



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Second Sunday after Pentecost– June 12, 2022



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Welcome Guests...

We are honored to have you with us here at St. Paul in Clintonville!

· **Guest Book:** Please sign our guest book near the doors to the worship area.

· **Restrooms:** If you need them, there are bathrooms just to the sides of the main doors.

· **Children:** We are grateful and glad that they are here! If you feel the need to, you can take them to the parent's room or to the back gathering area. Let us know if there are other ways we can help you focus on the Word.

· **Changing Table:** If needed these are in the parent's room and downstairs restrooms.

· **Communion:** guests, please talk with our pastor before coming up for communion.



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**Our Focus Today:
Through The Word, The Lord Crushes Evil**

God's words are so powerful! With only his words, Jesus cured illness and raised the dead. With his words, Jesus created the faith that receives his forgiveness. So we should not be surprised this week when we see that Jesus' words also have the power to push back the spiritual forces of evil that are in the world. Jesus' words expose idols as worthless and following idols as self-destructive evil. Jesus' words are so compelling, even demons must obey them. It is not surprising that God's words crush evil. It is a surprise, however, to see that Jesus' words have Jesus' power even when they are not coming from Jesus' mouth. Jesus puts his words on our lips. He makes us his witnesses. And as we carry out that awesome role, Jesus continues to drive back Satan and his allies, just as he did when he walked the earth. When the gospel comes out of the mouths of sinners like us, Jesus "sends the power of evil reeling" (Hymn of the Day).

Vision

Our passion for the Gospel will make us the chosen place of worship in our community.

Mission

We will share the life giving and inerrant Word of God as written in the Bible.

Core Values

We will proclaim the law and the gospel so that all may have eternal life.



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The Service – Setting One (p. 154)

Hymn 871 (*st. 1-3*)

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You

Stand

Invocation

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Confession & Absolution

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Lord, Have Mercy (*spoken*)

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Glory Be to God (*sung*)

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to destroy the works of the devil and protect us poor people against such an evil foe. Uphold us in all affliction by your Holy Spirit so that we may have peace from such enemies and remain forever blessed; 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

Isaiah 43:8–13

The LORD calls us to be his witnesses to the truth that there is no God except for him. He alone can save us from every evil.

⁸Lead out those who have eyes but are blind,
who have ears but are deaf.
⁹All the nations gather together
and the peoples assemble.
Which of their gods foretold this
and proclaimed to us the former things?
Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right,
so that others may hear and say, “It is true.”
¹⁰“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD,
“and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor will there be one after me.
¹¹I, even I, am the LORD,
and apart from me there is no savior.
¹²I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—
I, and not some foreign god among you.
You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “that I am God.
¹³Yes, and from ancient days I am he.
No one can deliver out of my hand.
When I act, who can reverse it?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 66 (*spoken*)

Let All the Earth Cry Out to the Lord

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

Say to God, How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down to you;
They sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.

Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.
I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.
Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:3–10

Our vocations are different: apostle, pastor, parent, grandparent. Yet, God uses all these unique vocations to put us in positions to testify to the life-giving gospel, which delivers us from evil.

³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation (*spoken*)

1 John 4:14

Alleluia. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 8:26–39

Using only his words, Jesus demonstrates his authority over the evil one.

²⁶They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³²A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn 575 (st. 1-5)

By Grace I’m Saved

Trust In The Power Of Your Savior

Stand

Nicene Creed

(p. 162-163)

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Heavenly Father, bless all earthly fathers as they seek to fulfill the calling you have entrusted to them. Give them loving hearts and sound judgment to exercise godly family leadership. Help them to bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord. In loving Christian fathers, may children see reflections of you, the Father whose love for us is perfect and complete.

Help all fathers to reflect the love of Christ in their homes and lives.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts
And kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

Offering

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Our offering is our reaction to God's Word. Do not feel obligated to give here, we are just thankful you are here. Offerings are collected in the golden plates next to the worship area doors. Your offerings here support the ministry here at this church, along with the mission work of our larger synod.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface (*spoken*) (p. 165)

Holy, Holy, Holy (*sung*) (p. 167)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer (*traditional*) (p. 168)

Words of Institution (p. 168)

O Christ, Lamb of God (*sung*) (p. 169)

Be seated

Our Practice of Close Communion

Based on the words of Scripture, we believe that partaking in the Sacrament of Holy Communion is one of the highest forms of fellowship we have this side of heaven—both with our Risen Savior and with our fellow believers. By partaking in the sacrament, we confess that we believe what this congregation teaches and confesses. Because we don't want to put anyone in the uncomfortable position of having to state their full agreement with us before we've had an opportunity to explain it to them, we respectfully ask that only those who are communicant members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS congregation come forward to receive the Sacrament. If you would like further explanation of our practice, Pastor Rothfuss would be more than willing to explain after the worship service.

Distribution Hymns

744 (*st. 1-4*)

Rise, Shine, You People

573 (*st. 1-6*)

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

Stand

Thanksgiving & Blessing

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Hymn 640

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Our Guests & Members

We Are Glad You Are Here!

Stick around after the service and join us for snacks and fellowship. There will be a quick 19-minute bible study today.

Reminder to the congregation: Please turn in your receipts from Tadych's Marketplace Foods. The month of July is when the receipts are turned in for money for the Sisters in Christ.

Sisters In Christ Baby Bottles

There are baby bottles in the narthex to take home to collect coins for New Beginnings in Milwaukee. We ask that you return these by Labor Day, Sept. 5. New Beginnings provides a loving and supportive place for single mothers to start a new life. This Christian-based home for mothers allows a resident to become a responsible parent by raising her new baby in a caring environment.

HOLY LAND TOUR: You are invited to join retired Pastor Eugene Kock on his 28th tour of the Holy Land. The dates of the 10-day tour are March 27 – April 5, 2023. Walk where Jesus walked! Sites that will be visited include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee (boat ride), garden of Gethsemane, House of Caiaphas, Garden Tomb and much, much more. After the tour, you will read the Bible like never before! For more information contact pastorkock@yahoo.com.


Important Dates to Note

WELS Women's Conference - July 21 – 23, 2022

Theme: "Won to be One"

Location: Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI.

For more info and to register, please visit: wels.net/wmconference. Registration ends on June 30.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Last Week</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6/12 Attendance - 83</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Offerings to the Lord</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Needed Weekly - \$3,500</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Offered - \$2,123.16</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Ushers Today</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dave S. Jacob A. Chad D. Steve S.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Parament Colors</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 19 – Green June 26 – Green July 3 – Green July 10 – Green July 17 – Green</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Ushers Next Week</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Todd T. Aaron W. Greg M. Dustin L.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Communion</i></u> <u><i>Distribution for June</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greg Moyer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Clean-Up</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 19 – Angie B., Allie B.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 3 – Lizzie B., Melissa L.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>June Shut-In Visitor</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Peggy McMahon</p>	