

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



THE
HARVEST
IS PLENTIFUL,
BUT THE
LABORERS
ARE FEW.

LUKE 10:2



Christ Provides Ministers
To Proclaim His Word
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church | Wisconsin Rapids, WI

July 3, 2022

Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

Service Notes For This Sunday



Christ has not only given us his powerful Word. In his grace, he gives us ministers who proclaim that Word to us in whatever ways we need at the time: words of comfort, words of instruction, or even words of rebuke. Those who are entrusted with the care of Jesus' flock are expected to shepherd that flock just as Jesus would. They humbly assume that privilege, not to proclaim their own ideas or opinions, but to speak Jesus' own words. They share Christ's words, not just when it is welcomed gladly by those who hear it, but also when it is not. Ministers carry out their calling, not because of what they might gain from the flock, but because of what the flock might gain from Jesus through them. God's words possess God's power. Therefore, God provides us with ministers to proclaim God's Word, so that God's kingdom might come powerfully among us.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using the Questions for Examination on page 8 of this service folder or Christian Questions on page 295 of the blue hymnal.

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The Service: Setting One

Welcome

Hymn

588 Come, O Come, Life-Giving Spirit

10:30 – Holy Baptism of Aubrey Lynn Peronto

CW 151

After the rite, the service continues with “Glory Be to God” on page 5.

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
 For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send your messengers to preserve your people in true peace, that, by the preaching of your Word, your church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:9—3:11

Ezekiel was called to proclaim, paying no heed to whether his fellow exiles listened or not.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

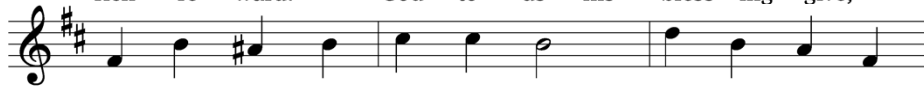
67B God of Mercy, God of Grace



1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness
2 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord! Be by all that
3 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord, then en - joy your



of your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine;
live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing
rich re - ward! God to us his bless - ing give,



fill your Church with light di - vine, and your sav - ing
glo - ry to their Sav - ior King, at your feet their
we to God de - vot - ed live, all be - low and



health ex - tend to the earth's re - mot - est end.
trib - ute pay, and your ho - ly will o - bey.
all a - bove one in joy and light and love.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 5:1-4

Ministers are called to shepherd God's flock exactly as Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, would himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 52:7

Please join to sing the refrain.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Refrain

How beautiful on the moun - tains are the feet of those who bring good news.

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Gospel

Luke 10:1–12,16–20

Messengers of the Word are to serve people exactly as Jesus would serve them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

901 O Christians, Haste

Sermon

Stand

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 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.

Be seated

Connect Card

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card.

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.*

For further examination questions, see page 295 of the blue hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve, and for fellowship in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for someone we know who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that many would join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

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

Good News of God Above

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 165

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
 bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

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 T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

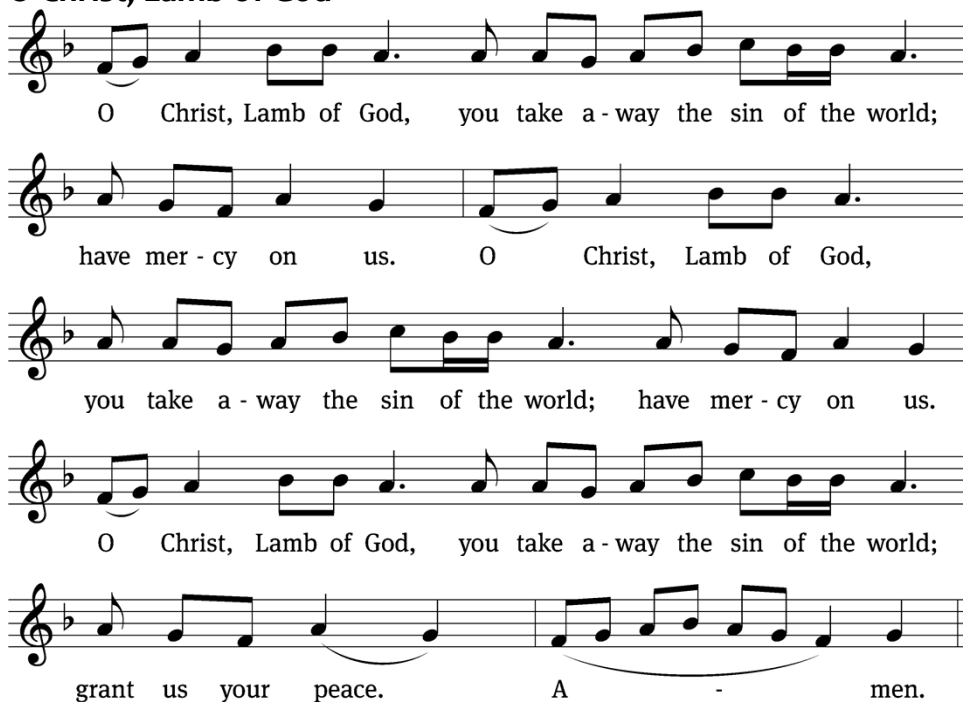
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



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.

Be seated

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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.

Amen.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

902 Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word



Take Home Questions

1. Reread Jesus' instructions to the 72 in Luke 10:1-12,16-20. Make a list of all the things they were to expect and not expect in their work? What similarities and differences do you see when these are compared to the public ministry today?

 2. The prophet Ezekiel's ministry was difficult. He was sent to the first wave of exiles in Babylon with the message that the temple in Jerusalem, the center of Jewish worship and culture which at this point was still standing, would soon be destroyed.
 - a. How did God say the people would respond?

 - b. In what ways do our hearts respond similarly to messages of law?

 - c. What take-aways can we then have when it comes to those who speak God's Word to us?

 3. Agree or disagree? Ezekiel coming and speaking to the Israelites was a bad thing.

 4. For what reasons might the instructions in 1 Peter 5:1-4 have been especially meaningful for the Apostle Peter? (Hint: read John 21:15-17.)

 5. In 1 Peter 5:1-4, Peter is writing to elders, or what we would today call pastors. For what reasons is it beneficial for all Christians, including us today, to read these words?
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News & Announcements



This Sunday's Bible Study:

Sermon Deep Dive

Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM

For the google meet link, contact a pastor.

Crew Members Needed for Space Station Salvation

July 25-28 | 4:30-7:30 PM

Many volunteers are needed to launch our Space Station Salvation VBS. Help make our mission of reaching our community a success. We mostly need adults and teens to guide groups of children between activities and to supervise them during the activity. However, we also need Rocket Specialists. Leaders and helpers are needed. You can volunteer for one night or the entire event. For more details and to sign up, visit stpaulswr.org/vbs, see the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center, or come to the meeting this Thursday at 6:30 pm.

School Supplies for the Needy

July 1 - 31

With inflation, back-to-school budgets will be tight this year, especially for low-income families. Help ensure every child in our community has the supplies they need to start the school year right. Give to the Stuff the School Bus school supply drive. There is a drop off spot at the Ministry Table. Donations will be accepted throughout July.

Spiritual Retreat for Christian Warriors

This fall, WELS/ELS members who deal with post-traumatic stress due to military service are invited to a Spiritual Retreat for Christian Warriors. The retreat will be held at Camp Philip in Wautoma from October 7-9. Registration and lodging fees are waived for attendees. Space is limited and registration closes August 31. Learn more at lutheranmilitary.org/spiritual-retreat2022.

Temporary Phone Number

Our phone system was affected by a power surge. We are currently unable to answer calls coming in on our regular number or retrieve any voice mail messages. We have obtained an inexpensive Tracfone to use while repairs are made. You can call the office at 715-540-6053.

Calendar Notes

There is not worship service on Monday, July 4.

The July Family Fun Night has been cancelled.

Our quarterly voters' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 pm



- Sunday**
 - 8:00 AM Worship
 - 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
 - 10:30 AM Worship
- 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
 - 6:30 PM Unified Board Meetings
- Thursday**
 - 7:00 AM Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
 - 6:30 pm VBS Planning Meeting**
- Sunday**
 - 8:00 AM Worship
 - 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
 - 10:30 AM Worship

Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 240

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 785,200

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 773,639

Upcoming Events

- July 19 ~ Voters' Meeting
- July 21 ~ St. Paul's at Farmers Market
- July 25-31 ~ Vacation Bible School

Special Prayers This Week:

- On July 5, Darlene Reynolds will celebrate her 92nd birthday.
- Our Country - Freedom & Independence
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Snacks *Special Rocket Activity*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Craft *Singing Songs*

Monday, July 25 at White Sands West Beach Pavilion
Tuesday, July 26 at Sand Lot Park
Wednesday, July 27 at Helen's House (Zoo)
Thursday, July 28 at Robinson Park
Sunday, July 31 at St Paul's "VBS Celebration"

Come to all or one - Different activities each night

Bible Stories **4:30 pm to 7:30 pm** *Play Games*
Food provided

Ages **3-10**
Baby sitting provided

Register at stpaulswr.org
or call 715-421-3634

To the stars and beyond!





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