our Life is "Yes" in Christ based on 2 Corinthians. It will be presented by retired Pastor Ellenberger. This portion of Scripture has been called "a real spiritual treat" by Prof. Emeritus David Valleskey. We invite you to come.

**WLHS GRADE SCHOOL TAILGATE PARTY:** Grade school families are invited to a FREE night of fun at the WLC Raabe Field on Friday, September 16, starting at 5:15 p.m. A tailgate party with activities, food, and time to play catch on the field turf will be held before the WLHS Vikings varsity football game at 7:00 p.m. Admittance to the football game will be provided only by pre-registering at [wlhs.org/tailgate](http://wlhs.org/tailgate).

**BENNETT PARATO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND:** On December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, God called Jonathan Parato to his heavenly home. On June 8, 2022, God called his wife, Nicole Parato to her heavenly home. They are survived by their 4 children: Zachary (age 23), Brayden (age 17), Adrianna (age 15) and Bennett (age 4). The three older children have attended St. Paul's School in the past. The youngest son, Bennett, is starting 4K here at St. Paul's this Fall. In order to help the family with the cost of tuition for attending St. Paul's from 4K – Grade 8, St. Paul's Board of Elders has set up a Christian Education Fund for their son, Bennett. If you wish to donate toward this fund, please make checks out to **“St. Paul's Lutheran Church”** and mark the gift to be used for the Bennett Parato Education Fund. Any gift can be placed in the offering at church, mailed or dropped off in the office.

**SCHOOL SPORTS COACHES NEEDED:** Do you or anyone you know have an interest in coaching our St. Paul's students? We do not need experts in the field to coach; we need safe, reliable and considerate coaches that will share a love of Christ and fitness with their athletes! We need coaches in the following sports:

- **Cross Country:** With nearly 40 kids willing to participate, we need multiple coaches to assist however possible.
- **Fall: 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade Girls Volleyball:** We have a willing coach for both, but we can use (at least) an assistant for each.

If you are interested or would like more information, please email Mr. Clough at [cclough@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:cclough@stpaulsfranklin.org).

**GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL - K4 Aide - Classroom Aide - After School Care:** St. Paul's is blessed to have a great PreK program! We are looking for a teacher's aide to support our growing enrollment numbers. There are also other classrooms that would benefit from a part-time aide.

We are also looking for an individual or individuals that could help with our After School Care program. If you are available for a single day, a few days, or all days please get in touch with us. It is a great opportunity to connect with some of our students and help our families that are unable to pick their children up right away after school.

If you are interested in supporting your school by giving us a hand, please reach out to Principal Schulmeister by email at [nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org) or by phone at 414-421-1930.

## **USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz,  
Gary Boldt

**9:30 AM** – TEAM #2 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Aug 31-Sept 6 – TEAM #1 – Beverly Garves, Sherry Kosovich, Vanessa McKee

Sept 7-13 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

## **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

September 4: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

September 11: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

## **GRASS CUTTING (CHURCH)**

September 7-10 – CREW #3 – Frank Krajewski

September 14-17 – CREW #4 – Gary Tosic & Jerry Lehtinen

## **GRASS CUTTING (CEMETERY)**

September 7-10 – CREW #3 – Gordy Lesser

September 14-17 – CREW #4 – Connie Roedel

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, September 4

Worship Service with Communion ..... 8:00 AM  
Worship Service with Communion ..... 9:30 AM

### Monday, September 5

NO SCHOOL/NO WORSHIP – LABOR DAY

### Wednesday, September 7

Mary & Martha Planning Meeting (Bible Classroom)..... 6:00 PM

### Friday, September 9

Outdoor Movie Night..... 6:30 PM

### Saturday, September 10

Kinnard/Walter Wedding..... 2:30 PM

### Sunday, September 11

Worship Service ..... 8:00 AM  
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School..... 9:15 AM  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 AM

### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 81

9:30 AM – 62

6:30 PM – N/A

Total Attendance – 143+