



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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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 entrance 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 so that we can talk about what we believe about it first.

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FAITH THAT DELIGHTS IN DUTY

Look up “duty” in the dictionary. It’s defined as “something that one is expected or required to do.” Look up “duty” in a thesaurus. Some of its synonyms: chore, burden, obligation, work.

“Duty” can carry some strong negative connotations. Now, consider this. In the world, as you rise through the ranks, you are able to leave many duties behind. For example, if you are high-up on the corporate ladder, you can delegate things you don’t want to do to someone else. In Christ’s kingdom it works just the opposite. An increase in faith does not lessen duties at all. It increases opportunities to serve God and others. Increased faith means increased obligations and work. But here’s the good news. The same faith that increases our duties leads us to delight in them. For through faith we know that we serve the one who first came to serve us. We consider it a privilege to imitate Christ in our service to others. Just as his service to us brought him great joy, so does our service to others.

Vision

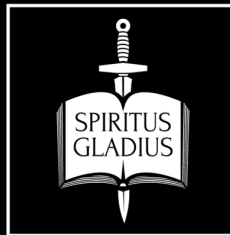
Our passion for the Gospel will make us the chosen place of worship in our community.

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 Bible translation used in today’s service is NIV 11.

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—Service Setting One—

the full order of service with music parts can be found in the hymnal starting on page 154

Hymn 735

Before You I Kneel



1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good - ness to cov - er the
3 Be - fore you we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the



work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my
work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first your



ser - vant; I will re - joice and be glad
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.
king - dom in ev - 'ry small and great task.



for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each
Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -
May we live the gos - pel of your grace, serve your



skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -
tunity the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing
pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -



tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.
deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.
ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to your great name.

Invocation *Call to Worship*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: Amen

Confession of sins

If we claim to be without sin,
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you
in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.

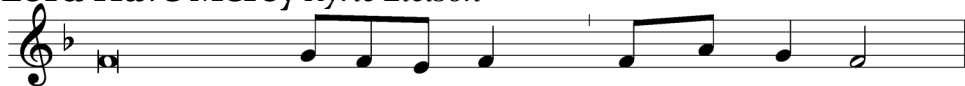
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Declaration of Grace *through Christ*

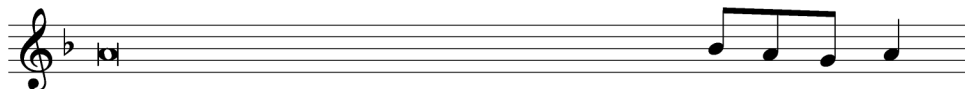
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord Have Mercy *Kyrie Eleison*



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



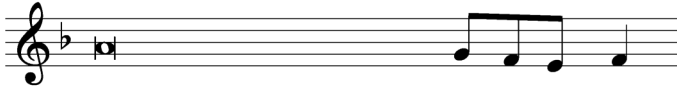
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

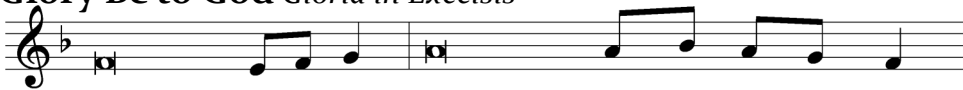


Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Glory Be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



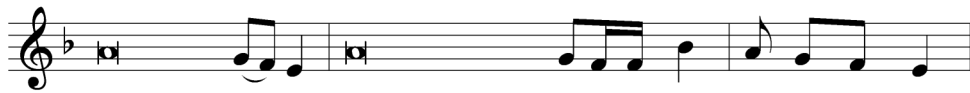
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



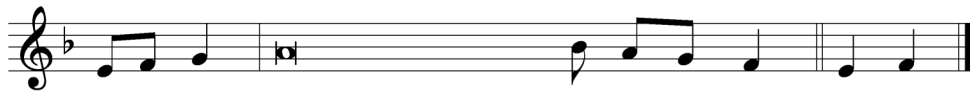
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



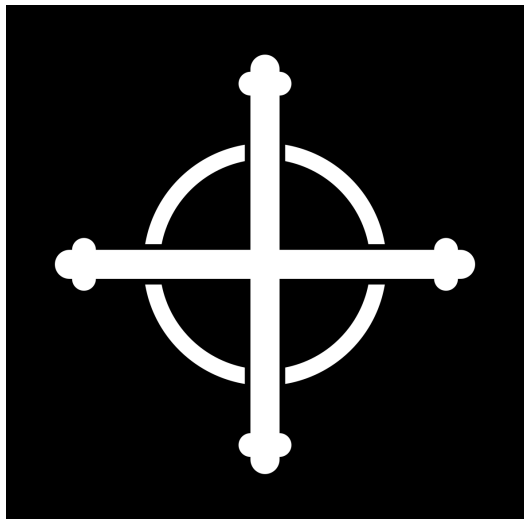
Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen



First Reading *1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-18*

In faith, King David knew everything we have is given to us from the LORD.

Therefore, David found it a duty and delight to plan the construction of the LORD's temple.

¹Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the Lord God. ²With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

¹⁰David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, Lord,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

¹²Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸Lord, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62B sung in unison

Refrain



Tone



Truly my soul finds / rest in God;
my salvation / comes from him.
Truly he is my rock and my sal- / vation;
he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken.
Yes, my soul, find / rest in God;
my hope / comes from him.

Refrain

Though your rich- / es increase,
do not set your / heart on them.
My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my / refuge.
Trust in him at all times, you / people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.
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 Reading *2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12*

Saint Paul thanks God that the growing faith of the Thessalonians enabled them not only to grow in love for one another, but also to face persecution.

¹Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

⁵All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

¹¹With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹²We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *1 Chronicles 29:14*

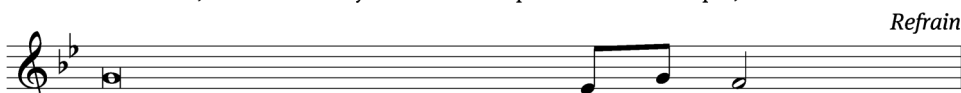


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Who am I, and who are my peo - ple,



that we should be able to give as generous - ly as this? *Refrain*

Gospel Reading *Luke 17:1-10*

*Jesus teaches about the connection between increased faith
and an increased sense of duty to God.*

¹Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ²It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷“Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? ⁸Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

✻ WE ARE ✻

UNWORTHY
SERVANTS

WE HAVE ONLY DONE

OUR DUTY

Hymn 748

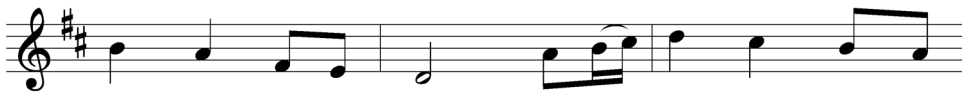
Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and



striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in



then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

Sermon *1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-18*

Confession of Faith *Nicene Creed*

The Nicene Creed was written around A.D. 325 in defense of the true Christian faith. This creed was created to fight false teachings some were teaching.

The Nicene Creed can be found on page 162 of the hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, merciful Father, once again we realize that your thoughts are not our thoughts, and your ways are not our ways. In your wisdom you have permitted a disastrous hurricane to cause pain and loss. Keep the hearts of your people from despair as you sustain and comfort them. Direct all efforts to attend the injured, console the bereaved, and protect the helpless. Restore the hope of all who are afflicted, and lead them to praise you for your grace and goodness.

Amen

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts,
and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth
throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word
and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.
Amen

Offering

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

The Sacrament



The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *music for this song is on page 167 of the hymnal*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *the prayer our Savior taught us*

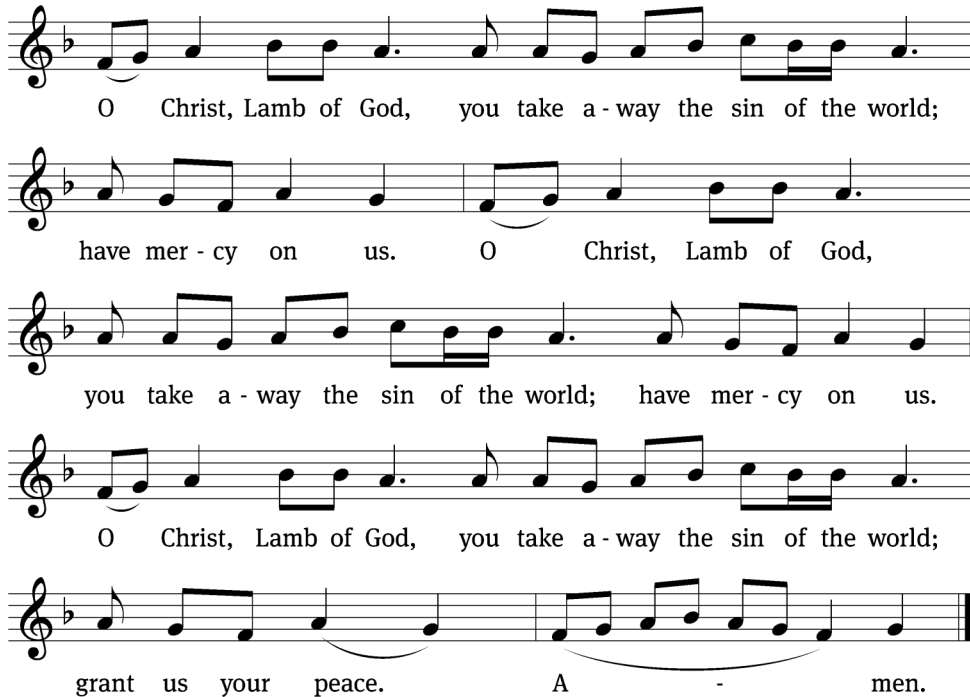
Words of Institution

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *music for this song is on page 169 of the hymnal*



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

Distribution of the Sacrament

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.

Hymn 671

Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, your blood, which
2 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly the Lord is
4 Tho' death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, it can - not
5 Thus ev - 'ry pain is dis - ap - pear - ing; one taste my



you for me have shed— these are my life and strength for -
you and you in me. In you my soul will be de -
near, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
rob me of my cheer, for he who is of death the
heart has come to know— of Je - sus and his love en -



ev - er; by them my hun - gry soul is fed.
light - ed, as joys in - crease and sor - rows flee.
cure - ly with Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
mas - ter with help and strength is al - ways near.
dear - ing, the taste that sweet - ens ev - 'ry woe.

Refrain



O Je - sus, may your bod - y and your blood



be for my soul the high - est good.

Hymn 669

In This Holy, Blest Communion



1 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion plain and
 2 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion Christ and
 3 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion saints are



pre - cious gifts com - bine: bread is tru - ly
 sin - ners join as one— they, the Fa - ther's
 gath - ered side by side, joined to - geth - er,



Je - sus' bod - y, blood of Je - sus joins with wine.
 ran - somed chil - dren, he, the Fa - ther's right - ful Son.
 broth - ers, sis - ters, in one bod - y u - ni - fied,



What a bless - ing Christ is giv - ing; what a
 Here the loft - y feeds the low - ly, each his
 faith in Je - sus, hope of heav - en, love for



lov - ing, gra - cious host, in his sup - per
 high - ly cher - ished guest; here the guilt - y
 oth - ers all in - creased by the full - ness



well pro - vid - ing what his peo - ple need the most!
 taste for - give - ness, here the wea - ry find their rest.
 of the ban - quet, by the rich - ness of the feast.



Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing *the Benediction*

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.

Amen.

Hymn 749

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending



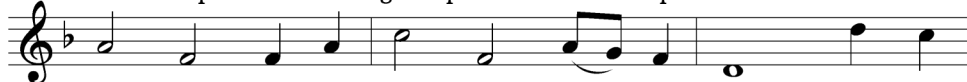
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your



end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,



cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn
rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,



songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for joining us this morning!

Welcome, we are glad you joined us this morning! After the service, relax and enjoy some snacks. **Kids** can grab a snack and head downstairs for Sunday School! **Teens and adults**, we will gather back in the worship after a while.

What a Blessing!!!

We were told by the WELS Extension Fund (who we have our mortgage with) that an anonymous donor has graciously offered our church a matching opportunity. The anonymous donor will match your donations for paying off the mortgage from now until the end of the year, up to a total of \$20,000.

Choir Practice

Woohoo! That singing today was fun... glad you agree because the choir will be singing after Bible Study!

Council Meeting: *Wednesday October 12th*

The next quarterly meetings are almost here, please prepare and plan on attending. The Church Council meets Wednesday October 12th starting at 5:30pm. The Voter's meeting will be on Sunday, October 23rd.

Meditations Booklets

Sorry for the delay, the next Meditation have arrived. If you would like to pay for yours, a one year subscription (4 quarterly booklets) costs the church \$16.

Vision Committee: *well, what do you think?*

The next Vision Committee will be on **THIS Thursday at 6:30pm**. We need your thoughts and opinions as we look at the long term vision of our church family. This next meeting we will discuss our church's mission statement.

Talk to Austin if you want to know more about the Vision Committee.

Mission Festival: *October 16th*

Don't miss out on our special Mission Festival on Sunday, October 16th. This year we are blessed to welcome Seminarian Caleb King to our church. He will assist with the special worship service, he will preach the sermon, and he will give a special presentation afterwards on his time in Linares Chile. Seminarian King spent a year teaching English as a second language to the people of Linares and using that as an opportunity to share the Gospel. Afterwards, we will share a meal of chili (more details are on the table by Pastor's office).

Trunk or Treat *Sunday October 30th starting at 4pm*

Since the city is having their annual Trick-or-Treat time and since our neighbors will be out and about walking past our church, we want to take advantage of this. If you are interested in either coming and handing out candy in our church parking lot or coming and helping with games, please let us know on the sign up sheet in the narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL

- October 5 Wednesday**
Open Office @10am-12 noon
- October 6 Thursday**
Vison Committee @6:30pm
- October 8 Saturday**
Men's Breakfast Bible Study @6am
- October 9 Sunday**
Worship @9am
Sunday School @10:15am
Bible Study @10:30am
- October 11 Tuesday**
Sisters in Christ
at Matthew's Supper Club @6:00pm
- October 12 Wednesday**
Open Office @10am-12 noon
Church Council @ 5:30pm
- October 16 Sunday**
Mission Festival Service @9am
Sunday School @10:15am
Special Presentation
by Seminarian Caleb King @10:30am
Shared Meal to follow

Big Events

Vision Committee
Thursday

Church Council
October 12th

Mission Festival
October 16th

~THE LORD WILING~

<p>Sunday, September 25th Attendance: 84 Offered: \$3,975.00 General Fund: \$2,298.00 Mortgage Matching Fund: \$2,000.00 given <i>so far from our congregation before matching</i></p>	<p><i>Snacks this week</i> Lizzie B</p> <p><i>Ushers this week</i> Todd T Aaron W Greg M Dustin L</p>	<p><i>Snacks next week</i> Melissa L</p> <p><i>Ushers next week</i> Tom L Chuck S Austin R Evan R</p>	<p><i>Communion Help:</i> October: Austin R</p> <p><i>Communion Clean Up</i> Lizzie B 10/2 10/2 Bernice F 10/16 Nancy F 10/16</p>
Shut In Visitors	October: Schleys	November: Angie Boughton	