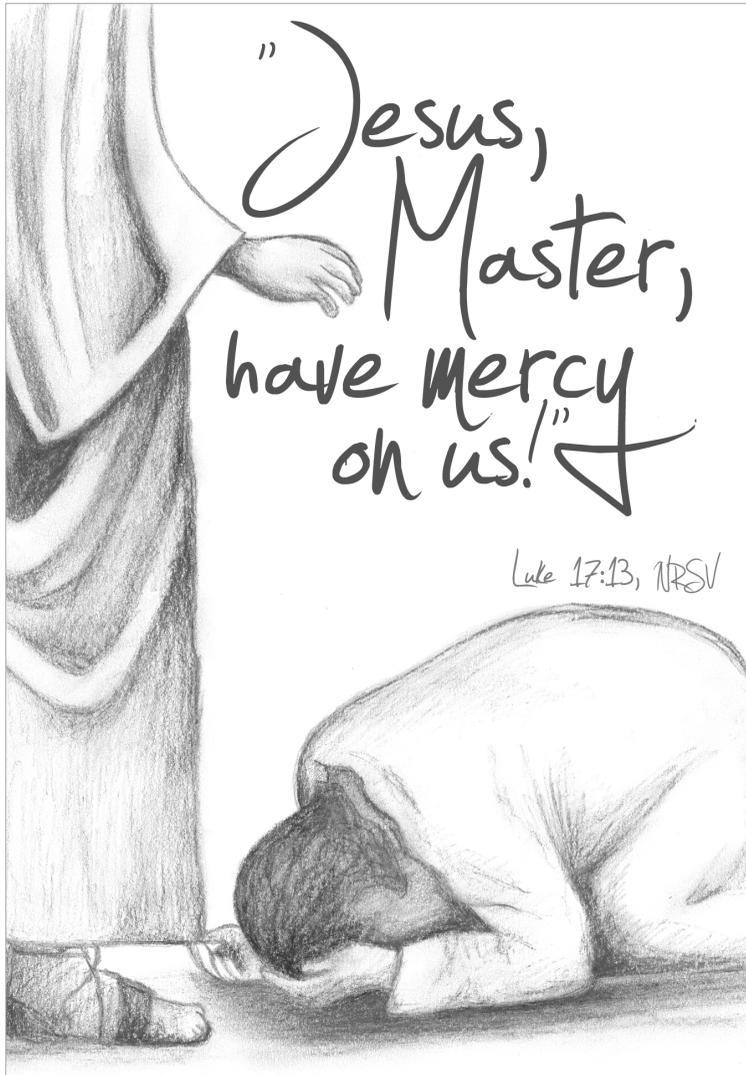


# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



GRACE MOVES SINNERS TO GIVE THANKS

*The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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October 20, 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

Since grace has cleansed the believer's heart and life of sin, the believer thinks, speaks, and acts differently than others. Last week, we heard about the life of service the Christian leads. This week, we see that a fitting response to God's goodness is to give him thanks. Sure, it's not a Thursday in late November yet, but our God has shown that he is worthy of thanks and praise every day of our lives. We're so glad to have you with us today to praise and thank our gracious and glorious God!

The liturgical color<sup>1</sup> for this Sunday is green, which signifies the increase in thanks which takes place over God's blessings in our lives.

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

*Now Thank We All Our God | CW 610*

*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.**

*If we confess our sins, [God] is  
faithful and just and will  
forgive us our sins and purify  
us from all unrighteousness.  
– 1 John 1:9*

## 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.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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.*

*This prayer, along with the Psalm, Verse, and Hymn of the Day, highlight and summarize the main thought of the service.*

## *The Word*

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### FIRST LESSON

*Ruth 1:1-19a*

*Ruth loyally remains with her mother-in-law; may we cling to God in thanks for all he has done!*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Here's an interesting activity for both children and adults: Mark how many times "thank" and "praise" appear in the service. You might be surprised how often they do!*

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 111 | CW p.106*

*Refrain:* ♪ Sing to the Lord a new song,  
For he has done marvelous things. ♪

Great are the works 'of the LORD;\*  
They are pondered by all who de'light in them.  
Glorious and majestic 'are his deeds,\*  
And his righteousness endures for'ever.  
He has caused his wonders to be re'membered;\*  
The LORD is gracious and com'passionate.

### *Refrain*

The works of his hands are faith'ful and just,\*  
All his precepts are trust'worthy.  
He provided redemption for his 'people,\*  
He ordained his covenant for'ever.  
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of 'wisdom;\*  
All who follow his precepts have good under'standing.

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

*2 Corinthians 1:8-11*

*Hope brings us through difficult times, which leads to giving thanks to God.*

*After the reading, the announcement is made:*

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

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him;

**C:** let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia. (*Isaiah 25:9b NIV*)

*Please stand.*

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 17:11-19*

*We give thanks to the Lord because of the amazing things he has done 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**

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

## **HYMN**

*Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old | CW 520*

## **SERMON - O, Give Thanks to the Lord**

1. For he shows pity
2. For he shows power
3. For he gives praise

*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. 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.*



## VIDEO – Putting the First in Firstfruits

*In place of our usual musical offering, devotional videos will encourage us as we carry out the giving portion of the 10 for 10 emphasis.*

*Please stand.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

*Silent Prayer*

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

*Special prayers and intercession.*

**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*

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**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.**

*One of the most ancient songs in the Christian worship service comes from the words of the angels in Isaiah 6:3. Isaiah realized he was in the Lord's presence, just as Jesus is present here through his Word and the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.**

## **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.*

*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**

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord | CW 309*

*Jesus Sinners Does Receive | CW 304*

*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.

*With the Lord's blessing, we  
will live in thankfulness all  
the days of our lives.*

**C:** ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen. ♪

*Be seated.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*How Can I Thank You, Lord* | CW 460 (1,3,5)

I WILL GIVE  
THANKS  
TO THE  
LORD  
WITH MY WHOLE  
HEART

## TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

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1. Looking specifically at Ruth 1:16-17, how could you take Ruth's words and make them your own in your life of thankfulness?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-11. What word stands out the most in verses 3-7? What reasons would Paul have for highlighting that word just before bringing up his hardships and what followed those hardships in verses 8-11?
3. In Luke 17, what things tell us that all ten of the lepers trusted in what Jesus was capable of doing?
4. We can easily forget to be thankful. What are two tangible ways you can show or communicate your thanks to others and your thanks to God?
5. How many times did "thank" and "praise" appear in the service, including the hymns? What does that tell you about our thankfulness toward God?

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"I want to feel good about myself."  
and "There's no such thing as truth."  
Join us in the cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.



## **PASTOR CALLED**

Last Monday, our church family called Rev. Benjamin K. Kratz to be our associate pastor. Pastor Kratz currently serves Our Savior Lutheran Church in Birmingham, AL. He and his wife, Emily have seven children. Pastor Kratz now holds two calls – to Our Savior, Birmingham and to St. Paul's, Wisconsin Rapids. Please pray for him as he considers where he can best use his gifts and abilities to serve the Lord and His kingdom.

## **OUTING FOR YOUTH**

*Oct. 27 | 11:45 AM*

On Sunday, October 27th, St. Paul's Youth Group will meet immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service (11:45 a.m.) for a little food, fellowship and fun. After a quick lunch here in our cafeteria, we will be heading over to the Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre to see if they can literally scare the daylights out of us during the daylight hours ☺. If you are of high school age, and know of other students who'd like to join us, we would love to have you come and share in what we hope will be an exhilarating and memorable event!

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

*Nov. 7 | 5:00 PM*

Come enjoy some family time and get to know others in the congregation. This will be an informal night of games, open gym, and pizza. Bring cards, a board game, or a snack. Pizza will be served at 6:00 PM. The event corresponds with our school's parent-teacher meetings, however, all families are invited. Hope to see you there!

## **YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST**

*Oct. 22 | 9:45-11:00 AM*

Our true identity is not found within ourselves, but who we are in Christ. This study of Scripture will help you see your true identity. Come to Women Walking in the Word on Tuesdays at 9:45-11:00 AM. They meet in the Resource Center.

## **KEEP CREATING!**

Get out the mixing bowls and spoons. Get out the fabric and sewing machines. Get out the paint and canvas. Whatever your creation, as you are working your “craft” consider donating to the annual bake and craft sale on November 2 & 3 at St. Paul’s. Please bring your creations to the cafeteria on Nov. 1 or the morning of the sale on Nov. 2. Happy creating!



## **PIE PUMPKINS NEEDED NOW**

Can you smell the pumpkin pies baking? Well, maybe not yet. Willing workers are ready to begin baking pumpkin pies for their annual bake sale, so we need your donations of pie pumpkins. Check out the sales at local grocery stores or cut them from the vine in your garden and donate by bringing them into the kitchen starting now. Thank you for your kind donation!

## **APPLE PEELING DATES ANNOUNCED**

Join us for some fellowship in the cafeteria on the following dates to continue making delicious apple pies for the annual bake sale. We welcome you to bring your own knives, peelers, cutting boards, and smiles on Monday, October 21 any time at 1:00 or later to help the Willing Workers create this perennial favorite. Pencil in Thursday, October 24 for a tentative date to finish up, if needed. If you need a ride or assistance in getting into the cafeteria, please call Jan Peronto at 715-421-3365.

## **DONATION OF VEGETABLES NEEDED**

It's harvest time! The Willing Workers will be starting to make soup for their annual bake sale very soon and are in need of your food donations. Please bring your carrots, potatoes, celery, onions, and rutabagas to the kitchen beginning October 21. If you don't have a garden and are making a trip to the grocery store, consider purchasing a few extra vegetables to donate. We will make use of your generosity! Thank you!

## **APPLES STILL NEEDED**

You are the apple of our “pie” (Apple of My Eye)! Please donate apples for use in making apple pies through October 21.

## READ TO KINDERGARTENERS

Our kindergarteners would love for you to read to them. You can bring your own book or read one from their classroom. Come once or come once a week. Story time is at 10:15 AM each day. You can sign up on the schedule posted outside of the kindergarten room, or email Miss Haugly at rhaugly@stpaulswr.org.

## HELP WITH TRUNK-OR-TREAT

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

Help us show the community that church is not a weird place and Christians are normal people. Be a part of Trunk-or-Treat on Halloween night. We especially need lots of people in our parking lot giving out treats from their car trunks or pickup tailgates. Sign up at the Ministry Table in the Welcome Center, or look for our online signup on our website under the Serve tab.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have a women's ministry event, *The Cranky Mom Fix*, in the works for the morning of Saturday, January 11. Think of a mom that you will invite.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Paul's is planning a bus trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum for June 4-7, 2020. We wanted to announce this early enough so you may start planning. The Ark Encounter is a museum and theme park near Cincinnati that features a life-size Noah's Ark. The Creation Museum explores creation science with stunning exhibits, dinosaur bones, fossils, botanical gardens, a planetarium, and more. Details on pricing will be published soon.

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last Week's Attendance: 327

Year-to-date average attendance: 243

From July 1, 2019 to October 11, 2019

Actual ministry income: \$315,029

Actual cost of ministry: \$342,033

Mortgage balance: \$1,458,978



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 31

4:30-6:30PM

Treats - Games - Food

# CALENDAR

October 20-27

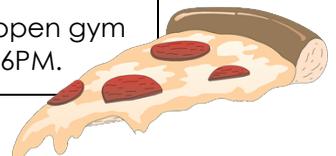
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in Dining Room
	9:15 AM	Sunday School for grades 4K-6 in Room 106
	10:30 AM	Worship
	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at NLHS</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	1:00 PM	Piemaking in the kitchen
	5:30 PM	Children's Outreach Ministry Team in Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Willing Worker in the Dining Room
	6:30 PM	Worship
	7:45 AM	Leadership Council in the Bible Study Room
<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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 AM	Chapel Service
	5:30 PM	Handbells in the Balcony
	6:30 PM	Bible Book Group in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Catechism Class in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Choir in the balcony
	7:00 PM	Contemporary Choir in the balcony
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	6:30 PM	A People Close to God in the Resource Center
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in Dining Room
	9:15 AM	Sunday School for grades 4K-6 in Room 106
	10:30 AM	Worship
	<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>St. Paul's Youth in the cafeteria</b>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 31	Trunk-or-Treat
Nov. 2 & 3	Bake & Craft Sale
Nov. 7	Family Fun Night

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Thursday, Nov. 7 ~ 5-8PM  
An informal night of games, open gym  
& food. Pizza served at 6PM.





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