

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!
- / 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 Pastor Brian Adams
Preacher Pastor Joel Gaertner
Pianist Mrs. Rachel Manske

HOLY BAPTISM IN THE 10:30 AM SERVICE

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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THE OPENING HYMN “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Christian Worship #16



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc -
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin And fur -
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref -
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And lift
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose ad -



es that the Lord is nigh; Come, then, and lis - ten,
nished for a guest with - in, And let us all our
uge and our great re - ward. With - out your grace we
us up to fall no more. Oh, make your face on
vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Good news a - bout the King of kings.
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
us to shine, And fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Please Stand

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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:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:
- C:** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**
- P:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:
- 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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

P: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

P: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Sutton Olivia Eilbes, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Please Stand

EXHORTATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Sutton may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Sutton and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she

may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

Service continues on page 6 – Prayer and Praise

8:00 AM & 6:30 PM services continue below

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.



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.



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.

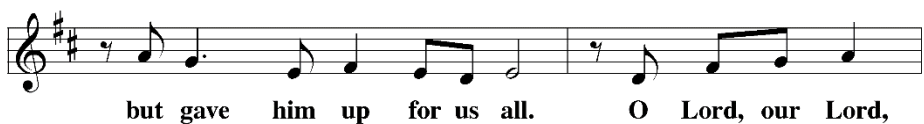
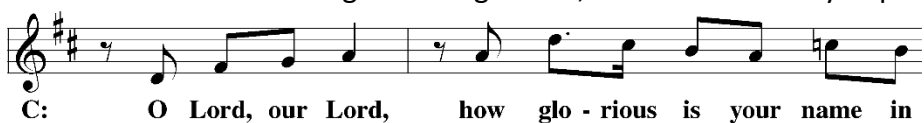


P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



O LORD, OUR LORD

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



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.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah's prophecy and pictures of the coming Savior include clear words about the judgment which is coming, but also the hope which the Savior gives to those who believe in him.

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

Refrain*Psalm tone*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;*
O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive*
to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,*
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;
therefore you are feared.

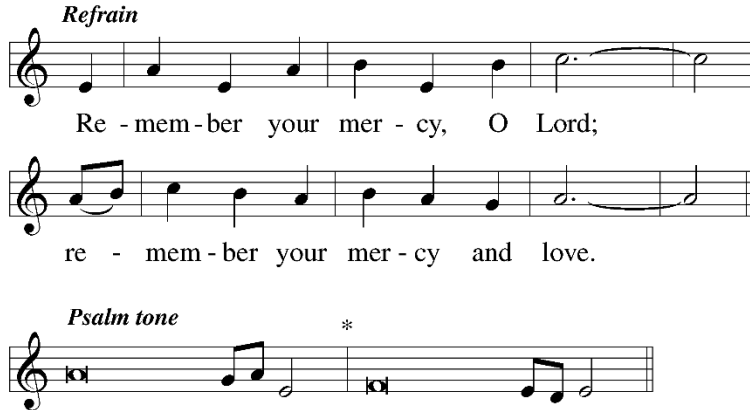
Refrain

I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.*
My soul waits for the Lord more than
watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,*
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

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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.



THE SECOND LESSON.....Romans 15:4-13

God's people face the coming judgment not with fear but with hope because God has raised up the Root of Jesse as our Savior.

⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
 I will sing the praises of your name."

¹⁰ Again, it says,

“Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹ And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him.”

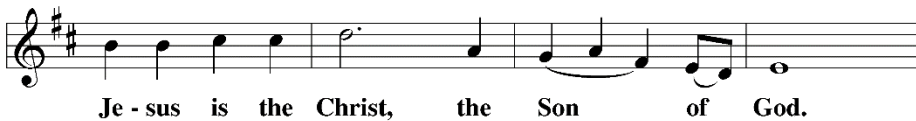
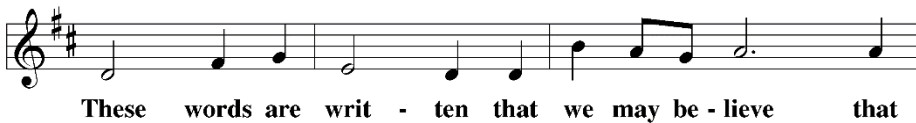
¹² And again, Isaiah says,

“The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God’s salvation. Alleluia. (*Luke 3:4,6 cf. NIV*)



Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 3:1-12

To prepare us for the coming judgment, God sent John the Baptist, a voice in the wilderness, calling all to repent.

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”



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THE HYMN OF THE DAY....."Comfort, Comfort All My People"

Christian Worship #11



1 "Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; Speak of peace,"
 2 All their sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out
 3 John the Bap - tist's voice is cry - ing In the des -
 4 Straight - en out the crook - ed high - way; Make the rough -



so says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 each dark mis - deed; All that well de - serve his an - ger
 ert far and near, Call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance
 er plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



Groan - ing from their sor - rows' load. Speak to all
 He no more will see or heed. They have suf -
 For the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn -
 Read - y for his ho - ly reign. For the glo -



Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 fered man - y a day; Now their griefs have passed a - way.
 ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er,
 God will change their ach - ing sad - ness
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken



That their war - fare now is o - ver."
 In - to ev - er - spring - ing o glad - ness.
 And the hills bow down to greet him.
 That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE SERMONRomans 15:4-13

Hope in the face of judgment!

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 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

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. Through his holy prophets, he promised a King to bring light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. 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



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.

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 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"

Christian Worship #15



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is
2 Lo, the Lamb, so long - ex - pect - ed, Comes with
3 That, when next he comes with glo - ry And the
4 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He may shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness; You are chil - dren of the day."
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n,
with his mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
last - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Thank you to Pastor Joel Gaertner for sharing God's word with us this weekend! Pastor Gaertner serves as Vice President of Ministry at The Lutheran Home Association and as the National Director of Jesus Cares Ministries.

BAPTISM: Today in the 10:30 AM service Sutton Olivia Eilbes will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Sutton is the daughter of Scott & Melissa Eilbes. Serving as her sponsors are Dan & Becky Elsinger. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS: This weekend's altar flowers are given by Jeff & Chris Romeis.

ADVENT 2022: The Latin word *adventus* means "coming." The last words in Scripture are "Come, Lord Jesus!" Thus, the season of Advent begins with the end in mind. We enter a new Church Year with our eyes fixed on the End when Jesus Christ will come and destroy



Come, Lord Jesus!

this sin-broken world. Yet, we know that Jesus has come into our world once before. The Son of God became the Son of Man. From the manger to the cross, Jesus did everything necessary to redeem mankind. As this new Church Year walks us through the entire life of Christ, we see God's promises of deliverance fulfilled... God's plan of salvation completed. And so, when Christ comes again, while the universe will be destroyed, we know God's people will be ushered into a new, glorious, everlasting kingdom.

Advent prepares us for Christmas. It enables us to understand the true significance of Christmas. For Advent allows us to see that because of what Christ did when he came the first time, believers need not fear when he comes again. Instead, we yearn for it. Come, Lord Jesus!

Advent 1 – Come, Lord Jesus as King – November 27 & 28

Advent 2 – Come, Lord Jesus as Judge – December 4 & 5

Advent 3 – Come, Lord Jesus as Messiah – December 11 & 12

Advent 4 – Come, Lord Jesus as Immanuel – December 18 & 19

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING: Do you love to decorate for the holidays? If so, we are looking for you! We will be decorating the church for Christmas today after the 10:30 AM service! Anyone is welcome to come and help!

CLASSROOM WISH LISTS: In past years we've had a Christmas tree in our school lobby full of "wishes" for our classrooms. Once again our tree is digital! If you would like to grant a classroom wish, please scan the QR Code on the poster in the narthex, or you can find it [here](#). If you aren't able to shop online, you can make a donation using the envelopes on the narthex counter! Thank you for your support of our school!

TEACHER CALL MEETING: A meeting of the Voters Assembly is scheduled for this Monday, December 5th at 7:30 PM (after the 6:30 PM service). First, to vote on adding a full-time teacher to our staff starting in July, and the impact it will have on the budget. Then, if approved, call a 1st Grade Teacher for the 2023-24 school year. The desire is to fill the current staffing gap in the school when Mrs. Jensen moved from 1st Grade into the 4K classroom this school year. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to send them to the principal, Nathan Schulmeister at nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org or (414) 421-1930.

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES & MEAL: This Wednesday, December 7th we will be having our Midweek Advent worship services at 3:30 PM & 6:30 PM. Junior Choir will be singing at our 3:30 PM service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal in between the services beginning at 4:30 PM. Please join us!

TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND: St. Paul's has offered assistance to families through a "forgiveness program" in which the congregation has taken on the debt for part of their tuition. On average we have been able to help 10-12 families seek Christian Education here at St. Paul's through this method. What a great gift to share the love of Christ with others using the gifts God has granted us. We have a need and an opportunity to help families and we are asking you to help financially. In addition to your offerings, these additional funds will help support the education for families that may not otherwise be able to afford it. We thank you for considering and remind you of the words recorded in Matthew 25:40 *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* If you would like to give, please fill out the envelopes provided on the narthex counter and place in the offering bin.

MARY & MARTHA CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Mary & Martha Christmas party will be on Sunday December 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM at That's Amore Restaurant, 5080 S. 108th St., in Greenfield. To make your reservation, please text or call Bev Garves at 414-339-2267 prior to December 9. Thank you.

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE: We are in the process of updating our church directory. Please take a moment to fill out the yellow contact slips on the narthex tables and return them to the bin on the narthex counter. Thank you for your help in keeping our records up to date!

MEN'S WELS BASKETBALL LEAGUE: The area WELS churches are starting up the men's basketball league again. St. Paul's is looking for interested players, college age and older, who want to be part of our energetic team. The league will run on Sundays from January 8th through March 26th, 2023 with games at several different area gyms. If you are interested in being part of the SPF team, please contact Caleb Manske with your interest by December 19th at caleb.manske@rasmith.com or 262-442-4286.

MEN'S OPEN GYM: Men's Open Gym will held Thursday nights from 7:30 – 9:00 pm every week starting December 8th. All college age and older men interested in stretching their legs are invited to participate. Please be sure to watch the Weekly Schedule at the end of the church bulletin every week for updates or cancellations as we approach the Christmas Season.

MARY & MARTHA COOKIE SALE: A signup sheet is located in the narthex at church 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 AM Saturday, December 10th. Anyone from St. Paul's is welcome to come and help pack the cookie boxes on Saturday December 10th at 9:00 AM. The sale will take place at each service on Sunday, December 11th. The proceeds from this sale benefit the ongoing work of the Mary & Martha Society and their support of missions.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: During the upcoming holiday season there are many opportunities for worship! Please join us!

Advent Service – Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 3:30 PM and 6:30 PM (supper in between)

Children's Christmas Service (K5-Grade 8) – Sunday, December 18th at 4:30 PM

Preschool & Junior Kindergarten Christmas Service – Friday, Dec. 23rd at 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Saturday, December 24th at 4:30 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Saturday, December 24th at 10:00 PM

Christmas Day Service – Sunday, December 25th at 10:00 AM

Worship Service w/Communion – Sunday, January 1st at **10:00 AM** (one service only)

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL SECOND QUARTER MISSION PROJECT – HAT, SCARF AND GLOVE DRIVE: Our mission offerings for the 2nd Quarter will be going to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Since 1893 this Christian organization has been supporting the hungry and hurting in Milwaukee helping to restore their lives and their hope by meeting both physical and spiritual needs. We will be having a winter hat, scarf and glove drive at our school from Nov. 1 – **December 9**, and we invite members of the congregation to join us in our collection! We will be collecting NEW hats, scarves, and gloves for both men and women. (Women's hats are especially needed.) Bins will be located in our school lobby and in the back of church. Monetary offerings will go toward other items of urgent need. Let's fill those bins and share both warmth and love this holiday season. *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Matt. 25:40

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE: There are 16 people meeting every other Tuesday with continued lessons on the book "The Narrow Lutheran Middle". Note we will not meet on December 27th as previously scheduled. New dates are December 13, January 3, January 17, January 31, February 14 and February 28. It is never too late to join our group. Just tell Jean Terek or Lucy Ellenberger.

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS: A new Bible Information class has begun! We meet 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. Anyone is welcome to join us!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Adult Bible class meets at 9:15 AM each Sunday. Our current topic is Our Life is "Yes" in Christ based on 2 Corinthians. It is presented by retired Pastor Ellenberger. Everyone is welcome to join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children ages 3 – Grade 6 are invited to join our Sunday School class, which meets each Sunday at 9:15 AM! Class is located in the After School Care room of the school.

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 or by phone at 414-421-1930.

WLHS DRAMA PRODUCTION: THE MATCHMAKER: There is one more opportunity to see the WLHS fall drama production The Matchmaker today, Sunday, December 4, at 1:00 p.m. Thornton Wilder's uproarious farce about love and money stars the irrepressible busybody, Dolly Gallagher Levi. Through Dolly's subtle machinations, several unlikely couples come together to find happiness in 19th-century New York. Purchase tickets at www.wlhs.org/drama ahead of time for a discounted rate found only online. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

WLHS SACRED CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: WLHS choral department will present their Sacred Choral Christmas Concert, "Let Our Gladness Have No End" on Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The concert will feature the Freshman and A Cappella choirs, Inspiration Vocal Jazz & Chamber Choir, and Jubilation Handbells. Seating is general admission with a free-will door offering. The concert will also be livestreamed at www.wlhs.org.

WLHS CHRISTMAS CHAMBER ENSEMBLES CONCERT: The WLHS Christmas Chamber Ensemble Concert will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium and feature small instrumental ensembles, Jubilation Handbells, Inspiration Vocal Jazz & Chamber Choir, and the Wisco Kids show choir. Musical selections will include a variety of genres, including popular, jazz, and familiar Christmas season tunes. Seating is general admission with a free-will door offering. The concert will also be livestreamed at www.wlhs.org.

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

- 8:00 AM** – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Gordy Lesser, Adrian Boldt
- 10:30 AM** – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha, Scott Seymer
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

USHERS FOR MIDWEEK ADVENT (DEC 7)

- 3:30 PM:** Grades 7 & 8
- 6:30 PM:** TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt

ALTAR GUILD

- Nov 30-December 6 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek
- December 7-13 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- December 4: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus
- December 11: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4

- Worship Service with Communion.....8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/Bible Information Class9:15 AM
- Worship Service with Communion.....10:30 AM
- Church Christmas Decorating.....11:30 AM

Monday, December 5

Lutheran Girl Pioneers..... 6:00 PM
Worship Service with Communion..... 6:30 PM
Teacher Call Meeting..... 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 6

Public School Confirmation Class 6:00 PM
Church Council..... 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 7

Midweek Advent Worship..... 3:30 PM
Midweek Advent Meal 4:30 PM
Midweek Advent Worship..... 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 8

Men's Open Gym..... 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 10

Mary & Martha Cookie Pack 9:00 AM

Sunday, December 11

Mary & Martha Cookie Sale *Before & After Services*
Worship Service..... 8:00 AM
Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/Bible Information Class 9:15 AM
Worship Service..... 10:30 AM
Mary & Martha Christmas Party 6:00 PM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 76

10:30 AM – 69

6:30 PM – 20

Total Attendance – 165

Thanksgiving Eve Service – 107