



St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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after Pentecost

The Beginning of the End >



**It's Time to
Invite the Unworthy**

Welcome to honored guests and St. Paul's family alike!

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service.

Our worship is designed for your whole family. Find children's busy bags, a book that teaches young children about worship, children's bulletins, and children's worship note sheets on the cart near the central sanctuary doors.

God loves the sound of children in worship, and so do we! If you need to step out of worship for a moment, we have a **family room** located through the door in the back of the fellowship hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to talk with you about how we can serve you with the Gospel and make here your home!

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Our worship series | **The beginning of the end**

Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ's finished work for us.

Our preparation for the end is not about trying to predict signs or earn God's favor. Instead, it is about remaining rooted in Jesus: hearing the word, receiving the sacraments, and trusting the promises of forgiveness. These are God's ways of keeping us ready.

"The Beginning of the End" reminds us that history is moving toward our own death and Christ's return. For believers that end is truly a beginning.

Today's worship theme | **Invite the unworthy**

Don't you hate it when someone has prepared an excellent meal, but travel delays mean that certain friends or relatives don't get to enjoy it? Sometimes there are no leftovers, and an opportunity is lost.

God has prepared an extraordinary spiritual meal for all people. It is received by faith. But it is not offered forever. The day will come when body and soul are separated, and those who do not believe in Jesus as their Savior will not share in his blessings. It's the beginning of the end. Now is the time to issue the invitation!

Our prayer before worship | **to be eager and willing to invite the unworthy**

God of glory, eternal King, help us to recognize the signs of the end times around us and to live each day with the realization that it could be the Last Day. Move us to hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Keep us zealous in your service, joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer, so that when that day comes, we will be among those looking up to see our Savior coming in the clouds. In his name we pray, Amen.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: ***"Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."***

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

His Robes for Mine

CW 568

In the waters of baptism Jesus robes us in his righteousness, making us worthy of his gracious invitation.



1 His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex - change!
2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
3 His robes for mine: God's jus - tice is ap - peased.
4 His robes for mine: such an - guish none can know.



Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.
God's daunt - ing law Christ mas - tered in my stead.
Je - sus is crushed, and thus the Fa - ther's pleased.
Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though his foe.



Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.
Fault - less I stand with right - eous works not mine,
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a - lone;



In Christ I live, for in my place he died.
saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.
Sin's wage is paid, pro - pi - ti - a - tion won.
I, as though he, em - braced and wel - comed home!



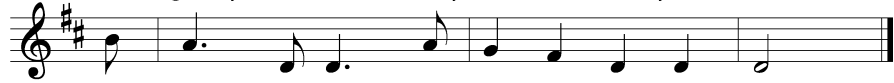
I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:



Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.



Bought by such love, my life is not my own.



My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

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P(residing minister) | In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C(ongregation) | Amen.

Confession

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 | Amen.

Ainsley and her parents gather at the font.

Sacrament of Baptism

Ainsley Maria Lynch

- *Baptism reading | Mark 10:13-16*
- *Baptism*
- *Sign of the cross*
- *Blessing*
- *Exhortations*
- *Prayer*

Ainsley and her parents return to their seats.

Lord, Have Mercy

P | In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C | Lord, have mercy.

P | Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C | Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

The musical score is written on ten staves. The first staff is a short instrumental introduction. The second staff begins the vocal melody with the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.' The third staff continues with 'Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We'. The fourth staff continues 'wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your'. The fifth staff continues 'glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his'. The sixth staff continues 'peo - ple on earth.' and then 'Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly'. The seventh staff continues 'Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you'. The eighth staff continues 'take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on'. The ninth staff continues 'us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the'. The tenth staff concludes with 'Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.' The key signature changes from C major to F major (one flat) at the beginning of the sixth staff.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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P | The Lord be with you.

C | And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P | Let us pray: Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

The prophet Isaiah describes the heavenly banquet which is entered through faith in God's saving work.

⁶On this mountain
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food,
a banquet of aged wines,
with the best cuts of meat,
and with the finest wines.

⁷On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

⁸He has swallowed up death forever!
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.
For the LORD has spoken.

⁹On that day it will be said,
“Look, here is our God!
We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD!
We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day | How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

Psalm 84B



1 How love - ly is your dwell - ing place, O God, I
3 How rich the joy to live with you, and sing your
4 How blessed are those who trust your care, the path to
6 One day I hold with you more dear than thou - sands
7 My sun, my shield, my heart, my grace, my bless - ing



long to see your face. My soul in - to your
praise my whole life through; how hap - py those who
you is sweet and fair; to pil - grim ears the
spent a - way from here. If I could stand be -
sure, my dwell - ing place, un - fail - ing light to



courts would wing and, in your pres - ence, glad - ly sing.
trav - el here to find their God is ev - er near.
des - ert sings, dry ground is laced with cool, clear springs.
fore your door and serve you well, I'd want no more.
pil - grim's feet who jour - ney forth their God to meet.

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Second Reading

Romans 1:16-17

We proclaim that we are saved through faith in Christ alone.

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, “The righteous will live by faith.”

P | The Word of the Lord.

C | **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:6

P | Alleluia! On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

The King gives us the privilege—while there is time—of inviting people to his heavenly wedding banquet.

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come.

⁴“Then he sent out other servants and said, ‘Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!’

⁵“But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized the king’s servants, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. ¹³Then the king told the servants, ‘Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P | The Gospel of the Lord.

C | **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 573

Only through Jesus' blood shed for us and righteousness lived in our place are we invited to be his forever.



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
this then shall be my only plea: Jesus has lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! Your boundless mercy has for me,
for me and all your hands have made, an everlasting ransom paid.

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Sermon

Isaiah 25:6-9

The banquet beckons

Points to ponder following the sermon:

- How hungry am I?
- Who am I inviting as my plus one? And my plus two? And three? Etc.

Nicene Creed

C | 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 truly 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.

Offering

To our honored guests: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.

*If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or give an offering online by going to **stpauls.edu** or by **scanning this QR code**.*



Prayer of the Church

P | Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C | Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

P | Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C | Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

P | Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C | Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

P | Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C | Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

P | Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C | Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

P | Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C | Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

P | Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P | We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C | Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

P | Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C | Amen.

Preface

P | The Lord be with you.

C | And also 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 | It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. The first staff is a prelude consisting of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, ending with a double bar line. The subsequent five staves contain the lyrics. The melody is in a single key with a flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est!' The final staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P | Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C | **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**C | 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.**

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C | Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. It consists of 11 measures. The lyrics are: "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. A - men." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

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Distribution of Holy Communion

To our honored guests: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul's, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and can express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

CW 881

Rejoicing in Christ's forgiveness, Jesus invites us to sing his praises robed in his holiness forever in glory!



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus



res - ur - rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark
eye has yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges
lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less



sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing; soon the
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it; there on
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on



storms of time shall cease; in God's like - ness we a -
high our wel - come waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it
faith; what joy un - known, when, a - mid earth's clos - ing



wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

Text: William J. Irons, 1812–1883, alt.

Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827

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Come unto Me, Ye Weary

CW 706

Jesus invites us to receive (and share) his rest, light, and life which no one can snatch away from us!



- 1 "Come un - to me, ye wea - ry, and I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to me, ye wan - d'ers, and I will give you light."
- 3 "Come un - to me, ye faint - ing, and I will give you life."
- 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, which comes to hearts op - pressed!
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, which comes to cheer the night!
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, which comes to aid our strife!
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, of par - don, grace, and peace,
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, and we had lost our way,
The foe is stern and ea - ger, the fight is fierce and long,
which, though we be un - wor - thy of love so great and free,



of joy that has no end - ing, of love that can - not cease.
but thou hast brought us glad - ness and songs at break of day.
but thou hast made us might - y and strong - er than the strong.
in - vites us ver - y sin - ners to come, dear Lord, to thee!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857

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P | Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C | his mercy endures forever.

P | Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C | we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P | We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C | Amen.

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.

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

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Though we are completely unworthy, oh what a foretaste of the heaven to which Jesus invites!

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to
stand in joy be - side you.

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A study of why we worship the way we do

Starting October 11!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 24th

5 pm start

**@ Kingsway Circle
(parking by St. Paul's)**

**fabulous food
tremendous treats**

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**St. Paul's
FEAT**

Fellowship Event Action Team

+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today we will begin our study of Wise Worship Whys with a look at the structure and Scripture behind the worship service. Sunday school for the children will take place at the same time.

Congratulations | Ainsley Lynch!

We praise and thank God for bringing you into his family of faith through this loving gift. We pray that he will continue to build you up in that faith every day of your life. What a joy to celebrate alongside you and your family today!

Counting God's blessings

Last week we had the children of our K-8 singing in the service and there were more than 50 in attendance (as well as a number of our preschoolers)! Add to that the over 160 total attendees from our school family and we are simply left in awe of the ministry God has placed before us. What a joy to help so many to see Jesus!

Call-ing all members

Next **Sunday, October 18th**, we will have our next call meeting where we will receive two lists to help fill our **2nd grade** classroom as well as expand our school by splitting the **3rd grade** and **4th grade** (Mr. U). Please come to this important meeting next week.

Reformation potluck

On **Sunday, October 25th**, we will celebrate the festival of Reformation in worship, and gather for some food and Reformation trivia. For those planning to bring food, German-themed dishes are encouraged, but not required.

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

last Sunday's worship attendance | 256
freewill offering | \$4,229

health | **Lorene Seidenstucker** (hospitalized awaiting analysis); **Carole Chapman** (recovering from surgery at home); **Kris Christie** (mother of Karl, continued recovery); **Denise Costa** (mother of 1st grade student, malignant brain tumor); **Liesse Foley** (mother of Hannah, health complications); **Mark Hasenjager** (brother of David, terminal brain cancer); **Brenda Rivers** (recovery from surgery); **Stacey Rolén** (daughter of Rick and Angie Freihofer, recovering from surgery); **Barbara Sadler**, **Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery)

Oct 18 | Call meeting after the service
Oct 19 - 25 | Pastor James on vacation
Oct 24 | Trunk or Treat 5 PM
Oct 25 | Reformation potluck after the service
Oct 28 | Reformation Sundae

Our congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. As a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or our church, school, and preschool can serve you, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Our Synod

St. Paul's belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), congregations united in faith and in desire to serve everyone we can with the truth of God's saving Word. To learn more, visit wels.net or ask a pastor.

Our worship

We gather for worship Sundays at 9:30 am and for children's and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.





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