



**THROUGH THE WORD,
THE LORD HELPS US BEAR OUR CROSSES**

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

July 10 & 11, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, believing in you brings with it many difficulties for me in this sin-filled world. Abide with me, I pray, and give me strength to bear the crosses you've given me in your name. Remind me of your abiding love shown in your cross-bearing for me and of the eternal goal you have in mind in everything. Help me be an example for others that they might be strengthened in their trust of you as well. In your name I pray. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.

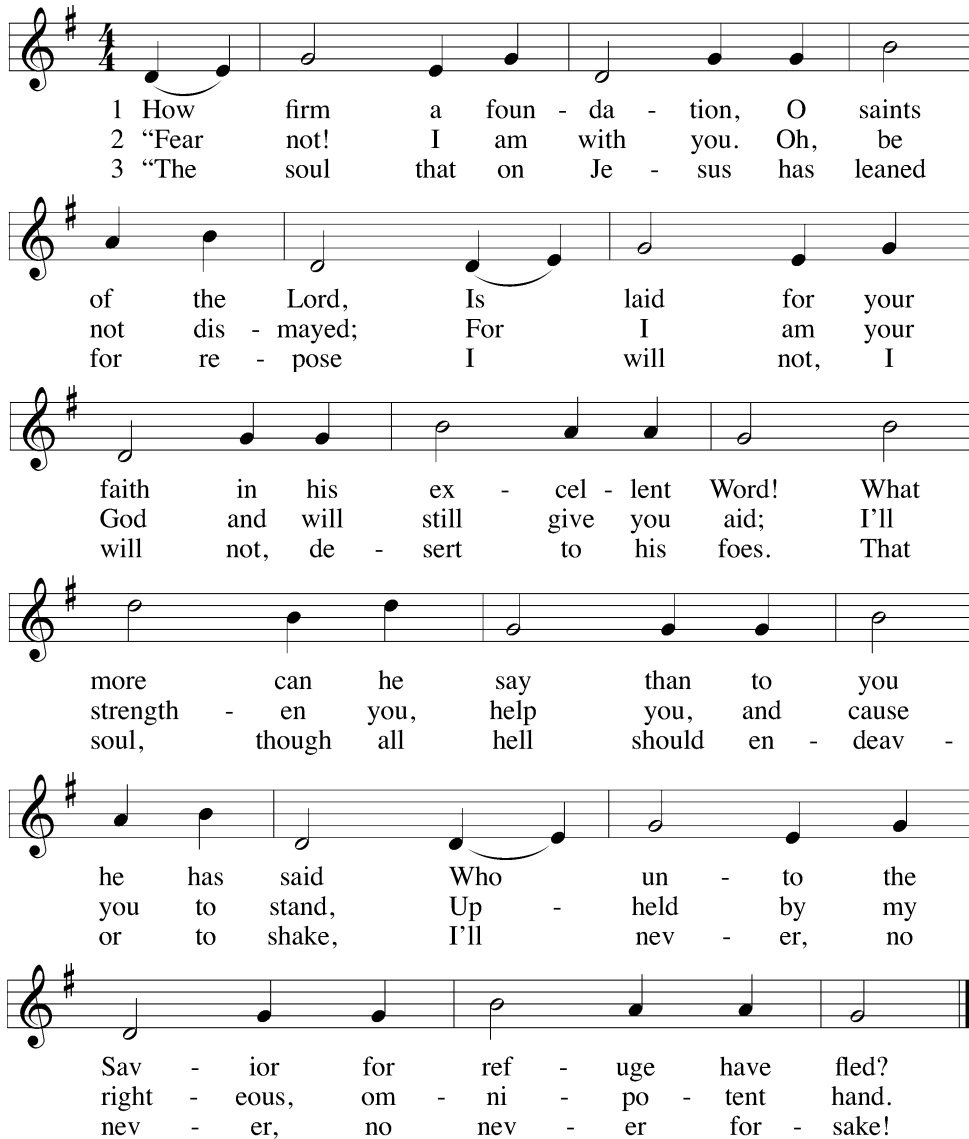


SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Service of the Word offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation | **768** (1-3)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints
2 "Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned

of the Lord, Is laid for your
not dis - mayed; For I am your
for re - pose I will not, I

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What
God and will still - give you aid; I'll
will not, de - sert to his foes. That

more can he say than to you
strength - en you, help you, and cause
soul, though all hell should en - deav -

he has said Who un - to the
you to stand, Up - held by my
or to shake, I'll nev - er, no

Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!

please stand

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

(short musical intro)

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C:'.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a few notes followed by a double bar line.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 39:6b-12, 16-23

^{6b}Joseph was well built and handsome. ⁷Sometime after all this, his master's wife had her eye on Joseph, and she said, "Come, lie down with me."

⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not concern himself with anything that has been entrusted to me in the house. He has put me in charge of everything that he has. ⁹He has no one in this house greater than I am, and he has not withheld anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a great evil and sin against God?"

¹⁰She kept speaking to Joseph day after day, but he would not listen to her. He would not lie down beside her or even be with her. ¹¹But one day when he went into the house to do his work, none of the men of the household were there inside the house. ¹²She caught him by his garment and said, "Come, lie down with me!" He left behind his garment in her hand and ran outside.

¹⁶She kept his garment beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷This is what she told him: "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought to us, came to me to put me to shame and said to me, 'Let me lie down with you.' ¹⁸And look, when I screamed and cried out, he left behind his garment with me and ran outside."

¹⁹As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is what your servant did to me," he became very angry. ²⁰Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison where the king's prisoners were confined, so Joseph was kept in prison there.

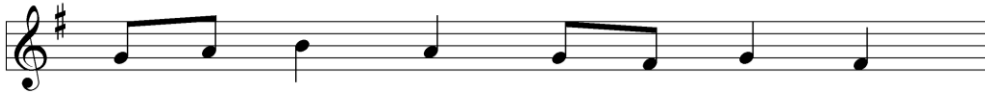
²¹But the LORD was with Joseph. He showed mercy to him and gave him favor in the sight of the warden of the prison. ²²The warden of the prison made Joseph responsible for all the prisoners who were in the prison. Joseph was responsible for whatever they did there. ²³The warden of the prison did not pay attention to anything that was under his authority, because the LORD was with Joseph, and the LORD made everything that he did succeed.



1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief,
 4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won.



And al - though the way be cheer - less,
 Let not faith - less fears o'er - take us;
 When temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing,
 Heav'n - ly Lead - er, still di - rect us;



We will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
 Let not faith and hope for - sake us,
 Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.
 For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:24–26

²⁴By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter when he grew up. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated with God's people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. ²⁶He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Galatians 4:6

Alleluia. And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts to shout, "Abba, Father!" Alleluia.

(short musical intro)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 9:18-24

¹⁸One time when Jesus was praying alone and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

¹⁹They answered, "'John the Baptist,' but others say, 'Elijah,' and others say, 'one of the ancient prophets come back to life.'"

²⁰He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

²¹He gave them a strict command not to tell this to anyone. ²²He said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law. He must be killed and be raised on the third day."

²³Jesus said to all of them, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Abide with Me | 588 (1-3,6,7)



1 A - bid with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,
 5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid.
 Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
 And though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,
 What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
 Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, oh, a - bid with me!
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me!
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bid with me.
 On to the close, O Lord, a - bid with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bid with me!

6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
 I triumph still if thou abide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

The LORD Has Purposes in Our Crosses

please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

be seated

OFFERING

"I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you" (1 Chronicles 29:17).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty Lord Jesus, just as the world once considered you worthy of abuse and violence, so many who follow you are treated the same today. Be with those who are actively persecuted for their faith. Show them that in you, they have a companion who has experienced unjust pain and suffering; they have a companion who has triumphed over every evil and now shares that victory with them, even in times of trial and weakness. Provide for them the patient endurance that will lead them through every trial to a life of eternal glory with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O God, Lord of all, your Son commanded us to love all—even our enemies—and to pray for them. Deliver us from prejudice, hatred, and cruelty. Help us endure unjust treatment without seeking revenge. Fill our hearts with the forgiving love that we learn only from Christ. And may that love so move the hearts of our enemies that one day they and we may stand before you, reconciled to you and to one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy affection may drag downward; give us unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out; give us upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on us also, O Lord, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Dear Lord, who joyfully bore the cross so that we might not have to bear the eternal pain of God's wrath, strengthen us as we bear our crosses in this world.

C: We pray all of this in Jesus' name, who also taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | 465



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -
They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man
Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your
Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on
hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are
ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your
heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry
not, like them, un - true. And since you have
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this

continued...



please stand

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

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.



be seated

CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation | **768** (4,5)

**"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love,
And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne."**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIVINE CALL ACCEPTED (& GIFT CARD SHOWER)

We praise God for leading Mr. Jon Lindemann to accept our call to teach 7th and 8th grades and serve as vice principal and athletic director. Please pray for the Lindemanns as they prepare to move to the area. If there's any way you can help, we'll communicate that to you.

And here's the first way: We're going to be collecting cards and gift cards the next few weeks at church to welcome the Lindemanns and aid in their transition to Bangor. Please place your cards in the designated spot in the church lobby.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

Our quarterly voters' meeting is today, July 10, at 11:15 am, in the church basement.

ST. PAUL'S @ THE COUNTY FAIR

We will be manning the booth at the La Crosse County Fair on Wednesday, July 20, from 5:00-10:00 pm. We had a good group of people at last year's fair but would always love a large crew of volunteers to show support for our church. If you're able to donate items (such as school supplies) or help out the day of, even if only for a portion of the time, please contact either Pastor Groth or our Stewardship-Evangelism chairman Bart Horstman. **Please also sign up on the County Fair Volunteer signup sheet on the bulletin board in the church lobby.** Thank you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT ST. PAUL'S

St. Paul's School has something the public school does not: Christ is taught and proclaimed in every classroom every day. If you or someone you know would be interested in Christian education for their child(ren) in grades Pre-K through 8th grade next year, contact Pastor Groth to set up a tour.

LOGGERS AND LUTHER

Luther High will be having a fundraising event at the La Crosse Loggers game on Sunday, August 7. Gates open at 4:00 pm. If interested, see the flyer posted on the church lobby bulletin board.

HELP ST. PAUL'S FINANCIALLY WITH SCRIP

Purchase gift cards to pay for everyday (and not-so-everyday) expenses. Anyone can purchase the cards and then you designate who gets the scrip credit. You can designate a specific family or the credit will go to the general fee assistance fund. Families will get 75% of the value of your purchase and the other 25% goes into the scrip fund account to be able to have some cards on hand and be used toward the school fund that the Education Committee will designate. Families will then be able to use the credit that was built up over the year (July 1 - June 30) and can choose to apply that credit towards next school year's tuition.

Paper order forms are located in the church entryway and the scrip box is located in the basement. There is also a scrip box at school outside the office. Orders are due the 15th of each month. You can also order through the RaiseRight app. You would need to contact Janel to get our school enrollment code to get connected.

Any questions please contact Janel Lochen 608-386-4243 or scrip@stpaulsbangor.com

OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH KOINE

St. Paul's-Tomah (525 Superior Ave) will be hosting a free outdoor concert featuring the well-known WELS-originating music group KOINE on Sunday, July 31, 2022, at 6:00 pm. A free meal will be served starting at 5:00 pm in the church parking lot. The entire community is invited to attend. Brats and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If the weather is bad, we'll move everything inside.

FLOURISH WOMEN'S RETREAT

Save the date for Flourish – By Design Women's Retreat: Saturday, August 27, 2022, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. More information and registration will be coming soon. Hosted and held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lewiston. The retreat will be looking at women's identity in Christ, unique design as women, and how women can use their God given temperaments and giftings to serve others.

WELS 2022 SINGLES RETREAT

Did you know that November 11 is International Singles Day? We invite you to join us at the 2022 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat on November 11-13 at Camp Phillip, Wisconsin for a weekend of fun and fellowship. For more information about the event and to register check out our webpage: wels-els-singles.com/2022-retreat.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73

Budget to Date: \$271,882.71

Received Last Week: \$9,091.63

Rec'd to Date: \$237,012.12

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 98

Livestream Peak: 31

10:00 am: 106

Monday: --

Total: 235

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:00 am

Worship

10:00 am

Worship

11:15 am

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

MONDAY

7:00 pm

Worship

TUESDAY

11:00 am

Victory Service for Ron Paulus

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am

Worship with Communion

10:00 am

Worship with Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth

Carol Stuebs

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