

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Bangor, Wisconsin

LIVE STREAM SERVICES DURING THE COVID – 19 CRISIS

ARE BROADCAST AT WWW.STPAULSBANGOR.COM

SUNDAYS AT 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

The Sunday After Ascension

May 24, 2020

Personal Prayers For Worship: Pages 10-11 & 134-139 (front of hymnal)

Opening Solo – “Thy Word”

Liturgy – Page 15 (front of hymnal)

Scripture Lessons: Exodus 40:34-38;

Psalm 27:1

1 John 1:5-10;

John 8:12-20

***All Scripture lessons are from the Evangelical Heritage Version
(EHV)***

The Apostles Creed – Page 19 (front of hymnal)

Hymn – 569

SERMON – John 8:12-20 – “LEAD ON, KINDLY LIGHT!”

Offertory - Prayers – The Lord's Prayer - Benediction

Closing Hymn - 422

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR TODAY

Exodus 40:34-38

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the Glory of the LORD filled the tent. ³⁵ Moses was not able to enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud stayed over it, and the Glory of the LORD filled the tent. ³⁶ Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tent, the people of Israel would move forward. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they would not travel until the day when it was taken up. ³⁸ For in the sight of the whole house of Israel, the cloud of the LORD was above the tent by day, and there was fire in the cloud by night, throughout all their journeys.

Psalm 27:1

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

1 John 1:5-10

⁵ This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

John 8:12-20

¹² When Jesus spoke to them again, he said, “I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, “You testify about yourself. Your testimony is not valid.” ¹⁴ “Even if I testify about myself,” Jesus replied, “my testimony is valid, because I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I came from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh. I am not judging anyone. ¹⁶ But even if I were to judge, my judgment would be true, because I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ Even in your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is valid. ¹⁸ I am one who testifies about myself, and the Father who sent me testifies about me.” ¹⁹ Then they asked him, “Where is your Father?” “You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus answered. “If you knew me, you would also know my Father.” ²⁰ He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the offering box. But no one arrested him, because his time had not arrived yet.

THIS WEEK:

Today - **Live Stream Services at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**
(Also available afterward at any time on our website
www.stpaulsbangor.com & on Facebook.)

Thurs. - Faculty Meeting Downstairs at Church: 1:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY **REGULAR SERVICES BEGIN AGAIN: 8 & 10 A.M.**
(THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST)

IN MEMORY of Bonnie Miller, an additional \$50.00 has been given to the General Fund and \$50.00 to the School Renovation Fund.

COMMUNION LAST WEEKEND – 141 folks received communion last Saturday and Sunday.

NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR between services until further notice after regular worship services resumes next week.

NOTES ON CHURCH SPACES DURING SCHOOL RENOVATION

A temporary “faculty office” has been set up downstairs, and to accommodate storage of electronic pianos and other items, the balcony has been closed off for regular seating during the summer.

FACULTY MEETING downstairs at church, Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

THANKS to all those who have helped in so many ways behind the scenes during the last few months of the shut-down.

8th GRADE GRADUATION will be briefly observed in 2nd service on Sunday, May 31. Congrats to our graduates!

CONFIRMATION will be on Sunday, June 21, 10:00 a.m.
Pictures will be taken at 9 a.m. sharp that day.
(Confirmation practice at 9 a.m. on June 14).

PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Nursing homes and hospitals are restricting regular access at this time. For the safety of everyone and for the protection of our shut-ins, usual pastoral visits will be delayed. **In urgent circumstances, do not hesitate to phone the pastor (486-2754) and he will be happy to minister to you on a personal basis.**

OFFERINGS & FINANCES

Our online giving app is now up and running! Simply go the home page at www.stpaulsbangor.com and click on the offering button. We are also

receiving **offerings by mail**, or as you may wish, **by bringing offering envelopes to the parsonage**. Our treasurer continues to make regular deposits.

**Running Total Received To General Fund
Since Livestreaming Began March 18, 2020:
\$86,875.39**

REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME MAY 31 & JUNE 1

Following a consensus with other WELS pastors in our immediate area (circuit), and with the approval of our Church Council, **we will resume regular worship services on Sunday, May 31 at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. and on Monday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. God-willing, this will be the regular schedule throughout the summer.** Those for whom age or compromised health poses a greater risk need not feel constrained to attend until conditions indicate greater safety. Livestreaming of our worship services will continue through the summer for such individuals.

In resuming our worship services, we will seek to balance God's own guidelines for us in the 3rd commandment, gladly hearing and learning God's Word. The psalmist said: "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord' " (*Psalms 122:1*). Even as we do so, we will seek to be mindful of health guidelines provided by our leaders (4th commandment), and with loving consideration for the bodily welfare of others (5th commandment). To minimize risk and anxiety, we will take the following common sense steps:

- Ushers will ask you to fill in from the front and will usher you out from the back of church, thereby avoid unneeded passing by folks.
- Responsible distancing (Every other pew in somewhat staggered fashion will be the general pattern. Families may sit together)
- If there is over-flow, services will be broadcast to the basement.
- Following each service, the pews which are blocked off will be switched to avoid immediate surface contact with hymnals, etc.
- No passing of the offering plate (offering plates are at the back of church. The offering will still be brought forward to the altar).
- Please pick up your own bulletin and take it home with you.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Railings, door handles, etc. will be disinfected before each service.
- Feel free to wear a face mask if you wish
- Length of service may be somewhat abbreviated. Some guidelines advise no singing in order to guard against spreading germs. We wish to be upfront – we will sing hymns – but perhaps 3 instead of 4.
- On communion Sundays we will follow a similar way of distributing communion as we did during the rotating communion services we offered during Holy Week and in May. Instructions will be provided at that time. Ushers will assist you.
- Pastor plans to stand in the narthex and greet you as you leave. He will not plan on shaking hands to avoid cross-contamination. This is more for your safety than his. ☺

This may seem like quite a list, but most of it will just happen naturally. Please follow the guidance of our ushers as we seek to show love for each other and for the wider community as we rejoice to return to the house of the Lord! See you May 31 & June 1.