

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



THANK GOD FOR THE FREEDOMS OF OUR LAND!

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

July 7, 2019



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child is restless, you can use the Family Room to calm your child. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the Worship Center. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers or greeters can give you directions or answer your other questions.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

The liturgical color¹ for this Sunday is green, which illustrates the spiritual growth that happens when we grow in faith as we hear God's Word.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

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¹ The liturgical color is found on the pastor's stole and the piece of cloth hanging from the pulpit.

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

Before the Lord We Bow | CW 618

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. CW p.28
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. ♪

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, as our nation pauses to commemorate its anniversary, we thank you for moving our nation to preserve the freedom to call on your name. Continue to preserve every freedom with which we are blessed, especially the freedoms we have been given through faith in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children are invited to come forward for an object lesson.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 72 | CW p.93

DEVOTION

2 Chronicles 33:1-6, 10-13

God shows an example of a "bad" leader.

HYMN

Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored | CW 617

DEVOTION

Romans 13:1-7

We owe every leader the same, whether we think they are "good" or "bad".

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.

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. Please fill out the friendship register as it is passed. 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

America, the Beautiful

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

M: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's law and to work for the common good.

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accidents, and spare our land from ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit, lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercession.

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

Silent prayer.

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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

Please stand.

THE PREFACE

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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 sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory 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: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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. ♪

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Please be seated and await the direction of the ushers.

The communicant members of our congregation will be invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the sacrament, and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor prior to communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we've had an opportunity to explain and prove them from Scripture. The pastor would be happy to explore our convictions with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared | CW 312

Please stand.

THANKSGIVING

CW p.36

C: **♪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise.**

Tell ev'ryone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord

rejoice and proudly bear his name.

He renews his promises

and leads his people forth in joy

with shouts of thanksgiving.

Alleluia! Alleluia! ♪

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. Amen. Amen. ♪**

Remain standing.

CLOSING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land | CW 619



Vacation Bible School

July 28-August 1

5:30-7:30 PM

Free supper at 5:00 PM

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

As they learn the biblical account of the flood, the children will help construct a 6-foot model of the ark. Parents and teens can take part in a bible study, and free childcare is available. The evening starts with a free supper followed by an opening skit. Thursday night ends with an ice cream social. Come join the fun!

Register at www.stpaulswr.org/vbs

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY

Prepared to Answer
Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

COFFEE AND THE WORD

July 9 | 6:45 a.m.

The Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study is wrapping up the book of Mark and will begin a study of Isaiah starting on Tuesday, July 9. This is a good time to join the group. They welcome new members. We meet from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. at the From the Ground Up Coffee House. More info: Mike Anderson at 5JAnderson@charter.net or 715-423-5922.

YOUTH GROUP RELAUNCH

July 28 | 4:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce the relaunch of our high school group, SPYs (St. Paul's Youth)! We will have an initial meeting for any high school students and parents to discuss how we can work together to make SPYs the best it can be. Mr. Pahl and Pastor Proeber hope to see you in the Bible Class Room on July 28 at 4:00 pm. Bring your questions, as well as any friends or families you think might be interested.

PASTOR ON VACATION

Pastor Proeber is on vacation this week. If you have an emergency, please contact the church office at 715-421-3634.

PHOTOS ARRIVED

If you ordered just the free 8X10 portrait from LifeTouch, your photo was delivered to the church. You can pick it up from the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center.

ATTENTION SCRIP USERS

The Northland scrip center is closed the weeks of July 7 & 14. We will still sell from our stock until it runs out, but will be unable to place any orders until July 21. St. Paul's scrip is also not taking orders, but has some stock cards available.

SHORTS TOO SHORT?

If you are finding some of your summer clothes don't fit right any more or really aren't your style, be sure to set them aside for our clothing drive in August. We need clothes for all shapes and sizes, young and old.

CALENDAR

July 7-14

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship
MONDAY	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Board of Mission Outreach in the Resource Center
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	Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	Contemporary Choir Practice in the Balcony
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	2:00 PM	Hafermann Singers at the Atrium Care Center
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study
	10:30 AM	Worship

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last Week's Attendance: 204

Year-to-date average attendance: 246

From July 1, 2018 to June 26, 2019

Actual ministry income: \$988,806

Actual cost of ministry: \$1,010,298

Mortgage balance: \$1,500,634

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21	Installation of Teacher & Staff Minister
July 28	Youth Group Relaunch
July 28-Aug 1	Vacation Bible School
Aug 6 & 7	Clothing Donation Days
Aug 9 & 10	Clothing Giveaway



Drop off in the Welcome Center
Now through July 31



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