



## **WE FEEBLY STRUGGLE, THEN IN GLORY SHINE**

Third Sunday of End Time:  
Saints Triumphant

# **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** | Bangor, WI

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*November 13, 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 of life, I praise you today for the eternal hope I have in you. I thank you for the examples of faithful loved ones who have entered into glory through your work, and I ask you to strengthen me as you strengthened them. Give me the heavenly focus I need so I, too, can be counted among those robed in your righteousness and forever called a saint triumphant. 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

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*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.*

## CHIMES

*Give Thanks*

## OPENING HYMN

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer | 609*

*congregation joins for v.3*

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.  
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.*

**With voices united our praises we offer;  
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.  
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!**

*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.**

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## *Prayer and Praise*

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

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

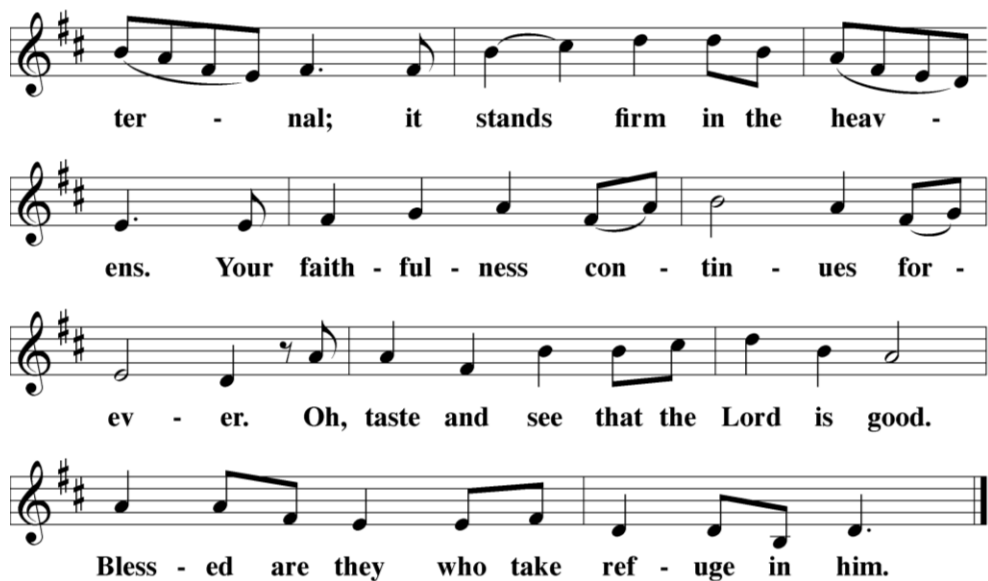
*(short musical intro)*



**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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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.

*be seated*



# The Word

## FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

<sup>3</sup>And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, "Look! God's dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>The one who was seated on the throne said to me, "Look, I am making everything new!" He also said, "Write, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup>And he said to me:

It is done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

To anyone who is thirsty,

I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

## HYMN

Blessed Are the Saints of God | 394



1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with  
2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the  
3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a



Christ's own blood. They are ran - somed from the grave;  
Sav - ior's peace. All their sins are washed a - way;  
heav'n - ly birth. One with God, with Je - sus one,

Life e - ter - nal they shall have. With them num - bered  
 They shall stand in God's great day. With them num - bered  
 Glo - ry is in them be - gun. With them num - bered

may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

## SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

<sup>13</sup>But we are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation by the sanctifying work of the Spirit and faith in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this reason he also called you through our gospel so that you would obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold on to the teachings that were passed along to you, either by word of mouth or by a letter from us. <sup>16</sup>May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup>encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Galatians 4:6

**Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. 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



*please stand*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 20:27-38*

<sup>27</sup>Some of the Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to him. <sup>28</sup>They asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, his brother should take the wife and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup>So there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died childless. <sup>30</sup>The second took her as a wife, <sup>31</sup>and so did the third, and in the same way the seven died and left no children. <sup>32</sup>Finally the woman died too. <sup>33</sup>So in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as a wife."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. <sup>35</sup>But those who are considered worthy to experience that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup>In fact, they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels. They are sons of God, because they are sons of the resurrection.

<sup>37</sup>"Even Moses showed in the account about the burning bush that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord: 'The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' <sup>38</sup>He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him."

*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

*I'm But a Stranger Here* | 417



1 I'm but a stran - ger here; Heav'n is my home.  
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home.  
3 There at my Sav - ior's side— Heav'n is my home—  
4 There - fore I mur - mur not; Heav'n is my home.



Earth is a des - ert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
Short is my pil - grim - age; Heav'n is my home.  
I shall be glo - ri - fied; Heav'n is my home.  
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home.



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand.  
And time's wild, win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;  
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,  
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.  
I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.  
And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.  
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land; Heav'n is my home.

## SERMON

*Luke 20:27-38*

### Our God Is the God of the Living

*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*

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## *Thanksgiving*

### **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: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

**C: We too join them to praise your majesty.**

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

**C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

**C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

**C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

**C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## 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.**



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and  
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -  
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from  
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of



hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The  
 lant with song And bright with man - y an an - gel And  
 care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The  
 God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That



wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I  
 all the mar - tyr throng. The Prince is ev - er  
 song of them that feast; And they who with their  
 ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy



know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -  
 in them; The day - light is se - rene; The pas - tures  
 lead - er Have con - quered in the fight For - ev - er  
 bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with



cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.  
 of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.  
 and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.  
 God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

*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

*Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See* | 219

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see And taste your king-dom's  
plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al robe shall be, My  
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your  
throne, Your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; With  
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly  
wrought, As your own bride I shall be brought To  
stand in joy be - side you.

The musical score is written on seven staves in treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final line of the hymn, 'stand in joy be - side you.', is written on a single staff with a double bar line at the end.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SAINTS TRIUMPHANT THIS PAST YEAR

Hank Langrehr – December 23, 2021

Bill Horstman – April 12, 2022

Louise Scharping – April 13, 2022

James Bahr – April 22, 2022

Joanne Kapanke – April 26, 2022

Stanley Sprehn – May 7, 2022

Richard E. Bakken – June 10, 2022

Marley Tauscher – June 14, 2022

Ron Paulus – July 6, 2022

Ruth Amborn – July 29, 2022

Gary Hass – August 10, 2022

Norma Roubik – October 30, 2022

## MIDWEEK STUDY – 10 LIES ABOUT GOD

Our midweek Bible study is entitled *10 Lies About God*. The study provides Bible-based responses to common but inaccurate teachings about God to help participants defend their faith in a secular society. The final lie about God that we'll cover is "*God Doesn't Judge Anyone, and Neither Should You.*" Midweek Bible studies are Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm, with the same study repeated the following morning, Wednesdays at 9:00 am. The study takes place in the church basement.

## ST. PAUL'S APPAREL – ORDER ~~NOW~~ SOMETIME MAYBE!

We have another round of St. Paul's apparel (almost) ready for ordering through Games People Play. We'll even have a separate school section now with our new school mascot logo. Check out the link that ~~was~~ will be sent via email to make your orders on the St. Paul's webstore. Orders will be received from ~~now~~ hopefully soon until Thanksgiving to guarantee arrival before Christmas. (Stay tuned.)

## LIVE NATIVITY

The Live Nativity is coming up. If you can volunteer for the event, please see the poster on the lobby bulletin board. Questions? Call George Italiano (608-317-0271).

## **LADIES AID CHRISTMAS TEA**

The St. Paul's Ladies Aid would like to invite all ladies of the congregation to our Christmas Tea on Thursday, Dec. 8. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the lobby. The last day to RSVP will be Sunday, Nov 27.

## **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Once again this year we'll have one service for Thanksgiving on Wed., Nov. 23 (the day before Thanksgiving), at 7:00 pm. We will also partake of the Lord's Supper during the service.

## **CAMM LETTER**

The November letter of the Central Africa Medical Mission is printed and ready in the lobby.

## **SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS**

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Tomah is hosting a special service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 4, at 4:00 pm. The service entitled "Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" and will feature the combined choirs of St Paul's Tomah and St John's Sparta who will lead the service which is interspersed with Scripture readings and music. Much loved hymns and choral selections include "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus," "O Come O Come Emmanuel," and the timeless choral classic by Manz "E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come." La Crosse native Lloyd Harter will serve as organist for the service and will present an organ concert at 3:30 pm until the start of the service. Organ works by Bach, Brahms, and Distler are included. St. Paul Lutheran is located at 525 Superior Avenue in Tomah.

## **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The 2023 WELS Coulee Women's Retreat will be April 22, 2023, at Luther High School in Onalaska. This retreat provides an opportunity for WELS/ELS women and their friends to gather together, encourage each other with God's Word, and go forth to share God's Word with others. Registration forms and itinerary are available at [www.facebook.com/WCWRetreat](http://www.facebook.com/WCWRetreat).

## **SCRAP-N-CRAFT**

This year's Scrap-N-Craft Fundraiser will be held at Mt. Calvary Grace School, 1614 Park, La Crosse, on Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Registration before Nov. 14 is \$40.00. After Nov. 14 it will be \$45.00. Grab a flyer in the narthex for more information.



## **WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT THANK OFFERING**

The past few years the WELS Western Wisconsin District Mission Board has encouraged churches to unite in a thank offering to support a mission. This fall's offering has been designated for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Beloit, WI, and the new Little Lambs Childcare Center set to open soon. The offering will be collected from now through the Thanksgiving holiday. The goal for the thank offering is \$40,000. Check should be made payable to Little Lambs Childcare Center and mailed to 2245 Park Ave., Beloit, WI 53511.

### **OFFERING SUMMARY** (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73	Budget to Date: \$453,137.85
Received Last Week: \$9,630.00	Rec'd to Date: \$362,542.49

### **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

8:00 am: 128	Live Stream Peak: 23	10:00 am: 88	Total: 239
Sunday Bible Study: 35	Sunday School: 12	Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 29	

# CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Bible Basics Class
TUESDAY	10:00 am	Mornings with Mommy
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
	7:00 pm	Accreditation Committee Meeting
THURSDAY	2:00 pm	Ladies Aid Meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
	5:00 pm	Bible Basics Class

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brock Groth
Accompanist	Harriet Langrehr
Musicians	Brad Gollnik
	Robert Horstman

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