

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.
- † Our congregation stands at various times throughout the service. If your mobility is limited, please do not feel that you have to stand. You are welcome to remain seated!
- † 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 Wayne Shevey
Organist Ms. Heather Schmidt

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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THE OPENING HYMN“May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

Christian Worship (21) #697



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on
2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;
dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.
hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra-cious help sup - ply.



still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your
One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of
To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian



chil-dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same: a glo-rious crown of life.
fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

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 everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

God is serious about his law because he knows that when his children follow the law carefully, the result is blessing and honor.

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

⁶Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” ⁷What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

⁹Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



Oh, how I love your law!*

I meditate on it all day long.

I have more insight than all my teachers,*

for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders,*

for I obey your precepts.

Refrain

I have kept my feet from every evil path*

so that I might obey your Word.

I have not departed from your laws, *

for you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, *

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

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.....Romans 9:30-10:4

Followers of Christ obey the law, not to attempt to become righteous, but to show heartfelt love to the God who declares us righteous through faith in Jesus.

What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. ³² Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. ³³ As it is written:

“See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall,
and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

^{10:1} Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ² For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³ Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. ⁴ Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight. 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.



Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Mark 7:1-8, 14,15, 21-23

The Pharisees established traditions which they thought safeguarded obedience to God, but they missed God's desire for heartfelt love.

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ²and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.’

⁸You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

¹⁴Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”

²¹For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²²adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY **“O God, My Faithful God”**
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1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing things that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes with kind - ly words and ac - tions,

who good and per - fect gifts in mer - cy are be - stow - ing,
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing,
 grant that no i - dle words may from my lips be fall - ing,
 and let me find good friends for coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 that I do what I should while trust - ing you to bless
 but when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - hurt by sin.
 the out - come for my good, for you must give suc - cess.
 then fill my words with grace lest I of - fend the weak.
 and by your Spir - it's might to live in peace with all.

THE SERMON Mark 7:1-8, 14,15, 21-23
“Mind Your Own Righteousness”

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.

Please be Seated

THE OFFERING

(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)

THE OFFERING PRAYER

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.

Please be Seated

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

Christian Worship (21) #689



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 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 Pastor Adams.

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-joice 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....."Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Christian Worship (21) #705



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep,
- 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands—'tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Thank you to Pastor Wayne Shevey for leading us in worship today. Pastor Shevey serves as Campus Pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Pete & Sherry Kosovich in thanksgiving for their 47th wedding anniversary.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES: The church directories arrived last week! If you did not pick yours up yet, we will be handing them out after services today! *Please note, if you checked a box on the form you filled out when you got your photo taken saying that you wanted to order a directory, no payment was taken at that time by the photographer. The only directories that were ordered were for those who signed up last month at church and turned a payment in. In-Focus uses that check box just as an idea of how many directories the church might order. We apologize for the confusion. If you did not place an order last month but would still like one, we have a limited number of extra directories available for \$10.00 each. There is a basket on the narthex counter with envelopes for payment.

THANK YOU: We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone that helped us with the church directory project! The process took much longer than anticipated, so we appreciate everyone's help and patience in getting it completed!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE: Reminder that there will be no worship service tomorrow, Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day holiday.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE: Beginning on September 8th (next Sunday) we will switch back to our Sunday worship times of 8:00 AM and **10:30 AM**. Mondays remain at 6:30 PM.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Everyone is welcome to join us for Adult Bible Class beginning next Sunday, September 8th in between services, starting at 9:15 AM.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED: We currently have no volunteers to teach Sunday School. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Adams.

SOLES FOR JESUS: St. Paul's is excited to once again be working with Soles For Jesus for our first quarter mission project. SFJ is a non-profit organization that exists to share the love of Christ by distributing shoes to the underserved in sub Saharan Africa. We will be hosting a shoe drive, raising funds to cover shipping costs, and volunteering at the SFJ facility cleaning and packing donated shoes. Here's how you can help:

SHOE DRIVE: Our shoe drive will run August 26th through October 23rd. Donate new or gently used shoes and make a life-changing difference in the life of adults and children in Africa. All sizes are welcome! Collection bins will be located in the back of church and in the school hallway.

RAISING FUNDS: Monetary donations to ship shoes to Africa may be turned into the office.

VOLUNTEERING: On Saturday, September 21st from 9:00-11:00am, St. Paul's church and school adults have been invited to volunteer cleaning and packaging shoes at the SFJ distribution center. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of church. This event is capped at the first 25 volunteers to sign up.

For more information or questions contact Rachel Manske at rmanske@stpaulsfranklin.org.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT: Everyone is invited to bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us on Friday, September 20th for an outdoor movie night featuring the movie *Monsters, Inc.* Snacks and drinks will be provided! Start arriving at 6:00 PM and the movie will start at 7:00 PM.

WELS NATIONAL TEEN BIBLE STUDY (ONLINE): This is a new online opportunity for teens across the country to digitally connect with each other around the Word. It is not intended to replace local ministry efforts but complement existing ministries like the WELS International Youth Rally and area WELS Youth Nights. The goals are to encourage greater spiritual growth during critical teen years and relational connections with other WELS teens locally and across the country. The first online Bible Study will be a 45 minute study led by Pastor Huebner, the campus pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on **Sunday, September 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm** Central Time. The topic will be *Found in Jesus—An Extraordinary Story of God's Love*.

For more information and to register visit:

<https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/national-teen-bible-study/>

ST. PAUL’S YOUTH MINISTRY INTEREST SURVEY: An email survey was sent out recently regarding interest in a youth group here at St. Paul’s. If you did not receive this survey via email, we’d like your feedback! Please see the paper copies of the survey on the narthex counter, or you can find it here: [St. Paul's Youth Ministry Survey](#). Thank you for your time in completing this survey and helping the youth of our congregation!

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 8:00 AM** – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt
- 9:30 AM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz
- 6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

ALTAR GUILD

- August 28-Sept 3 – TEAM #1 – Beverly Garves, Sherry Kosovich, Vanessa McKee
- September 4-10 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- September 1: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus
- September 8: Set-up – Don Druml & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

GRASS CUTTING (CHURCH)

- September 4-7 – CREW #3 – Frank Krajewski
- September 11-14 – CREW #4 – Gary Tosic & Jerry Lehtinen

GRASS CUTTING (CEMETERY)

- September 4-7 – CREW #3 – Gordy Lesser
- September 11-14 – CREW #4 – Connie Roedel

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

- NO SCHOOL
- NO WORSHIP

Sunday, September 8

Worship Service.....8:00 AM
Adult Bible Class9:15 AM
Worship Service.....10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 78

9:30 AM – 82

6:30 PM – 29

Total Attendance – 189