



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

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*November 22, 2023*

## **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**

My strength and song is the LORD, and he has become salvation for me. I will not die. No, I will live, and I will proclaim the works of the LORD. The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not handed me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness. I will enter them. I will give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate to the LORD. The righteous enter it. I will give you thanks, because you answered me, and you have become salvation for me. 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.



## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Today St. Paul's will be celebrating Holy Communion. The Bible tells us that those who take the Lord's Supper together are to recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29), examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and be united in faith with their fellow communicants (1 Cor. 10:17). For these reasons, it is our practice that only those who are members of St. Paul's or of a congregation within our fellowship join us at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning how you can partake of Holy Communion with us in the future, the pastor would be pleased to speak with you after the service.

# SETTING ONE

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*The Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that highlights the Word of God and the forgiveness, life, and salvation we receive through the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## CHOIR

*With Joyful Thanksgiving*

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*(from Psalm 147)*

### ***for Bodily Blessings***

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

**Make music to our God on the harp.**

He covers the sky with clouds;

**He supplies the earth with rain.**

And makes grass grow on the hills.

**He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heavens.

**Praise the Lord.**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*(from Psalm 103)*

### ***for Spiritual Blessings***

Praise the Lord, O my soul;

**All my inmost being, praise his holy name.**

*continued...*

Praise the Lord, O my soul,  
**And forget not all his benefits.**

He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases;  
**He redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion.**

He does not treat us as our sins deserve.  
**Or repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
**So great is his love for those who fear him;**

As far as the east is from the west,  
**So far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

The Lord has established His throne in heaven.  
**And his kingdom rules over all.**

Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.  
**Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

## **CONFESSION**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**Almighty God, merciful Father,**

**I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.**

**In what I have done and left undone,**

**I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.**

**I have not loved others as you command.**

**For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.**

**I am sorry for my sins.**

**I repent of them.**

**I beg for your mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

*508 Sing to the Lord of Harvest sts. 1, 3*

*(short musical intro)*



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



By him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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# *The Word*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning, and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **FIRST READING**

*2 Samuel 7:18–22*

<sup>18</sup>Then King David went and sat before the LORD and said:

Who am I, LORD God? And what is my house that you have brought me to this point? <sup>19</sup>Yet this was a small thing in your eyes, LORD God. You have also spoken about the house of your servant for a long time into the future. Is this the law for the man, LORD God?

<sup>20</sup>What more can David say to you? You know your servant, LORD God. <sup>21</sup>Because of your word and according to the plan of your heart, you have carried out this great thing in order to make your servant aware of it. <sup>22</sup>Therefore, you are great, LORD God, because there is none like you. There is no God except you, in keeping with everything we have heard with our ears.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 4:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Psalms 136:1*

**Alleluia!**

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.**

**His love endures forever.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*Luke 7:36–50*

<sup>36</sup>A certain one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup>Just then a sinful woman from that town learned that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume, <sup>38</sup>stood behind him near his feet weeping, and began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she began to wipe them with her hair while also kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfume. <sup>39</sup>When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would realize who is touching him

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and what kind of woman she is, because she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup>Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

He said, "Teacher, say it."

<sup>41</sup>"A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?"

<sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the larger debt forgiven."

Then he told him, "You have judged correctly." <sup>44</sup>Turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, but you did not give me water for my feet. Yet she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You did not give me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. <sup>47</sup>Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that is why she loved so much. But the one who is forgiven little loves little." <sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

<sup>49</sup>Those reclining at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

<sup>50</sup>He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

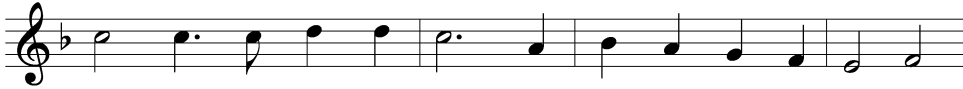
*Be seated*





## HYMN OF THE DAY

597 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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## SERMONETTE

2 Samuel 7:18-22

### Who Am I, LORD God?

*Stand*

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The First Article of the Apostles' Creed and an Explanation from Luther's Small Catechism*

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

What does this mean?

**I believe that God made me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.**

**And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*Be seated*

## **OFFERING**

*"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6,7).*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*The pastor speaks the Prayer of the Church on behalf of the congregation.*

## *The Sacrament*

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we also bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. See p.295 in the hymnal for preparation.*

### **PREFACE**

The cup of blessing that we bless,  
**is it not a communion of the blood of Christ?**

The bread that we break,  
**is it not a communion of the body of Christ?**

Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body,  
**for we all partake of the one bread.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

**By his incarnation, he became one with us.**  
**By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.**  
**By his innocent death, he overcame hell.**  
**By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

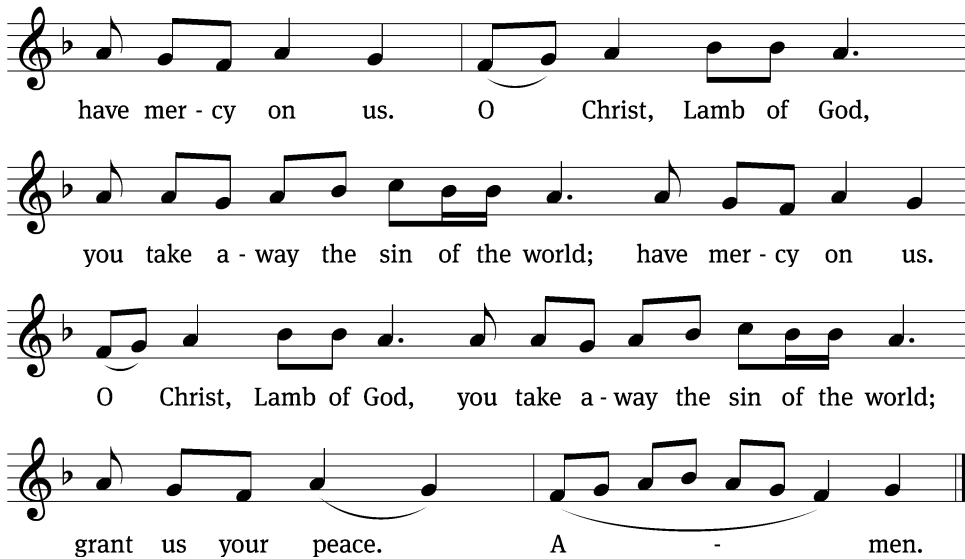
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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





*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

*"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16,17). Please follow the directions of the ushers during distribution.*



## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## 754 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness



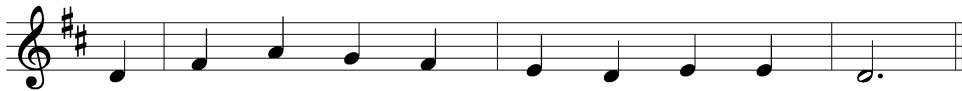
- 1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,  
2 Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,  
3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,  
4 Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,



for dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,  
for life and vi - sion, for a pur - pose clear,  
for words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;  
that gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,



for songs of praise for world - ly wealth - i - ness,  
for Christ, your Son, and for each hu - man face  
for - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways,  
that knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"



while of your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:  
that shows your mes - sage ev - er new and near.  
un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:  
as - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.

- 5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
for joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
for walls and wars that hide your mercies vast  
and blur our vision of the kingdom goal:
- 6 Open our eyes to see your love's intent,  
to know with mind and heart its depth and height;  
let thankful days in loving labor spent  
reflect the truly Christlike life and light.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## 624 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear now to his  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how all that's  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## 506 For the Fruits of His Creation

*as needed*



1 For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.  
spair-ing, in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.  
found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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*Stand*

## 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 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.**

*Be seated*



## CLOSING HYMN

## 507 Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and



God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-phantly raise, who fash - ioned and  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. The hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us  
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; his  
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
love and re - joic - ing. With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us



night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -



ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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