

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to
come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else
in all creation, **Will** be
able to **separate**
us from the love
of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38-39, NRSV

JESUS CHRIST:
CONQUEROR OF SATAN AND TEMPTATION!

The First Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Wisconsin Rapids, WI*

January 21, 2021



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. For worshippers joining us in person, we are happy you are here. If you have any questions, just ask an usher or other volunteer.

We would love to see just what kind of impact our worship services are making. Please fill out our online Connect Card to let us know where you're worshipping from and how we might continue to serve you. You can find a link at www.stpaulswr.org/watch. You can also contact us via email or phone (churchoffice@stpaulswr.org or 715-421-3634) with any questions or prayer requests.

SPECIAL GUIDELINES DURING THE PANDEMIC

- † **Please practice social distancing whenever possible.** Keep close personal interactions to a minimum, especially when inside the building. Please feel free to worship from the Welcome Center, if you feel uncomfortable with the number of people in the sanctuary.
- † **Please practice good hygiene.** Masks, hand sanitizer, and kleenex are available in the Welcome Center. Our restrooms are located along the hallway on the west side of the worship space.
- † **Large print service folders, hearing devices, and printouts of the Bible readings** are available on the Information Booth in the Welcome Center, if you need them.
- † **Your offering and connect card** can be placed in the slots on the top of the Information Booth in the Welcome Center. If you have a smartphone, you can fill out the online connect card. Empty offering plates will be brought forward and placed on the altar to symbolize our sacrifice to God.
- † **Children's bulletins** can be picked up at the Information Booth in the Welcome Center. If your children become fussy, you can quiet them in the Welcome Center. The Children's Message will still take place. However, the children will not be invited forward. Please keep them with you in your pew.

† **Please wait for the ushers to dismiss you.** Following post-service announcements, pastor(s) will leave down the side aisles and head outside to greet you. Ushers will dismiss worshipers from the back moving forward; and down the center aisle, as well as the side aisles. This is to minimize personal contact. Please take this service folder with you and dispose of it properly.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY



Every season of the Church year focuses on Jesus; that's obvious. We just ended Epiphany, when we focused on the mystery of Jesus being revealed to us in powerful ways. Throughout the Sundays in Lent, we will again fix our eyes on the Godman, Jesus Christ. In focusing on him, we will see again what he gives to us as we follow him, not just to the cross, but in our entire lives. This Sunday reminds us of the power and restoration we have because of Christ's victory over temptation and the devil himself. Let us worship Jesus Christ, our conqueror!

The liturgical color¹ for this Sunday is purple, the color of Lent, which signifies repentance and mourning over sin.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the questions on page 10 of this service folder.

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¹ The liturgical color is found on the pastor's stole, the pulpit, and the altar.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

The service of word and sacrament proclaims the gospel through God's Word and the Lord's Supper.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Savior, When in Dust to You | CW 124
Verse 1-All; 2-Women; 3-Men; 4-All

Please stand.

INVOCATION

Minister (M): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation (C): **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.**

M: 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.**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: ♪ O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.
Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love,
You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;
You make us pure and holy in your sight.
You did not spare your only Son,
but gave him up for us all.
O Lord, our Lord, how glorious
is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father,
You came to live with us;
you made your Father known;
You washed us from our sins in your own blood.
You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!
O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. ♪

CW p.28

Even though our praise may be more "muted" during Lent (more of a focus on confession of sins, more minor-keyed hymns, no "Alleluias"), we can still sing a joyful noise to God, especially when we consider each Sunday to be a "little Easter."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord of strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:1-18

The LORD provides a better sacrifice.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 25 | CW p.74

Pastors will sing the verses; all sing the refrain and the "Glory be to the Father..."

All: ♪ **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul;**
In you I trust, my God. ♪

Pastors: To you, O LORD, I lift 'up my soul,*
In you I trust, 'O my God.
Remember, O LORD, your great mer'cy and love,*
For they are 'from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my re'bellious ways,*
For you are 'good, O LORD.

All: ♪ **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul;**
In you I trust, my God. ♪

Pastors: Turn to me and be gra'cious to me,*
For I am lonely and af'flicted.
Look upon my affliction and 'my distress*
And take away 'all my sins.
Guard my life and 'rescue me,*
For I take ref'uge in you.

All: ♪ **Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son***
And to the Holy 'Spirit,
As it was in the be'ginning,*
Is now, and will be forever. 'Amen. ♪

All: ♪ **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul;**
In you I trust, my God. ♪

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:31-39

Since Jesus has conquered Satan, we too are conquerors!

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses,
C: **but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.** (Hebrews 4:15 NIV)

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

Jesus conquers Satan for us!

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

For the time being, please keep your children in the pews.

HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | CW 200
Verse 1-All; 2-Women; 3-Men; 4-All*

SERMON

Trust in the LORD Who Provides

Please stand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the 4th century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God.

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.

Be seated.

THE THANK OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Remain seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** Lord Jesus, you are the author and perfecter of our faith. Obeying your Father's will, you endured the cross and scorned its shame.
- C:** **Now you sit at the right hand of the throne of God, governing all things.**
- M:** Lord, we confess that it was for us and for our salvation that you came to this world to suffer and die. You bore our guilt. You endured our punishment. You experienced the wrath of God in our place.
- C:** **For your unselfish sacrifice on our behalf, help us show our gratitude to you in everything we think, say, and do.**
- M:** As we walk through life, keep us from becoming entangled by sin. Remove all obstacles and stumbling blocks, and keep us from falling or going astray. Help us run with perseverance the race that you have marked out for us. When that way involves pain, suffering, or persecution, help us view these things as things you use to draw us ever closer to you.
- C:** **Remind us that you discipline us for our good.**
- Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Hold before us the example of those who have gone before us, bearing the cross for you. As you led them, so lead us. As you strengthened them, so strengthen us.

Keep our eyes fixed on you, for then we shall surely arrive safely at the heavenly home you have prepared for us.

C: Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

Please stand.

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

In this holy supper, we celebrate the gift of Jesus' redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of his truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

THE PREFACE - CW p. 33

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.* 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 for ever and ever.

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.
You are my God, and I will exalt you.
I will give you thanks,
for you have become my salvation.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.**

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

CW p.35

C: ♪ Amen.

**C: ♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.
Amen. ♪**

Please be seated and await the direction of the ushers.

QUESTIONS FOR EXAMINATION

- † *Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness?*
- † *Do I believe that Jesus died on the cross to win forgiveness for me?*
- † *Do I believe that Jesus offers his true body and blood with the bread and wine in this sacrament?*
- † *Do I believe this sacrament strengthens my faith and strengthens me to live a God-pleasing life?*
- † *Am I a member of a church that belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS)?*
- † *If you answered "no" to any of these questions, please hold off on communing with us today. Following worship, one of the pastors would be happy to explain why we ask you to do this.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

If you are in need of gluten free wafers or grape juice, please ask for directions from an usher.

Please stand.

THANKSGIVING

| CW 316

C: ♪ O Jesus, blessed Lord, to thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me thy body and thy blood.

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart -
How blest am I! How good thou art! ♪**

M: Let us pray together.

C: 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. Amen.

M: 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 upon you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen.

Be seated.



The closing hymn, which is printed on the next page, beautifully connects Isaac's question from Genesis 22 to our Savior, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

CLOSING HYMN

The Lamb | CW 714

All sing the refrain; Verse 1-Pastors; 2-All; 3-Women; 4-Men; 5-All



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

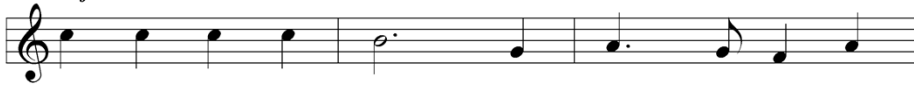


sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
our be - half the law to fill.
gives me his own right - eous - ness.
ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.



TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

1. Multiple sections of the New Testament refer back to Abraham's faith and trust in God. Read Romans 4:1-5; Hebrews 6:13-20; and Hebrews 11:8-19. What insights are added to Genesis 22 from these three sections?
2. Romans 8 is arguably one of the most comforting sections of Scripture. Reading through verses 31 to 39 again, discuss/ponder what these verses say about the Lord providing for us.
3. Even though the Mark account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is not at all detailed, what comfort do you have in knowing that Jesus went through temptations and came out victorious? If you need a refresher on the details of Jesus' temptation, read Luke 4:1-13.
4. What opportunities has God given you to trust him in the last month? What reasons has he given you to trust him in the last month?

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY

The Theology of the Cross

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.



TIME TO APPLY FOR SCHOOL

Enrollment at St. Paul's Lutheran School is open for fall 2021-2022. Our Kindergarten Roundup is next Saturday, Feb. 27 at 10:00 AM. If you plan to attend, please contact Mr. Melso (principal@stpaulswr.org). You can start your application process online at stpaulswr.org/school. 3K & 4K classes tend to fill quickly, so be sure to secure your spot soon. Feel free to contact the school with any questions (715-421-3634).

DIAPERS AND BABY WIPES

If you are taking the Hygiene Drive Three Week Challenge, for week two you should donate baby care, hair care, and dental care products. Of course donations of other items are welcome. See the drop off area in the Welcome Center.

ACCUMULATING COKE CAPS

The next payout from the Coca Cola Give program is mid-March. Our school expects to receive over \$100 this quarter! If you want to participate, look for codes in the caps and cartons of Coca Cola brand products. You can enter the codes yourself at home (visit us.coca-cola.com/give/schools), or bring them to the school. Our school earns 5 cents per cap and more for 12-packs and cartons. It is an easy way to fund Christian education.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last Week's Attendance: 113

From July 1, 2020 to February 18, 2021

Actual ministry income: \$651,205

Actual cost of ministry: \$652,593

Mortgage balance: \$1,294,710

HOMEMADE APPLE PIE
WARM FROM YOUR OVEN

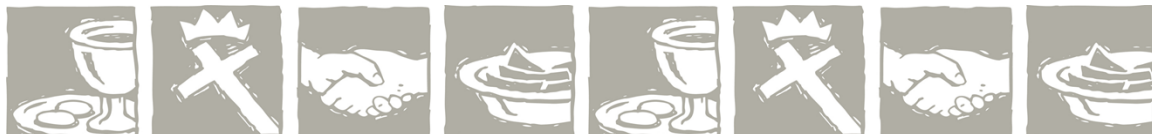


If that sounds yummy to you,
buy a take-and-bake frozen apple pie
from the church office.
Purchases fund special projects.

CALENDAR

February 21-28

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class in the Resource Center
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball
MONDAY	11:00 AM	Worship for at-risk individuals
TUESDAY	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
WEDNESDAY	8:55 AM	Chapel Service
	4:00 PM	Midweek Lent Service
	5:30 PM	Handbells in the balcony
	6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Service
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	6:00 PM	Men's Devotional Basketball in the gym
	6:30 PM	Foundations of the Christian Faith in the Resource Center
SATURDAY	10:00 AM	Kindergarten Roundup
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class in the Resource Center
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball





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