

WORSHIP DETAILS

Common Service with Communion, pg. 15

Psalm 145

Hymns: 452, 735, 315, 745

First Lesson: Acts 13:44-52

⁴⁴On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

“‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

⁴⁸When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

⁴⁹The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. ⁵⁰But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ⁵¹So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. ⁵²And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself

will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



CONFESSION OF FAITH ESSAYS

Jocelyn Marie Bradford

Matthew 6:34 – “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Hello, my name is Jocelyn Bradford. The passage I selected for my confirmation is Matthew chapter 6 verse 34, “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” I chose this passage because I worry constantly about things like school, staying healthy, personal appearance, conflict between friends and family, and public speaking. This passage reminds me that God will be right with me helping and comforting me as I face these difficult challenges. Knowing that God is with me helps me take on those challenges with less worry and more confidence in the fact that everything will be ok.

In the future, having this passage to think about as I grow up will bring me comfort in the challenges to come. For example, exams are in less than a month and exams tend to worry me and stress me out but I will think about my passage and trust God has things under control, and also will take care of me leading into college.

This was my third year of confirmation classes; I could have been confirmed last year, but I felt it was important for me to fully understand our church and its teachings. One important thing I learned was about the Lord's Supper, which we take for the first time after being confirmed. I learned about how it is a sacrament in which Jesus gives us his true body and blood with bread and wine. This gives us the assurance of eternal and forgiveness of sins. I learned that the bible teaches we receive the bread and wine with Jesus' real body and blood.

Another thing I felt was important that we learned during my time in confirmation classes was how everyone is a sinner and the result of sin is eternal death in hell. But Jesus died on the cross which gave those who believe and trust in him eternal life in heaven with God. This is important because otherwise there is no hope after our time on earth without Jesus. Which is why becoming a member of the church is important as I can learn more about what Jesus did for me. This promise of eternal life also brings me comfort when I worry about earthly things.

The third important thing I learned about in my confirmation classes was about the sacrament of baptism. Almost 15 years ago I was baptized here at St. Paul's with my cousin Taira by Pastor Adams. It was then that I became a child of God. The sacrament of baptism grants us the forgiveness of sins, the freedom from death and the devil, and eternal life in heaven with God. Baptism is a visual way God shows us his grace and his mercy as he works faith into the hearts of sinners.

These 15 years from baptism to confirmation have brought a special meaning into my life as a child of God, and it is a blessing to join this church and wonderful congregation of believers. Thank you for joining me on this special day as I take this next step in my journey of faith

Isaiah Walter Carabacan

Psalm 27:1 – “The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?”

I chose this passage to be my confirmation verse because of the comfort it gives me. God will lead me through life and I don't have to fear anyone. He is my stronghold and will protect me against all of the devil's attacks. In the verse it talks about spiritual war that we are in and I know for a sure fact that God is winning.

The passage helps me to know and to remember that God is with me all the time and I don't have to be afraid of anything. I'm afraid of many things but this passage helps me not to be afraid.

This passage will help me to continue in my Christian Life in the years to come because it reminds me that God is with me all the time and is always watching over me. Sometimes it seems like there are so many bad things that are happening in life, but God is there and will help and give me comfort. It's also reminding me that God is there for me and is always watching me whenever I am in trouble, I need his help.

The Lord is my light and will guide me through life. He will put people into my life that will keep me on the right track. He will also guide me through his Word. The Lord is more powerful than any being. He is my salvation and will deliver me from sin and its consequences. I know I will go to heaven, not as a wish but as a sure fact. He will bring me up to a place of protection and I will praise him. If I ever need a place to go, I'll always be able to go to God and He will always be there for me whenever I need him.

In Catechism class we learned that no matter how much we fall away God, he will always welcome us back. God is my stronghold, and I can always take refuge there. Next year, I will be going to Franklin High School. At Franklin, I will not have the protection that I have right now. I have to be prepared for the testing that God is going to put me through. People might make fun of me and bully me for it, but I can always go back to God. I will get tempted to do earthly desires I know I should not do, and through God, I will be able to say no. There will be people at Franklin that are Christians like me and I won't be alone. They will help me keep my faith strong and stay close to God, and I will also help them. I will remain confident in the sure fact that God will take me to heaven and I will see him there.

Audrey Rose Nadolny

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

This is the passage I choose as my confirmation passage for multiple reasons. First, I choose this passage because everyone in their life goes through some sort of struggle that may be minor or it may be challenging. Obstacles and challenges definitely pop up from time to time in my life, but knowing I can turn to God for help and comfort at any time assures me of his endless love for me.

Second, this passage is also a great example of the term “omnipresent” which means God is everywhere at all times. With such a crazy, sped up world I live in today, I know God is by my side when I’m in so many different situations, from tough friend situations at school to challenging social media situations it's nice to know that not only do I have support from my parents, but when they're not with me, I can lean on God who is with me at all times. Reading Matthew 28:20 reminds me that no matter what I deal with in my life, good or bad, God will always be there by my side.

Throughout these past two years that I have been in confirmation classes I have learned so many valuable lessons to help me out later in life. Just an example of a few things we have discussed; We have talked about the difference between the two main teachings in the bible, the Law and Gospel. We have learned that the LAW is the part of God's word that tells us what we should and shouldn't do. God Gives us different commands such as the ten commandments which instructs and leads us to what is right and wrong. In addition, the GOSPEL tells us how Jesus takes away our sins even though all of us have sinned thousands of times in our lives, God still forgives us all and shows us his love for us. I have learned that Jesus died on the cross for us and rose 3 days later to take away our sins and to show his victory against the devil. I also have learned some essential terms such as Omniscient meaning God knows all things, Omnipotent which tells us God is all powerful and last Omnipresent meaning god is everywhere all the time. I also have learned how the Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to create and strengthen my faith.

As all of us grow in our Christian faith, there will be challenges and temptations throughout each and every day that will test our faith in God. Through confirmation, we have learned how to acknowledge the challenges and temptations that the devil throws at us and conquer them with God's help and forgiveness. Although our classes for Confirmation are

ending, we can still continue to learn and grow in faith as life goes on, As we look back at Matthew 28:20 “And Surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.” We can bring to mind all the ways God helps and protects us in our faith as we walk down life’s journey.

Isabella Grace Ruether

Joshua 1:9 – “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.”

I have chosen this passage because it is promising us that no matter what kind of trouble and doubt, we are in, we are to always be strong and trust in God, and never forget who is watching over us and protecting us day by day. Reading this passage makes me think that no matter what we are struggling with and going through in our life, God will always take care of us and help us when we are in need of help. Trusting in God to protect us every day, should be something that people think about on a daily basis and remember what God has done for us and thank him for all the suffering he has gone through, just for us to go to Heaven.

This passage will help me continue to live my Christian life because it reminds me that no matter where or when I can always call on God to ask him for help and I can always ask for repentance when I sin. When God tells me to be courageous and strong, it makes me remind myself that I can always stand up and do what's right when God is with me. Knowing that I am unbeatable with Christ next to me, gives me the strength to do what is right, even when it isn't the easiest thing to do.

Throughout this past year, I have learned so much about what I can do to keep my faith in God and continue to grow strong in his word and one day go to Heaven. Going to Heaven is the biggest accomplishment anyone could achieve. In class Pastor Adams would talk about all the great things God has given to us and how good we have it, living under God's wing. As long as I believe and repent of my sins, I will go to Heaven with all the other believers. Confirmation class this year helped me understand and learn more about my Savior and how he works every day in our heart. Being part of Christ's family is a privilege that some people don't get to have because they don't believe in Christ that he is our Savior.

On this day I hope to continue my faith in Jesus Christ until the day I die, and I hope that Jesus helps me to stay on the right path and guide me to where he wants me in the future.

I know that wherever God will lead me, is going to be the best option. I look forward to seeing where God puts me in the future and where my life will take me. I hope to grow up and have a nice house and some kids, and also be blessed with a good-paying job to support my family.

Colton Scott Seymer

John 15:13 – “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

This passage reminds me of what God has done for us by sending his son to die for us on the cross, descended into hell to proclaim his victory, then rose again into heaven destroying death's power over us.

Just think about that verse for a minute. It is a very powerful verse. There is no greater love than to lay one's life down for another. That is true love. I feel personally connected to this verse because many people in my family served in the military and have put their lives on the line for not only their family, but for millions of strangers. They were true, dedicated soldiers. My dad's grandpa Ray flew airplanes in WWII. My great aunt Linda served in Desert Storm. My grandma Sue served in Panama to not only protect the people of the United States, but also the Panama Canal from being taken over. My great grandpa Joe, who passed away in December, willingly served in the army for his country in WWII. They chose to serve and to protect each and every one of us, even those of us who weren't alive during that time. That's a pretty big sacrifice, and it's a sacrifice I'm willing to do one day as well when I enroll in the army. Knowing that I and other fellow brothers and army sisters will have the responsibility of protecting not only my family and their families, but millions of other people I don't know, makes me happy, yet scared. It's a big responsibility. Actually, it's a huge responsibility. It makes me question if I'm ready for that? Was Jesus ready for it?

I can't imagine what Jesus felt as he was beaten and hung on a cross with nails hammered into his hands and feet. What did Mary, his mother, think seeing her only son being treated so badly by the Roman guards and spectators, beaten and bruised in ways that none of us can imagine. In confirmation class we learned about how Jesus gave his life for all the people in the world and that is the best example of this verse. God has placed people before us to protect us with not just with their lives but with their body and soul and with all their mind. Like the police that protect the streets we live on or the military that are willing to give their lives to protect our country. I know that God has placed these people there for a

reason, a reason that we will never know but believe that he has a plan for us and had a plan for the people before us. God has sent people to protect us and those people know that they might not come home and they are willing to do that.

In my eleven years at this school, I have learned from all the teachers about God and what he has done for us and who he has sent to save us like Jesus back then and the people that serve and protect us day-by-day. God has given them and me a job on this earth to tell everyone about him and work he has done for us giving us food, water, shelter and all of the other many things he has given us.

Anneliese Freya Tangen

John 3:16 – “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.”

I chose John 3:16 for my verse because I feel that it shows the love that God has shown to not only myself, but also to all who believe in Him. If someone were to ask about my faith or if I were to have any doubts, I would only need to quote this verse to explain and remember just what God did for us sinners here on Earth. He sent his only son here to live among us and teach us about God's love. And as a result of Adam and Eve sinning, he then went and paid the price that the Father demanded as payment for sin. He did this not for himself but for all who believe in Him, suffering and dying on the cross to make payment for us to gain heavenly life.

He did this willingly for us not like when I have to do my chores and fight the whole way. I like this verse because I know whenever I need a bible verse, I can always go to this one. This verse helps spread God's word and his love to others and it helps them believe in them. It also helps to show the believers that they will one day have eternal life in heaven. This verse always shows that God did not just send his only son here on this earth and die on the cross so us believers would be saved and be able to go to heaven.

This verse can also help people understand what God did and why he sent his only son to die on the cross for us. It can also help others understand that if you don't believe in him and if you have no faith in him that you wouldn't be able to have eternal life in heaven but you would have to suffer. This verse shows that God loves us even if we do something that

we shouldn't he will still love us. In the verse it shows that he loves us by giving us his only son to follow as he guides us.

It shows that we should always listen to God's word and keep growing our faith so we can go to heaven. This verse helps people understand that God loves us so much that he would do anything for us, even if that meant to give up his only son to us so we can go to heaven and be with him.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASSOCIATE PASTOR CALL: On Sunday, May 1st we called Pastor Tim Schwartz currently serving at Zion Lutheran Church in Columbus, Wisconsin. We received this letter from Pastor Schwartz: Dear members of St. Paul's, With confidence in the Lord of the Church to guide and direct us in all things, I acknowledge that I have received the divine call to serve as your associate pastor. Please pray that the Lord leads us all in this matter to know and follow his will in service to his gospel ministry. I have received the call packet and am currently looking it over. You have a wonderful ministry going in Franklin. We have a good impression of the area from Niki's time growing up in New Berlin and our visits to her parents who still live there. From my initial conversation with Pastor Adams, your congregation is very blessed with a faithfulness to God's Word and wonderful people with whom I could serve. Please feel free at any time to contact us during the deliberation time with your thoughts. We appreciate your prayers for us. Blessings to you in Jesus Christ, Pastor Timothy M. Schwartz

Pastor Schwartz can be reached by cell phone at (509) 480-2967 or by email: tschwartz24@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to our Confirmation students: Jocelyn Bradford, Isaiah Carabacan, Audrey Nadolny, Isabella Ruether, Colton Seymer and Anneliese Tangen. Each student wrote a Confession of Faith essay that is printed in these announcements.

ST. PAUL'S 4K TEACHER: We are looking for a teacher to serve in our 4K program for the 2022-23 school year. A teacher that would lead the classroom sharing the love of Jesus with our students, working alongside our great staff, and partnering with our families in the education of their children. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this position

please contact Principal Nathan Schulmeister at 414-421-1930 or by email at nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org

THE GREAT CEREAL BOX CHALLENGE: As part of our school’s 4th Quarter Mission project (stocking the Southside Ministries Food Pantry), we are collecting as many cereal boxes as possible, and on Friday, May 20th we will use those cereal boxes to make a giant domino run! After the domino run, all cereal will be donated to St. Peter’s Food Pantry (Southside Ministries). If you’d like to help us with donations, please bring the cereal boxes to school this week!

PIANO & INSTRUMENT RECITAL: Everyone is invited to join us this Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00 PM for our piano and instrument recital, held in church. Please come and support our young musicians!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION: It’s time to register for Vacation Bible Camp, held June 27th – July 1st! We are going back to our 5 day, 9:00am – 3:00pm schedule (half day for preschoolers). There are registration forms on the narthex counter.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!: We are looking for more volunteers for our Vacation Bible Camp running from June 27 – July 1, 2022. Especially teenagers. (It’s a great way to earn volunteer hours). But more help is needed in ALL areas. It takes many people to make our camp a success, and we appreciate your help! Sign up using the flyers on the narthex counter, or call the office!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC): We are looking for donations of a few items for craft projects for VBC. If there’s anything you’d like to donate, please label it and leave it in the narthex or the school office. Please bring donated items by Sunday, May 29 so we have time to prep projects. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Adams at (414) 610-1199 or njadams86@yahoo.com. If you would like to help with a monetary donation, it would also be appreciated. Please give any monetary gifts to Pastor Adams. The items needed are:

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| White card stock | Colored construction paper |
| Aluminum foil | Duct tape (any color) |
| Watercolor paints (new or used) | White poster board |

FORMER MEMBER UPDATE: Former member of St. Paul’s, Ida May Pfaff has passed away. The funeral was held on Saturday at Living Waters Lutheran Church in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

MAY BASKET FUNDRAISER: Flower Petals Farm is once again hosting their beautiful hanging basket fundraiser! To keep the cost the same, they are offering a 10" basket for \$25.00, or there are still the 12" baskets available for \$30.00, with \$5.00 from every basket sale going to St. Paul's! Due to the cooler temperatures, the pick up dates will be Sunday, May 15th and Sunday, May 22nd from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. To choose your variety, go to www.flowerpetalsfarm.weebly.com or call (414) 517-5161 to place your order. Thank you!

WLHS PRISM CONCERTS: Wisconsin Lutheran High School presents its annual Prism concerts on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 22, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. These popular concerts are a celebration of the fine arts and generally sell out quickly. Tickets go on sale starting Monday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. and are available online at wlhs.org/prism. Advance ticket sale prices are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children through grade 8. Tickets at the door are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children through grade 8; however, these shows sell out fast!

LUTHER PREP SUMMER CAMPS: LPS Summer Camps are in FULL planning mode and we hope to see more of your children join us! We offer Day Camps & Overnight Camps for a variety of sports AND for the 2nd year in a row our *new* Phoenix Adventure Camp! Go to https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/summer_camps for all the details & sign up info!

USHERS FOR MAY

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

10:30 AM – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz

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

ALTAR GUILD

May 11-17 – TEAM #1 – Beverly Garves, Vanessa McKee, Sherry Kosovich

May 18-24 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

May 15: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

May 22: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 15

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| Worship Service with Communion | 8:00 AM |
| Sunday School | 9:15 AM |
| Confirmation Service..... | 10:00 AM |

Monday, May 16

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| Worship Service with Communion | 6:30 PM |
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Wednesday, May 18

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| Board of Elders..... | 5:30 PM |
| Piano & Instrument Recital | 6:00 PM |

Thursday, May 19

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| Preschool Power Hour | 10:30 AM |
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Sunday, May 22

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| Worship Service | 8:00 AM |
| Worship Service | 10:30 AM |

Statistics – Last Week

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| Attendance: 8:00 AM – 76 |
| 10:30 AM – 73 |
| 6:30 PM – 24 |
| Total Attendance – 173 |