

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



For everyone who *asks receives,*  
and everyone who *searches finds,*  
and for everyone who *knocks,*  
the *door will be opened.*

Luke 11:10, NRSV

JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO PRAY

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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*August 18, 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

Prayer is such a wonderful gift. But sometimes it can be difficult for us to pray. We tell ourselves things like, "God doesn't really care about my needs and desires," or "God is too busy," or "This request is too big or too small for God to answer." Maybe we don't even know how to start praying for what we need. Thankfully, God records a number of beautiful model prayers for us in the pages of Scripture, including the Lord's Prayer. Lord, teach us how to pray!

The liturgical color<sup>1</sup> for this Sunday is green, which points to how the exercise of prayer increases our trust in God's promises.

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

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

*Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright | CW 412*

*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.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## *The Word*

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### FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 18:20-32*

*Abraham repeatedly prays a bold prayer.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*The background of this account really begins back in Genesis 13. Read from there to see how Abraham got to this point.*

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 145 | CW p.119*

*Refrain:* ♪ Lord, let your mer-cy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you. ♪

♪ Great is the LORD and most wor'thy of praise;\*  
His greatness no one can 'fathom.  
One generation will commend your works to an'other;\*  
They will tell of your 'mighty acts.  
The LORD upholds all 'those who fall\*  
And lifts up all who are 'bowed down.

### Refrain

♪ The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the 'proper time.\*  
You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every 'living thing.  
The LORD is near to all who 'call on him,\*  
To all who call on 'him in truth.  
He fulfills the desires of those who 'fear him;\*  
He hears their cry and 'saves them.

♪ 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.

### Refrain

## SECOND LESSON

*1 Timothy 2:1-8*

*Christians pray all kinds of prayers for all kinds of people.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

C: **You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.** (*John 6:68 cf. NIV*)

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 11:1-13*

*Jesus gives us the model prayer.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*What a beautiful reminder that  
literally everything can be taken  
to God in prayer!*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## HYMN

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus | CW 411*

## SERMON - Bring Your Requests to Your Heavenly Father

## 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**

*Our Father in Heaven*

*Please stand.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*This responsive Lord's Prayer will serve as the Prayer of the Church, with special prayers and intercessions being given before the responsive words.*

**M:** I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**M:** Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

**C: Your kingdom come.**

**M:** We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

**C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

M: We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

**C: Give us today our daily bread.**

M: We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

**C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

M: We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

**C: Lead us not into temptation.**

M: We pray here that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

M: And finally we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

**C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

M: All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

## *The Sacrament*

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*Please stand.*

### **THE PREFACE**

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And also with you.**

*These responses are some of the oldest words in the Christian liturgy.*

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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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*This song is based off of Isaiah 6:1-4. Isaiah was in the Lord's presence; the Lord is present here in Word and Sacrament.*

## 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.

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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.*

*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

*Our Father, Who from Heaven Above | CW 410*

*I Lay My Sins on Jesus | CW 372*

*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. ♪**

*Be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Christians, While on Earth Abiding | CW 408*

## TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

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1. Compare Luke 11:2-4 with Matthew 6:9-13. What's the same? What's different? How might you explain the differences between these two accounts?
2. What is something you have been afraid or hesitant to pray about? What reasons do you have that keep you from praying that prayer? In what ways did Jesus confront those reasons today through his Word?
3. 1 Timothy 2 talks specifically about praying for "kings and all those in authority." What are some things that might stop us from praying for our leaders?

Do some research on Nero, the Roman emperor at the time Paul wrote these words. How does that change your approach to praying for leaders?

4. God answered Abraham's prayer, but not in the way Abraham probably would have chosen. Think of three times that has happened to you in the past—you prayed for something, but God answered it differently than you were expecting. Why does God do that? How does it affect your trust in him?

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY**

"There are things I'll never be able to forgive."

"I'll let my kids decide for themselves."

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

## **WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH?**

*Sept. 5 | 6:30 p.m.*

Starting on Sept. 5 at 6:30 PM, Pastor Proeber is offering a Thursday Bible information class, called *A People Close to God*. This is a great opportunity for new Christians to learn what the main teachings of the Bible are. Seasoned Christians are also welcome to brush up on core biblical truths. If that day and time does not work for you, please talk to Pastor Proeber about other options. A signup sheet is located on the Ministry Table or contact Pastor Proeber directly at 989-780-3184 or [pastorproeber@stpaulswr.org](mailto:pastorproeber@stpaulswr.org).

## **JOIN OUR HANDBELL CHOIR**

*Sept. 5 | 5:30 p.m.*

We are looking for more ringers for our handbell choir. Practices are on Thursdays at 5:30 PM and will begin September 5. A musical background is helpful. For more information, please contact Marilyn Foley at 715-697-1511.

## **HIGH SCHOOLERS!**

*Sept. 8 | 6:00 p.m.*

St. Paul's Youth (SPYs) is meeting for its first faith, fellowship, and fun night on Sunday, September 8 at 6:00 PM. We will start in the SPYs room and go from there. Invite a friend from school, from your community sports team, or even from another church! Also, if you have a Christian question or topic you want to talk about that night, text it to Pastor Proeber at 989-780-3184. Questions and requests will be kept anonymous for the group. Mr. Pahl and Pastor both look forward to seeing you on September 8 at 6:00!

## **OPENING SCHOOL SERVICE**

*Sept. 25 | 4:00 p.m.*

The School's opening service is next Sunday, August 25 at 4:00 PM. The entire congregation is invited to ask God's blessings on our school year. The first day of school is Monday, August 26.

## **RESOURCES ON PRAYER**

*Pastor Proeber's Daily Prayer:* The pastor posts a prayer on facebook and sent it out via email? If you want to be added to the email list just let us know.

*The hymnal:* Check out the table of contents. There are prayers for all occasions. Many of our hymns are actually prayers as well.

*WELS.net:* The synod's website also has prayers on many topics. Check it out at [wels.net/serving-you/prayers](http://wels.net/serving-you/prayers).

## **THE NEIGHBORHOOD TABLE**

*Sept. 19*

Our congregation is scheduled to serve at the community meal at The Neighborhood Table on Thursday, Sept. 19. We have some key people in place already, but will need lots of volunteers to greet people, serve food, wash dishes, and clean up. Please contact Edna Haferman for more information (715-423-3776).

## **SEND US YOUR PICTURES**

We need a few people to take pictures of our church family going about our regular routines of worship, fellowship, service, and bible study. We would use these photos on our website and advertising in place of stock photos. We hope to give the community a flavor of what to expect when they visit us. No special equipment is required. You can use your phone to take pictures while you are here on Sunday (or during the week) and email them to the church. For more information, contact Judy in the office at [churchoffice@stpaulswr.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulswr.org) or 715-421-3634.

## **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to help in the church and school office. You can help on a regular basis or just when there are special projects. Please contact Judy Stensberg for more information (715-421-3634 or [church office@stpaulswr.org](mailto:church office@stpaulswr.org)).

## **OFF TO COLLEGE?**

Please share your college address with the church office. We can help stay in touch with your home congregation and connect you with a campus ministry in your new location. Students often move several times during their college career, so please send us updates when that happens.

## **CAMP PHILLIP RUN/WALK**

*Sept. 1 | 10:30 a.m.*

Enjoy great fun and fellowship for your whole family at Camp Phillip's 5K run/walk and the 1K Camper Scamper is for children ages 10 years and younger. The 5K fun run/walk raises a portion of the funds that Camp Phillip uses to provide discounts and camperships to hundreds of campers per year. To get more detailed information and to register, head to [www.campphillip.com/5K](http://www.campphillip.com/5K).

## **EHV BIBLES AVAILABLE**

Over that last several years, a group of WELS pastors and professors worked on a new translation of the Bible, called the Evangelical Heritage Version. Our church has purchased a couple cases of the new translation. You can purchase one from the office of \$18.85.

## **ADA COMPLIANT VEHICLE NEEDED**

Northland Lutheran High School is seeking an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) approved bus for student transportation. If you know of such a vehicle for sale or donation, please contact Ryan Wiechmann at 715-297-4427. Thank you.

## **NOW HIRING: PART-TIME CHILDCARE WORKER**

Little Lambs still needs one more part-time childcare worker. The schedule is very flexible, offering morning or afternoon hours. We are also still in need paid substitutes for days when we need an extra hand. For more information, please contact Director, Carole Melso, at 715-421-3634 ext. 15 or email [littlelambs@stpaulswr.org](mailto:littlelambs@stpaulswr.org).

## **ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT**

Last Week's Attendance: 219

Year-to-date average attendance: 242

From July 1, 2019 to August 9, 2019

Actual ministry income: \$89,120

Actual cost of ministry: \$102,499

Mortgage balance: \$1,480,534



Receive email lists of the prayers from Sunday and any special request. Visit [stpaulswr.org/prayers](http://stpaulswr.org/prayers).

# CALENDAR

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August 18-

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the Cafeteria
	10:30 AM	Worship
	6:30 PM	Leadership Council in the Resource Center
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 PM	Worship
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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
	4:30 PM	Board of Fellowship in the Welcome Center
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:30 PM	Contemporary Choir in the balcony
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	1:00 PM	Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom
	6:30 PM	Little Lambs Refresher Night
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the Cafeteria
	10:30 AM	Worship
	4:00 PM	Opening School Service

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 26	First Day of School
Sept 4	Confirmation Classes Start
Sept 5	A People Close to God Starts
Sept 8	Northland Sunday
Sept 8	St. Paul's Youth

### WEEKENDER CAMP

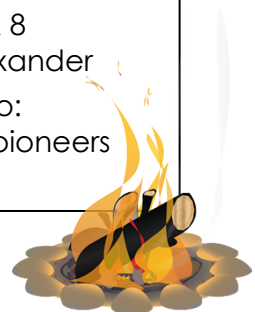
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Sept. 7 & 8

at Camp Alexander

More info:

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