

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Franklin, Wisconsin

The Order of Service

You may not feel blessed when you are hungry or insulted or mourning the death of a loved one. You may not be in the mood to boast when you feel foolish, weak, or lowly. But knowing your difficulties, Jesus still chose you to be his own. He gives you many gifts, and he calls you blessed.

For In Christ, you are made new.

The Opening Hymn

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Christian Worship (2021) Hymn #689

Congregation sings verses 1,2,4/ Small group of students sing verse 3



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, and let my
2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin, from all im -
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, that glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly you may love and seek those



heart and soul be bright, il - lu - mined with the
pure - ness make me clean. O grant me pow'r and
I o - bey your Word. O let your will be
things which are a - bove till I be - hold you



light of grace that is - sues from your ho - ly face.
strength, my God, to strive a - gainst my flesh and blood.
my de - sire and with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

Please Stand

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution of Sins

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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 of the Day

Written by Sophia Polchert & Oliver Koenig

P: Dear God, we thank you for letting your light shine in our lives. We hope that we may help others to see the light of Jesus in their lives as well. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great compassion. Cleanse me from my sins. For it is in Christ that we have eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13

*Our first readings come from Zephaniah 2:3 and Zephaniah 3:11-13.
They remind us that we need to stay humble and not boast in ourselves but boast in the Lord.
We need to keep our trust in the Lord and we know that when we trust in God,
we have the hope of heaven.
Read by Owen Richichi*

^{2:3} Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
you who do what he commands.
Seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you will be sheltered
on the day of the Lord's anger.

^{3:11} On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame
for all the wrongs you have done to me,
because I will remove from you
your arrogant boasters.
Never again will you be haughty
on my holy hill.

¹² But I will leave within you
the meek and humble.
The remnant of Israel
will trust in the name of the Lord.

¹³ They will do no wrong;
they will tell no lies.
A deceitful tongue
will not be found in their mouths.
They will eat and lie down
and no one will make them afraid."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

In 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, we look at how, before God, we were lowly and filthy.

Now, after God showed his grace and mercy, we are pure and holy.

God says that we shall not boast, and we should help others and find Christ in them.

Listen to Paul in the second lesson.

Read by Aaron Petricek

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Following the reading, all the students are invited to come to the front.

Student Anthem

Let It Shine

Sung by 3K – Grade 8 of St. Paul’s School

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

You are a light to the world, a city on a hill shining in the night for all to see.

So let your light brightly shine that others may see our God who reigns in majesty

God is light, and in Him is no darkness. God is light, the pure and holy Word.

If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we shall live eternally.

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

You are the salt of the earth, redeemed by Christ’s great love.

Come and share God's grace for all to see.

A healing balm for the sick, a vessel of change for those who long to be set free, set free.

God is light, and in Him is no darkness. God is light, the pure and holy Word.

If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we shall live eternally.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

Our final reading comes from the book of Matthew, chapter 5, and verses 1-12. We hear how God not only provides for us in time of need, but also blesses us with his whole heart.

Read by Will Clough

^{5:1} Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Student Anthem

Unashamed

Sung by 3K – Grade 8 of St. Paul’s School

Speaker 1:

Three brothers in a fire willing to die for their faith; but You were with them in the fire, and they walked out the next day.

Speaker 2:

And Daniel met a lion because he chose to pray; but You shut the mouth of that lion, and he walked out the next day.

Junior Choir:

So, what’s gonna be said of me when it’s all said and done?
Will I stand for my beliefs or will I turn around and run?
Well, let the whole world hear me say,

All:

I’m unashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the truth that changed my life.
For the name above all names, I’m unashamed.
And I will live my faith out loud; take a stand and stand my ground.
For the One who took my shame, I’m unashamed.

Speaker 3:

I don’t answer to the crowd; I answer to a King. So, the louder they shout, oh the louder I sing.

Junior Choir:

So, what’s gonna be said of me when it’s all said and done?

Will I stand for my beliefs or will I turn around and run?
Well, let the whole world hear me say,

All:

I'm unashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the truth that changed my life.
For the name above all names, I'm unashamed.
And I will live my faith out loud; take a stand and stand my ground.
For the One who took my shame, I'm unashamed.

PreK-4th:

At the name of Jesus, ev'ry knee will bow, and ev'ry tongue confess.
So, let it start right now.

Junior Choir:

Before You come back, Lord, before the rocks cry out,
I will lift my praise. Let it start right now.

All:

I'm unashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the truth that changed my life.
For the Name above all names, I'm unashamed.
And I will live my faith out loud; take a stand and stand my ground.
For the One who took my shame, I'm unashamed.

Students may return to their seats.

Student Skit

"Disciple Auditions"

Congregation Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Christian Worship (2021) Hymn #713

Small group of students sing verse 1; Congregation joins on verses 2 & 3



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Sermon

Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed!

Offering

As our offering is gathered, you are invited to sign the Friendship Registers in each pew.

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church

P: Almighty God, giver of all things, with gladness we give thanks for all your goodness. We bless you for the love with which you created us and by which you sustain us from day to day. We praise you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, through whom you have made known your will and grace. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for your holy Church; for the means of grace; for the encouraging example of the fruits of faith your Spirit produces in the lives of believers; and for the hope of the life to come. Help us treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness with lives that are wholly given to your service:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

P: Save and defend your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and teachers filled with your Spirit and strengthen it through the Word and the holy sacraments. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

P: Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptisms and enable their parents to train them in lives of faith and devotion. By the spirit of affection and service, unite the members of all families, that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world:

C: Hear us, good Lord.

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever:

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

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: Amen.

Closing Hymn

In Christ, Alone Christian Worship (2021) Hymn #510



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



THANK YOU to our student volunteers!

Readers: Will Clough, Owen Richichi, Aaron Petricek

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: The 2025 contribution statements are available in your church mailboxes. 2026 offering envelopes are also in your church mailboxes.

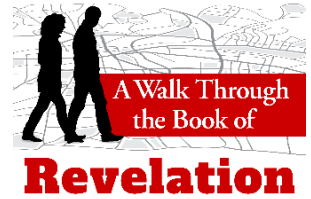
MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST SUBSCRIPTIONS: It's time to renew! The current Meditations and Forward in Christ subscriptions will expire on March 1st. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the narthex if you would like to renew or become a new subscriber. Payment is due when you sign up -- please place your payment in the basket next to the sign-up sheet. Prices are listed on the sign-up sheet. Please sign up by next Sunday, February 8th.

LENTEN SEASON: The Lenten season will soon begin with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. Watch for more information coming soon.

PTO BAKE SALE: Please join us for a PTO Bake Sale on February 18th, immediately following the Ash Wednesday worship services. All proceeds will support our school's general PTO funds. We are seeking volunteers to donate baked goods for the sale. Donations should be prepackaged in groups of 6 or 12 (see [SignUpGenius](#) for specifics) and may be dropped off Tuesday afternoon prior to Ash Wednesday to the labeled tables in entrance area of the church or brought with you if you are attending the 3:30 PM service. Bakers do not need to price their items, as pricing will be handled by the PTO. Please click on the [SignUpGenius](#) link provided to let us know what type of baked good you plan to donate; however, signing up is not required, and we will happily accept all donations! As a reminder, if you are donating gluten-free, dairy-free, or nut-free baked goods, please clearly label them as such. Thank you for your continued support!

CAMP PHILLIP SUMMER CAMPS: Camp Phillip’s Summer Camp registration for Kindergarten – Grade 8 opens on February 2nd. The list of camps offered is available on the narthex counter, or you can check out their website: camphillip.com.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: The book of Revelation is one of the most fascinating—and often most misunderstood—books in the Bible. Many begin studying it only to feel confused or overwhelmed by its vivid and complex visions. What if you could take a guided tour through its pages to better understand and appreciate its meaning and message? Join us Sundays at 8:00 a.m. for **“A Walk Through the Book of Revelation.”** Together, we’ll explore John’s visions, uncover key insights, and discover the hope and truth revealed in this remarkable book. We look forward to seeing you there!



WLHS EXPANSION PLAN PRESENTATIONS: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is excited to share with our conference congregations the preliminary expansion plans for the recently purchased Pick ’n Save property. WLHS will be hosting presentations at several area churches. Following each presentation, attendees will have an opportunity to provide feedback using a QR code. No RSVP is needed—please plan to attend to learn more.

- Christ Lutheran Church, Pewaukee (W240N3103 Pewaukee Road, Pewaukee) – February 5 at 6:30 p.m. (Grand Hall)
- Christ the Lord Lutheran Church (1650 N. Brookfield Road, Brookfield) – February 10 at 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Atonement Lutheran Church, (4500 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee) – February 10 at 1:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- Wisconsin Lutheran High School (330 N. Glenview Ave., Milwaukee) – February 11 at 7:00 p.m. (WLHS Atrium – representative meeting, all are welcome)
- Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls (W156N5436 Bette Drive, Menomonee Falls) – February 15 at 9:15 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Grace Center, Downtown (250 E. Juneau Ave., Milwaukee) – February 22 at 11:45 a.m.
- St. John’s, Wauwatosa (7809 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa) – February 22 at 11:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall – basement)
- Zion Lutheran Church, South Milwaukee (3600 S. Chicago Ave., South Milwaukee) – March 8 at 10:15 a.m.

WLHS KIDS CARNIVAL – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15: Join us at Wisconsin Lutheran High School for the Kids Carnival on Sunday, February 15, 1:00–3:30 p.m. Kids ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to enjoy 45+ games, live animals, and more! Tokens and wristbands can be purchased at the door or online <https://wlhs.myschoolapp.com/podium/default.aspx?t=36644&rid=37110>. Adults are free—bring your camera!

SERVING AT ST. PAUL’S THIS WEEK

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

- 9:00 AM** TEAM #2 – Tony Tripoli, Mark Klein, Steve Mess, Gordy Lesser, Dan Mertz
A/V – Micah Milhans
- 6:30 PM** TEAM #5 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

Jan 28 – Feb 3: TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen/Bob Hille
February 4-10: TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer, Sharon Boushon

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

February 1: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus
February 8: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 1

Adult Bible Class 8:00 AM
Youth-Led Worship Service 9:00 AM
School Open House 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Monday, February 2

Public School Confirmation Class 5:00 PM
Lutheran Girl Pioneers..... 6:00 PM
Worship Service..... 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 3

Women's Bible Study9:00 AM

Thursday, February 5

No School – Winter Break & Teacher In-Service

Friday, February 6

No School – Winter Break & Teacher In-Service

Sunday, February 8

Adult Bible Class8:00 AM

Worship Service.....9:00 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance:

9:00 AM – 123

6:30 PM – 24

Total Attendance – 147

YouTube Views – 35

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"Reaching out to the people of the world through Worship and Education by Living and Sharing the Gospel of Christ."

To our visitors ~ We welcome you in the name of Jesus, the Son of God and our Savior, who died on the cross and was raised in victory on Easter Sunday by the power of God the Father. We are happy to have you here today, and we invite you to come again. We are members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of Christians bound together by a common confession of faith. We would be happy to share our faith with you.

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Our staff is ready to serve you. If you have questions, are ill, have spiritual needs, or are interested in church membership or our school, please feel free to contact the Pastor or the Principal.

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