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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
FRANKLIN, WISCONSIN



September 7 & 8, 2025

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**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. Also,

- /* Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- /* 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** ..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Preacher** ..... Pastor Wayne Shevey  
**Organist** ..... Mrs. Kris Karnopp

**HOLY BAPTISM – 9:00 AM**

# OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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### THE OPENING HYMN ..... "Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening"

*Christian Worship (21) #631*



1 Speak, O Sav - ior, I am lis - t'ning, as a ser - vant  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you and to lis - ten  
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing where I quench my  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
to your voice; let me ev - er love and fear you,  
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



to your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, that each day, my whole life  
let your Word still be my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
on your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will be my  
that I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing your



through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your Word e'er  
Lord, flee in ter - ror at your Word; but to all who  
light thro' death's cold and drear - y night; yes, they are my  
praise, from my heart glad an - thems raise, till my high - est



be my plea - sure and my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
feel sin's bur - den you give peace and words of par - don.  
sword pre - vail - ing and my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
praise is giv - en in the end - less joy of heav - en.

**HOLY BAPTISM** ..... **9:00 AM ONLY**

**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 AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS**

**P:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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 while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**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 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.**

**P: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.**

**C: (spoken) Amen.**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**P: The Gospel according to St. Mark:**

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

**P: Willow Heyden Pokrzewinski, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**P: Pine Alan Pokrzewinski, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.**

**P: Receive the sign of the cross on both of your heads and hearts to mark you as redeemed children by Christ the crucified.**

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given both of you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen both of you with his grace all the days of your lives. Peace be with you.

## BAPTISMAL EXHORTATIONS

**P:** *(to parents)* Dear friends, through water and the power of God’s Word, your children have been brought to faith in Jesus, received forgiveness for all their sins, and gained the assurance of eternal life. Jesus now calls on you to keep coming to hear his Word again and again, so that your children will continue in this faith and live in grace all of their days. As Jesus promises, “Remain in me and I will remain in you.”

*(to the congregation)* Brothers and sisters in Christ, these children have been baptized into the family of believers, the holy Christian Church. It is our privilege and responsibility to care for the children of our congregation, to remember them in our prayers, to encourage their parents in their God-given work, and to demonstrate a Christian life. If you are willing to do so, answer: “Yes, and we ask God to help us.”

**Congregation:** Yes, and we ask God to help us.

**P:** Let us pray. Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ, that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on Willow and Pine, that they may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** *(spoken)* **Amen.**

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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:** 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.

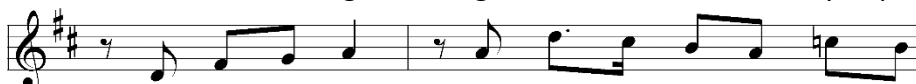
**P:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**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.

O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Please be Seated*

## THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON ..... Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*Prior to settling within the Promised Land, the LORD wants his people to calculate carefully the choice between life and death.*

<sup>15</sup>See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup>For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

<sup>19</sup>This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup>and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

*Refrain*

Lord, you have the words of  
ev - er - last - ing life.

*Psalm tone* \*

The heavens declare the glory of God;\*  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,\*  
their words to the ends of the world.

***Refrain***

The law of the LORD is perfect,\*  
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,\*  
giving light to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold;\*  
they are sweeter than honey.

By them is your servant taught;\*  
in keeping them there is great reward.

*Psalm continues on next page*

*Refrain*

*Psalm tone* \*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart\*  
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

**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..... Philemon 1,7-21**

*The case of the escaped slave, Onesimus, returning to his owner, Philemon, is a perfect example of the cost in following Jesus. Paul encourages Philemon to free Onesimus and embrace him as a brother.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—

<sup>7</sup>Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup>yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>that I appeal to you for my son

Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup>I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup>I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup>I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**P:** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.



*Please Stand*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Luke 14:25-35**

*Jesus teaches us that following him closely will come at a cost.*

<sup>25</sup>Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup>“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup>For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

<sup>31</sup>“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? <sup>35</sup>It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”



*Please be Seated*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY ..... "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

Christian Worship (21) #694



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and  
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my  
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,  
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, you on  
Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are  
scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your  
winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,  
not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,  
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;  
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is  
God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and  
you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and  
swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!  
friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.  
clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.  
heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

THE SERMON ..... Philemon 1,7-21

"Trust the Value of the Mediator"

*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 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 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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN (SUNDAY ONLY) .....“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”**

*Christian Worship (21) #831*

- 1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
- 2 When life’s trou - bles rise to meet me, though their weight
- 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, and I will
- 4 From God’s joy can noth - ing sev - er, for I am
- 5 Since I know God nev - er fails me, in his voice

*Hymn continues on next page*



with his cheer; nev - er will he leave me.  
 may be great, they will not de - feat me.  
 trust him still when he sends me sad - ness.  
 his dear lamb, he, my Shep - herd ev - er.  
 I'll re - joice when grim death as - sails me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en that God's Son  
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sees them; he who knows  
 God is good; his love at - tends me day by day,  
 I am his be - cause he gave me his own blood  
 Trust - ing in my Sav - ior's mer - it, safe at last,



for me won when his life was giv - en?  
 all my woes knows how best to end them.  
 come what may, guides me and de - fends me.  
 for my good, by his death to save me.  
 trou - bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

*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.

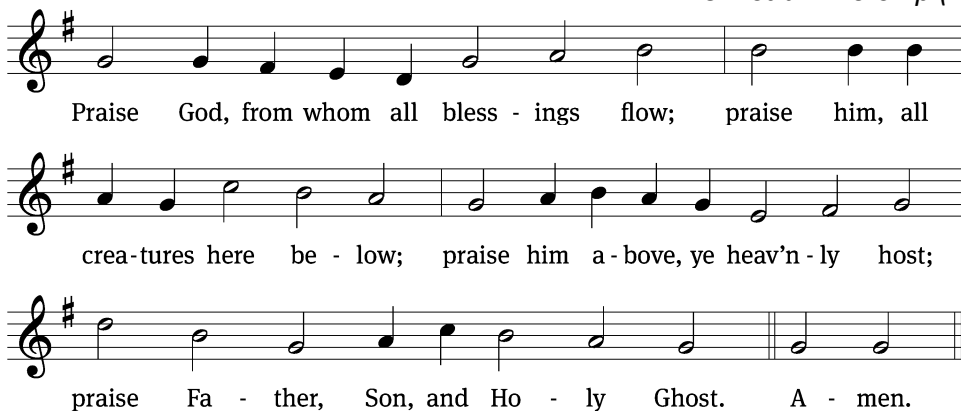
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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THE CLOSING HYMN..... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Christian Worship (21) #617*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;  
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:** Over the past three months, we have worshiped together in **one combined service at 9:00 a.m.** This change has brought a number of blessings that we've been able to see and appreciate:

- **Unity & Fellowship** – everyone gathers together, strengthening community and giving a greater sense of family.
- **Fuller Sanctuary** – a filled worship space creates energy, stronger singing, and a more vibrant atmosphere.
- **Welcoming to Guests** – a fuller sanctuary offers a warmer and more inviting impression to visitors.
- **Simpler Scheduling** – volunteer coordination is easier with one service.
- **Volunteer Relief** – reduces strain on musicians, ushers, tech teams, and others who serve.
- **Shared Identity** – prevents the congregation from splitting into “early service” and “late service” groups.
- **Participation in Worship** – scheduling choirs, children’s singing, and musicians is simpler when we worship together.

We are very grateful for all the feedback you have shared with us—whether through the survey or in personal conversations. Every comment was read and valued, and your input has helped us gain a clearer understanding of the concerns and hopes surrounding this decision.

This past Wednesday, the Board of Elders met in person to carefully review the survey results and discuss the pros and cons of one service versus two. After much prayerful consideration, the Board has determined that continuing with one Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. is the best direction for St. Paul's at this time. While the survey results strongly supported this, our decision was not based simply on numbers but on the many blessings of worshiping together as one congregation.

This was not an easy or quick decision, but one the Board believes is best for our congregation right now. Please note that the Monday evening service will continue at its current time at 6:30pm.

Scripture encourages us not to give up meeting together (Hebrews 10:25) and reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). While worship times and schedules may change, the message of Christ crucified and risen remains the same.

In Christ's service,

St. Paul's Board of Elders

Bob Hille, Chairman

Steve Baade

Dan Mertz

Roberto Matus

Steve Mess

Tom Spitzer

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for Pastor Wayne Shevey for sharing God's word with us this weekend. Pastor Shevey serves as a Campus Pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** This weekend's altar flowers are given by Gary & Donna Boldt in thanksgiving for their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**BAPTISMS:** Sunday in the 9:00 AM service Willow Pokrzewinski and Pine Pokrzewinski will be received into God's kingdom through holy baptism. Willow and Pine are the children of Brandon and Gwyn Pokrzewinski. May the Lord bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

**HELP NEEDED:** Help is needed on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to spread mulch around the church. We will start at 9am. Please bring shovels, rakes, and wheelbarrows if you have them. The more volunteers we have the faster it will go! Sign-up sheet in the back of church or text/call Denise Johnson at 414-617-0569 if you are able to help! Thank you!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Mark your calendars and watch for details. We extend an invitation for women of any age and their friends to look more closely at what God shares in his Word. We would enjoy growing and sharing our faith with you. The Bible study is planned to start on Tuesday, Oct 7 in the Bible classroom at 9:00 AM, led by Jean Terek (414-704-0311) and Lucy Ellenberger (414-759-1032). Our study will focus on the book "God Understands: Encouragement from the Book of Daniel" by Jeremy Mattek. We follow a schedule of meeting every two weeks on Tuesdays for one hour. Sign-up sheets will be out in a couple weeks. Questions? Just give us a call.

**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT:** Everyone is invited to bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> for an outdoor movie night featuring the movie *Finding Nemo*. Snacks and drinks will be provided! Start arriving at 6:00 PM and the movie will start at 7:00 PM.

**FURNACE REPLACEMENTS:** Through your generous donations, we are happy to report that we have met our replacement goal! Thanks be to God!

**ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP:** Students in Grades 7-12 are invited to join our Youth Group on Sunday mornings. Watch for more information coming soon!

**ST. PAUL'S MARY & MARTHA SOCIETY:** The 2025-2026 opening meeting of the Mary & Martha Society will be on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. It will be a planning meeting and an opportunity to learn about the mission of Mary & Martha Society and for you to offer suggestions on speakers and topics of interest to members of St. Paul's. All are invited to attend. Thank you.

**WELS MILWAUKEE YOUTH MINISTRY KICK OFF:** The WELS Milwaukee Youth Ministry kick off will be on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at WLC. Students in Grades 9-12 are invited to come for games, snacks, worship and small group discussions. The event will take place in the Center for Arts and Performance, [8815 W Wisconsin Ave](https://admissions.wlc.edu/register/youth-night-sept), with free parking in the Parking Center located at [8701 W Wisconsin Ave](https://admissions.wlc.edu/register/youth-night-sept).

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## **SERVING AT ST. PAUL'S THIS WEEK**

### **USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

- 9:00 AM** TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski, Adrian Boldt  
TEAM #6 – Walter Falkowski, Jacob Marciniak, Kevin Swanson, Tim Karol, Troy Nemitz
- 6:30 PM** TEAM #7 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

### **ALTAR GUILD**

- September 3-9: TEAM #4 – Sarah Carabacan, Denise Johnson, Colleen Qualmann  
September 10-16: TEAM #4 – Sarah Carabacan, Denise Johnson, Colleen Qualmann

### **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

- September 7: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Carl & Carolyn Streeter  
September 14: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

### **GRASS CUTTING (CHURCH & SCHOOL)**

- September 10-13: CREW #4 – Gary Tosic & Jerry Lehtinen  
September 17-20: CREW #1 – Kevin Swanson

### **GRASS CUTTING (CEMETERY)**

- September 10-13: CREW #4 – Connie Roedel  
September 17-20: CREW #1 – Gary Boldt

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, September 7

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

### Monday, September 8

Worship Service with Communion..... 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, September 9

Church Council ..... 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, September 10

Board of Elders..... 5:30 PM

### Saturday, September 13

Mulch Spreading .....9:00 AM

### Sunday, September 14

Worship Service.....9:00 AM

### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance:

9:00 AM – 137

Total Attendance – 137

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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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