

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



FAMILY MATTERS TO GOD
Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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

October 17, 2021



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. If you have any questions, just ask an usher or other volunteer. Please also fill out our Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY



The closest we can get to a mirror of the love of God for us is the love that he wants us to have for one another in the family. The goal of family members—whether husband and wife, parent and child, brother and sister—is to reflect the love of God for us in self-giving love for one another. How tragic that in our society and in our hearts such a mirror is so clouded! There is much to repent of and much to strive toward. But there is also much for which to be thankful through Christ, the bridegroom of the Church, who cleanses us from our sins in the family and empowers us to model his love for each other!

The liturgical color¹ for this Sunday is green, which is the color of growth. Our faith and trust in God grow as we hear the Word. Our love for others also grows as we are called to serve them.

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 altar, and 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.

This hymn is in the marriage section of the hymnal, which means it is typically used for weddings. It is also fitting for the opening of a worship service, especially one that focuses on the blessings of marriage and family.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here | CW 601

8:00 – BAPTISM – Camilla Rose Radtke *(Please see insert or screens.)*

Please stand.

10:30 & 6:30 - 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE – Kyrie

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M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy

M: For steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: ♪ Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: ♪ Amen.

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.

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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 God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:18-25

The first family is created.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 127 | Tune CW 405

♪ Unless the Lord does build the house,
The builders work in vain;
Unless the Lord the city guards,
The watchmen guard in vain.

♪ It's vain for you to early rise,
And late at work to keep;
To eat the bread of anxious toil—
He grants his loved ones sleep.

♪ For children are your heritage,
The Lord's great gift in truth;
Like arrows in the warrior's hand
are children of one's youth.

♪ How bless-ed is the man who has
a quiver full of them;
They'll not be shamed when in the gate
with foes they do contend.

♪ Praise to the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit be,
Who was and is and is to come,
Through all eternity! ♪

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

Family life centers on Christ.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

As we hear from God through the Old Testament, New Testament, and one of the Gospel accounts, we see the consistency of his message throughout all time.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Therefore, what God has joined together,

C: **let no one separate. Alleluia.** (*Mark 10:9*)

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus teaches about family relations.

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

HYMN

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall | CW 506

SERMON

Marriage and Family God's Way

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.

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: Father, every family in heaven and on earth derives its name from you. We pray to you for strength and power, that Christ would dwell in our hearts and in our homes through faith. Blessed are all who fear you, Lord!

C: Give your people prosperity and peace.

M: Strengthen husbands, wives, and families in the bonds of your love, they may reflect the love of Christ for his church. Blessed are all who fear you, Lord!

C: Give your people prosperity and peace.

M: You sent your Son to give us the right to be called children of God. Send your messengers to call people out of the world into your family of faith. Blessed are all who fear you, Lord!

C: Give your people prosperity and peace.

The repeated congregational response is adapted from Psalm 128, another section of God's Word that speaks about the blessing of family.

M: Guide Christian parents everywhere as they bring their children up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Guide Christian children to obey their parents for your sake. Blessed are all who fear you, Lord!

C: Give your people prosperity and peace.

M: Just as you gather people in families to provide for the needs of body and life, provide for the weak, the hurting and the sick. Support and give rest to those you love. Blessed are all who fear you, Lord!

C: Give your people prosperity and peace.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

Silent prayer.

M: Move us all to put all our trust in you, to lead holy lives on earth and, in the world to come, to enjoy eternal life; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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

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 his 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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These words not only take us back to the first time Jesus celebrated the sacrament with his disciples; they also remind us of what we receive here: Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord | CW 135

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.

Please stand.

THANKSGIVING

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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 on 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

Love Is the Gracious Gift | CW 505



TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

1. In all three readings we hear the words of Genesis 2:24, which tell us they must be important when considering marriage. What are some reasons this verse is so fundamental to understanding God's perspective on marriage?
2. Ephesians 5 outlines the different roles God has established for men and women in marriage. However, what does God say about the status of men and women in Galatians 3:26-29? For what reasons is this worth focusing on?
3. Eve's God-given role in Genesis 2 was to be a helper for Adam. Ephesians 5 instructs wives to submit to husbands in this same role. Read Deuteronomy 33:29; Psalm 46:1; and Matthew 26:39. Who else was a helper and submitted to others? What are some things this adds to our understanding of this role?
4. Reread Ephesians 5:22-33. When Paul is speaking to wives, how often does he talk about the husband's role (not just the husband but his role)? And when Paul is speaking to husbands, how often does he talk about the wife's role (not just the wife but her role)? How would you describe the attitude Paul is encouraging with this omission? In what ways can we carry this same attitude into our relationships?

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY'S BIBLE STUDY: Ephesians
Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 AM
For the google meet link, contact a pastor.



CALL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Oct. 24 | 9:15 AM

Right now, our principal with the help of others is filling the vacancy we have in our teaching staff as well carrying out administrative tasks. On Sunday, Oct. 24, we will begin the calling process to fill the opening in our 1st-2nd grade classroom. The meeting will be held during our Family Bible Hour (9:15-10:15 AM). Please plan to attend the meeting and keep this matter in your prayers.

MORE TRUNKS NEEDED

Oct. 31 | 4:30-6:30 PM

As of this writing, we have only have eight cars signed up for our Trunk-or-Treat. We would love to have 18. Or even 28! Please consider volunteering. Whatever we do, we want it to reflect how great our God is (1 Corinthians 10:31). Having lots of cars is key to us putting on a high-quality event that shows not only that God is great, but makes others want to know more. To volunteer, signup at the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center or look for the volunteer link under the Serve tab for our website (stpaulswr.org/serve).

DONATE CANDY

If you cannot be a “trunker”, please consider donating candy. If the weather is nice, we can have 400+ people pass through our parking lot, and we don’t want to run out of treats! Look for a donation bin in the Welcome Center.

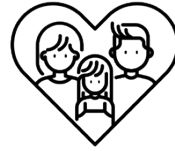


CONCERT THIS AFTERNOON

Oct. 17 | 3:00 PM

The band and choir at Northland Lutheran High School are excited to “Bring Back the Music!” with their fall pop concert. You are invited to Northland’s gym on Sunday, October 17 at 3:00 PM. Bring a friend!

RESOURCES FOR COUPLES AND FAMILIES



JESUS EVERY DAY

We want our children to have a personal relationship with their Savior, but how do you do that? The October issue of Forward in Christ contains tips on including incorporating your faith into your family's routine plus an article on the importance of marriage. Read or listen online at forwardinchrist.net

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BUSY COUPLES

Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. Marriage Moments are short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos in a weekly e-mail. To subscribe, visit <https://welscongregationalservices.net/subscriptions>.

WELS FAMILY DEVOTIONS

Have you thought of having family devotions, but don't know where to start? WELS Family devotions are published three times a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). You can read the devotion or listen to it as a family. There are follow up questions for three age levels. If you are musical, there is also a couple of hymn you can sing. Check it out at WELS.net/family-devotions.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY COUNSELING

Christians are encouraged to pray and trust God in times of trouble (Psalm 50:15). When troubles escalate, God's answers may come in the form of resources and people. Counselors at Christian Family Solutions integrates your Christian faith with your treatment, and the results are powerful! In addition to in-person counseling, they offer web-based video counseling via Zoom using your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Counseling can be done with individuals, couples, and/or families in your home or other location. Find out more at christianfamilysolutions.org.

A CAREER IN FUNDRAISING

Christian Life Resource (CLR) in Richfield, WI is seeking a full-time Donor Relations Associate. CLR uses life issues and family issues as a bridge to talk about God's love. This position would communicate with donors, coordinate fundraising & informational events, and assist the National Director. CLR team members work from home, coming into the central office weekly for in-person staff meetings or as needed to coordinate activities. For more information, contact CLR by email (info@christianliferesources.com) or phone 414-376-0594.

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Willing Workers

BAKE & CRAFT SALE

SATURDAY, NOV. 6

9:00AM-NOON

SUNDAY, NOV. 7

AFTER WORSHIP



Ready to bake frozen apple pies

Fresh pumpkin pies

Soup by the quart

Homemade canned goods,

Bars & cookies

Breads & cakes

Handcraft items

And more!



CALENDAR

October 17-24

- SUNDAY** 8:00 AM Worship
 9:15 AM Catechism Class in the West Wing classroom
 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
 9:15 AM Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
 10:30 AM Worship
- MONDAY** 6:30 PM 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
 2:00 PM Willing Workers in the cafeteria
 6:30 PM Leadership Council in the Resource Center
- WEDNESDAY** 8:55 AM School Chapel Service
 6:30 AM Bible Book Group in the Resource Center
 6:30 PM Foundations of the Christian Faith in the cafeteria
- THURSDAY** 7:00 AM Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
 1:00 PM Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom
- SUNDAY** 8:00 AM Worship
 9:15 AM Meeting to call a 1st-2nd grade Teacher
 9:15 AM Bible Study in the cafeteria
 9:15 AM Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
 10:30 AM Worship

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last Week's Attendance: 224
From July 1, 2021 to October 14, 2021
Actual ministry income: \$ 368,176
Actual cost of ministry: \$ 337,068
Mortgage balance: \$1,205,863
Organ Fund balance: \$ 41,621





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