
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
FRANKLIN, WISCONSIN



November 30 & December 1, 2025

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 Brian Adams
Organist Ms. Laura Rodrigue

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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THE OPENING HYMN "The Advent of Our King" *Christian Worship (21) #309*



1 The ad - vent of our King our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son, in flesh con - tent to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise to meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain



and we must hymns of wel - come sing in strains of ho - ly joy.
him - self a ser - vant's form puts on to set his ser - vants free.
nor let a faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring,
and his true mem - bers all u - nite with him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
let sin's dark deeds be gone,
the old self all be put away,
the new self now put on.

6 All glory to the Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
through all eternity.

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.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

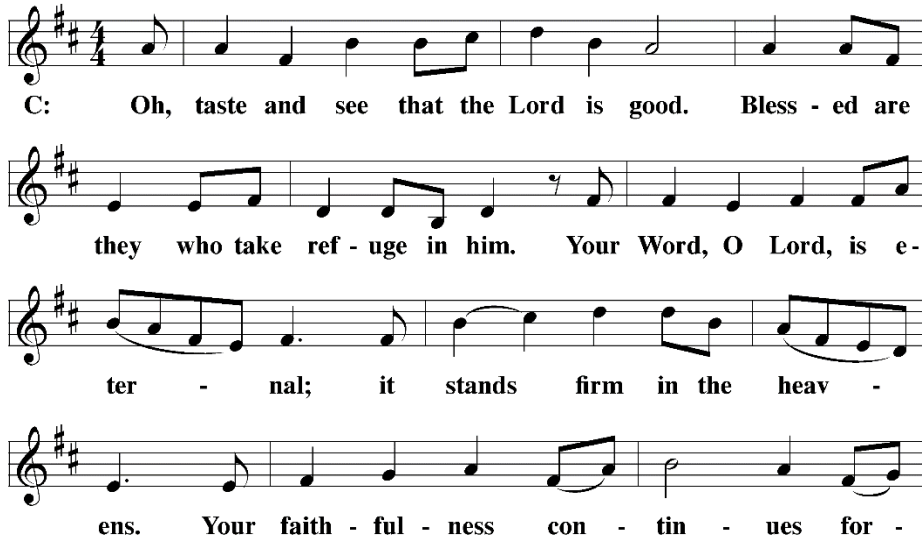
P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Oh, Taste and See'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -'.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
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Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be Seated

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5

In the future, when our King arrives again, he will transform this world.

¹This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

²In the last days

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established

as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,

and all nations will stream to it.

³Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.


Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY **Psalm 24**

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Refrain



Let the Lord en-ter; he is the King of glo-ry.

Psalm tone



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The earth is the LORD’S, and everything in it,*
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas*
and established it upon the waters.

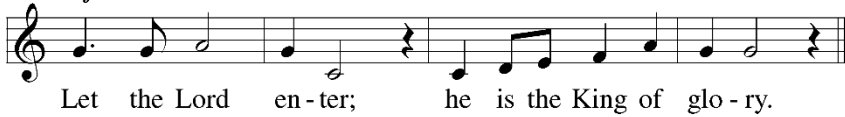
Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his holy place?

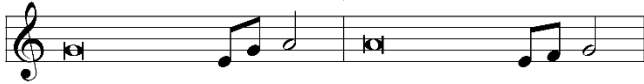
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He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*
he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

Refrain



Psalm tone



Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?*
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?*
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**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..... Philipians 4:4-7

Our present life is transformed from nervousness to excitement and joy because of the arrival of the King.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. 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.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON..... Matthew 21:1-11

The King of all creation arrives in total humility, willing to do everything necessary to save us from the consequences of our sin.

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵“Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated



THE HYMN OF THE DAY "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Christian Worship (21) #301



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, by the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the
cend - ed to the same, cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, praise to God the



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

THE SERMON Philipians 4:4-7

Please Stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be Seated

THANKSGIVING

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.

Please be Seated

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates"

Christian Worship (21) #305



- 1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be - hold, the King of
- 2 The King is born in pov - er - ty, his char - iot is hu -
- 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the rul - er
- 4 Fling wide the gates; pre - pare your heart to be a tem - ple
- 5 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to you; here,

Hymn continues on next page

glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing near; the
mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, his
is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py homes to
set a - part from earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, a -
Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with your sav - ing grace; show

Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal - va - tion
scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of all our
whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less sun of
dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your Sov - 'reign
me your kind and friend - ly face. Your Ho - ly Spir - it

he will bring; there - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing. To
woe he brings; there - fore the earth is glad and sings. To
joy is he who comes to set his peo - ple free. To
en - ter in and new and no - bler life be - gin. To
guide us on un - til our glo - rious goal is won. E -

God the Fa - ther raise your joy - ful songs of praise.
Christ the Sav - ior raise your grate - ful hymns of praise.
God the Spir - it raise your hap - py shouts of praise.
God a - lone be praise for word and deed and grace!
ter - nal praise and fame we of - fer to your name.

Please Stand

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

CLOSING HYMN **“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”**
Christian Worship (21) #524



1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2 The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come



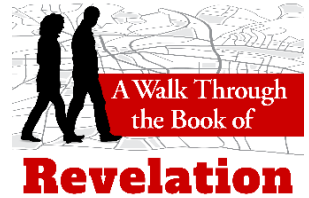
Re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re - joi - ce!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re - joi - ce!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re - joi - ce!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re - joi - ce!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW 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!



MARY & MARTHA COOKIE SALE: A signup sheet is located on the narthex counter for anyone in the congregation who is interested in making Christmas cookies for the annual Mary & Martha cookie sale. Please consider baking a batch of cookies (100 cookies if possible) for this sale. Please have your cookies labeled "Mary & Martha cookie sale" and dropped off at church by 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 13. Anyone from St. Paul's is welcome to come and help pack the cookie boxes on Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 AM. The sale will take place at each service on Sunday, December 14th & Monday, December 15th. The proceeds from this sale benefit the ongoing work of the Mary & Martha Society and their support of missions.

NO ADULT BIBLE CLASS: There will be no Adult Bible Class today (Sunday, November 30th). Class will resume next Sunday, December 7th.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (GRADES 7-12): Our Youth Bible Study group will meet today, Sunday, November 30th following the 9:00 AM worship service. We hope you can join us!

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES & MEAL: On Wednesday, December 10th we will be having our Midweek Advent worship services at 3:30 PM & 6:30 PM. Junior Choir will be singing at our 3:30 PM service. The Board of Elders will also be serving a meal in between the services beginning at 4:30 PM. If you would like to attend the meal, please sign up on the form on the narthex counter, or online [here](#). Please sign up by Monday, December 1st.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 22-26, 2026. More details to come in spring.

CLASSROOM WISH LISTS: Years ago we had a Christmas tree in our school lobby full of "wishes" for our classrooms, but now our tree is digital! If you would like to grant a classroom wish, please scan the QR Code on the poster in the narthex. If you'd like to donate without shopping online, there are blank envelopes on the narthex counter for your use. Thank you for your support of our school!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER: Do you want a date night without children? Maybe you want to get some holiday shopping done? Our PTO is planning a Parents Night Out on **Friday, December 12**. Children will be served a dinner of pizza and veggies, do some crafts and play some games, hear some stories, and join in a devotion. It will go from 6:00-8:00PM and is open to all St. Paul's families with children in grades 3K-6th. There will be a \$20 fee per child with all proceeds going toward PTO projects in the school. Do you have a 7th or 8th grader that you would like to attend? They can sign up as a volunteer to help with the younger groups - similar to VBC. If you are interested, **please register your children by Friday, December 5** by using this [Google Form](#). Questions? Contact Heather Schmidt: hschmidt@stpaulsfranklin.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARENTS NIGHT OUT: If you are available on Friday, December 12 from 5:00 to 8:30 and are interested in volunteering to help with serving food, running a craft or game station, supervising children etc. for our Parents Night Out, please let us know using this [Signup Genius](#) or contact the office. In order for the night to run smoothly, we will need about 20-30 volunteers! Questions? Contact Heather Schmidt: hschmidt@stpaulsfranklin.org

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

Thanksgiving Eve Worship – Wednesday, November 26th at 6:30 PM

*No Thanksgiving Day Worship

Advent Service – Wednesday, December 10th at 3:30 PM and 6:30 PM (supper in between)

3K & 4K Christmas Program – Friday, December 19th at 11:00 AM

Worship Service – Sunday, December 21st at 9:00 AM

*No Monday evening Worship on December 22nd

Children's Christmas Service (K5-Grade 8) – Sunday, December 21st at 4:30 PM

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

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

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

Worship Service – Sunday, December 28th at 9:00 AM

*No Monday evening Worship on December 29th

*No evening New Year's Eve Worship

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING: Do you love to decorate for the holidays? If so, we are looking for you! We'd like to find a small group of people that would like to decorate the church for Christmas! Decorating will take place on Sunday, December 7th after the 9:00 AM service. If you are willing to help, please sign up on the narthex counter!

FINANCIAL UPDATE AND SPECIAL APPEAL: We are profoundly grateful for your ongoing and generous voluntary support. We have collected \$3,410.00 toward our current budget shortfall. Thank you for your sacrifice, your commitment to our shared mission, and your faithfulness. If you have any questions or comments regarding the fiscal responsibility of our congregation and community, please speak with Pastor Adams or any member of your elected council. In Christ, Your Council

LUTHERAN CHORALE CONCERT: The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee will present their Prelude to Christmas concert, entitled *Emmanuel Lives* on Sunday, November 30th at 2:00 PM at Atonement Lutheran Church, 4500 N. Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee.

WLHS DECEMBER CONCERT SERIES: In December, Wisconsin Lutheran High School offers three concerts as a way to prepare for and celebrate the Christmas season. Everyone is invited to these free upcoming concerts:

- **Thursday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m.** – Winter Chamber Ensembles Concert
- **Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m.** – WLHS Winter Band & Orchestra Concert
- **Sunday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.** – Sacred Choral Christmas Concert

All performances will be livestreamed at wlhs.org/livestream.

TAHER JOB OPENING AT WLHS - FULL-TIME CHEF/COOK: Wisconsin Lutheran High School is seeking a full-time chef/cook to join our energetic kitchen team serving meals to students and faculty. This position is primarily Monday–Friday, 6:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., with a possible short shift every other weekend to support our international student program. For more information, please contact **Sarah Derouin** at chef@wlhs.org.

SERVING AT ST. PAUL’S THIS WEEK

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

- 9:00 AM** TEAM #2 – Tony Tripoli, Steve Mess, Micah Milhans
TEAM #5 – Randy LaPorte, Tom Spitzer, Gary Eickhorst
A/V – Declan & Noelle Young
- 6:30 PM** TEAM #7 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

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

USHERS FOR MIDWEEK ADVENT (DECEMBER 10TH)

- 3:30 PM** 7th & 8th Grade
- 6:30 PM** TEAM #1 – Gary Boldt, Bob Hille, Brandon Wirtz, Larry Stujenske, Craig Gebert, Pete Kosovich

ALTAR GUILD

- November 19-25: TEAM #1 – Beverly Garves, Sherry Kosovich
Nov 26–Dec 2: TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh, Karen & Bob Hille

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

- November 30: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Carl & Carolyn Streeter
December 7: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 30

No Adult Bible Study

Worship Service..... 9:00 AM

Youth Bible Study (Grades 7-12) 10:00 AM

Monday, December 1

Public School Confirmation Class 5:00 PM

Lutheran Girl Pioneers..... 6:00 PM

Worship Service..... 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 2

Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM

Sunday, December 7

Adult Bible Study 8:00 AM

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

Church Christmas Decorating..... 10:00 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Attendance:

9:00 AM – 270

6:30 PM – 19

Total Attendance – 289

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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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Friendship Register
on your mobile device
using the code to
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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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scan the code to the
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