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All Saints' Day

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

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*November 3, 2024*

## **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.

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## **PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP**

God of glory, I know that in this life I will face difficult times, especially as I face the reality of death. Bolster my heart and my faith today by pointing beyond this life to the life that's awaiting me. Give me strength and joy as I reflect the eternal life I have day by day. Let my renewed hope be an inspiration for others that they might know and trust you more. In Jesus I pray. Amen.

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## **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 THREE

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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.

## OPENING HYMN

### 713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

#### Refrain



In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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*Stand*

## **INVOCATION**

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

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

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.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## **ABSOLUTION**

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

884 *Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See*

*(short musical intro)*

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.

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## The Word

### SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you

have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain  
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food,  
a banquet of aged wines,  
with the best cuts of meat,  
and with the finest wines.

<sup>7</sup>On this mountain  
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,  
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He has swallowed up death forever!  
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.  
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.  
For the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>On that day it will be said,  
"Look, here is our God!  
We waited for him, and he saved us!  
This is the LORD!  
We waited for him.  
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Revelation 20:4–6*

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and those who were sitting on them were given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast and his image, and they did not receive his mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years came to an end.) This is the first resurrection.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who has a share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them. Instead they will be priests of God and of Christ. And they will reign with him for a thousand years.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Revelation 7:15*

**Alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**





<sup>32</sup>When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled.

<sup>34</sup>He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They told him, "Lord, come and see."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup>Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>"Take away the stone," he said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days."

<sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

<sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, "Loose him and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

890 Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—  
2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, all ju - bi - lant with song  
3 There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,  
4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.  
and bright with man - y an an - gel and all the mar - tyr throng.  
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.  
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect!



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,  
The Prince is ev - er in them, the day - light is se - rene;  
And they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight  
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest;



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare.  
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.  
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white.  
you are with God the Fa - ther and Spir - it ev - er blest.

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## SERMON

John 11:32–44

### Jesus Really Wants Us to Believe

*Stand*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## OFFERING

*“Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. Because where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

*Stand*

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## *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 Lord be with you.

**And also 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 in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(no musical intro)

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN

1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.

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## 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.**

*continued...*

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."

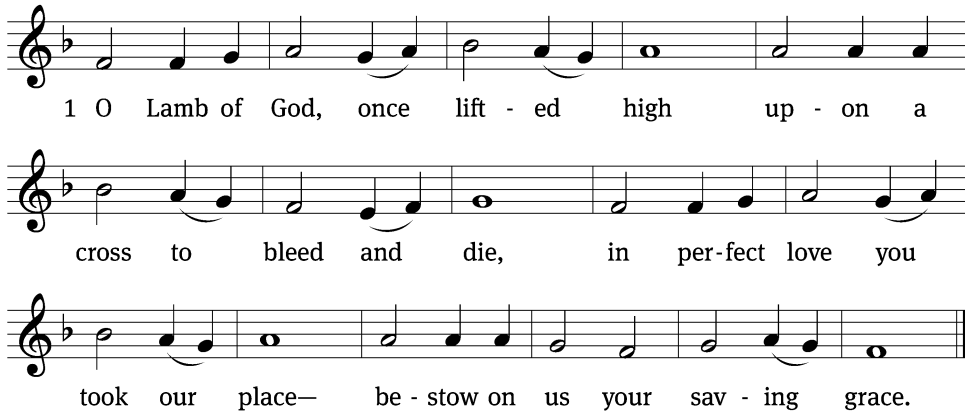
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*(no musical intro)*

*Tune: HAMBURG*



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.

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*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

880 For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 Oh, may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold  
 4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;  
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old and  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.



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

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
 steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,  
 and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
 soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
 sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
 the King of glory passes on his way.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*883 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, like thou - sand  
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; but now, how  
 3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray, now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; who is  
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, a priest -  
 home in end - less day, ex - tol the Lord, who with



this band be - fore the throne of light? These are the  
 ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. So oft in  
 his Word sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, who from the great af - flic - tion  
 trou - bled days gone by, in an - guish they would weep and  
 nar - row path you trod; you toiled and sowed the Word a -



came and in the flood of Je - sus' blood are cleansed from  
sigh; at home a - bove the God of love for - e'er their  
broad; re - joice and bring your fruits and sing be - fore the



guilt and blame. Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,  
tears shall dry. They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,  
throne of God. Swing high your palms, lift up your song,



their voic - es they in wor - ship raise; their an - thems  
the heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; the Lamb, their  
yes, make it myr - iad voic - es strong! Let heav - en



rise where God re - sides, mid an - gels' songs of praise.  
Lord, at fes - tive board him - self is host and guest.  
ring— to Christ the King all praise and thanks be - long!

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*886 Blessed Are They*

*(Note: the Refrain opens the hymn and follows verses 3 & 5)*



Bless - ed are they which are called, bless - ed are



they which are called, bless - ed are they which are

called to the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.

*Verses*

- 1 Mul - ti - tudes, clothed in white robes, from ev - 'ry
- 2 They'll nei - ther hun - ger nor thirst, death, sor - row,
- 3 Bless - ing and hon - or, they cry, un - to the

na - tion and tongue, stood be - fore God and the  
 pain van - quished now, God wipes all tears from their  
 Lamb that was slain, re - deem - ing us with his

Lamb at the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.  
 eyes by the mar - riage feast of the Lamb.  
 blood in the mar - riage feast of the Lamb. *Refrain*

4 Servant, saint, martyr at rest,  
 sanctified, ransomed, restored,  
 thund'rously sing a new song  
 of the marriage feast of the Lamb. (v. 5)

5 Worthy are you, Lamb of God,  
 to receive glory and praise.  
 Alleluia and amen  
 for the marriage feast of the Lamb! (Refrain)

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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.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through 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

853 *I'm But a Stranger Here*



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 - 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;  
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;  
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.  
heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.

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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DIVINE CALL EXTENDED

We have extended a divine call to Mrs. Kelly Radke to serve as our new 3K/4K teacher beginning next fall. Mrs. Radke currently serves as an Early Childhood Ministry (ECM) teacher at Cross of Glory Lutheran School in Washington, MI. Please keep Kelly and her family in your prayers as she deliberates where best to serve in God's kingdom.

## NEW MIDWEEK STUDY

Our next midweek Bible study is called *The God of the Covenant*. What kind of God do we worship? How has he revealed himself to us? Or, to put it another way, what is his name? In the Old Testament, God revealed who he is through a series of wonderful words—words that present God as wanting nothing more than to bestow his love on all people. Sad to say, many of these words go unnoticed by Bible readers or, if they are noticed, they don't jump out and command the reader's attention as they should. When we look carefully at these key words in the Old Testament—these gospel words—we come to understand our God better. Understanding these words translates into everyday hope and peace. The words chosen for this course are organized so that a picture of God emerges. The study covers the following six lessons: *God's Covenant* in Christ, *The LORD*, *The Glory* of the LORD, *The Righteousness* of the LORD, *The Holiness* of the LORD, *The Justice* of the LORD. Join us on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings as we grow in faith and in a knowledge of the good things God has planned for us children of the new covenant.

## REDWINGS ONLINE STORE

An apparel shop for our school has been set up at BSN Sports (new vendor). Go to the following webpage (also in the QR code) to shop for over 50 apparel items. St. Paul's school also receives a portion of the sales as a fundraiser.

**Orders are due by November 11<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for supporting our school!



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PRACTICES

Children in the public school grades 4K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join in the Christmas Eve service. The school students will be having practice beginning November 4<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the program and practice schedule have been placed in the narthex (bottom shelf of where you pick up worship bulletins). If you have any questions about the program or possible transportation from the public school for practices, call the school at 608-486-2641.

## **SNOW REMOVAL**

It is that time of year where we again need to call for volunteers to help with snow removal. We have a group of six stalwart individuals who have faithfully removed the snow from our sidewalks and steps. We have one additional volunteer. If we could get some more volunteers, we could lessen the burden on those good people. If you are able to volunteer, please contact either Pastor Groth or Dan Arndt at 608-343-4662. If you would be willing to help but are available only on the weekends, let us know that as well. As at least we could give our regulars a break on the weekends.

## **NEXT NATIONAL TEEN BIBLE STUDY**

WELS will offer another National Teen Bible Study as an online opportunity for teens across the country to digitally connect with each other around the Word. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm (Central). Teens will be able to sign up using their phones to register for the upcoming one-hour Bible study that will be zoomed quarterly. This quarter's Bible study will focus on the testing of Abraham's faith in Genesis chapter 22. What's the hardest test you've ever been through? Maybe math or chemistry comes to mind, but you've likely been through tests much harder than that. Family problems, friend problems, personal disappointment, death in the family—all these things can become extraordinary tests to our faith. At a time in life when many questions, doubts, and fears can easily overwhelm you, it's important to stay connected to God and to fellow believers! Join us for another national online teen Bible study to learn how you can better "pass the tests" and walk by faith! Register at the QR code provided.



## **LIVE NATIVITY**

Start a new family tradition of sharing the good news of Christ's birth by volunteering down at Riverside Park. Many people are needed to staff the diorama each of the following evenings: November 25, 26, 27 and December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 25. Pick a night or two and come down for any amount of time you can spare. (Friday/Saturdays 5-10pm...Sundays 5-9pm) Sign up using one of the following ways: 1) Under the event on the Live Nativity Riverside- Diorama Facebook page, 2) Text/call Maria Johnson 608-397-4810 or email johnson.maria@live.com, or 3) Scan the QR code.



## **TREE CUTTING FOR LIVE NATIVITY**

The tree cutting for the Live Nativity will take place on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am at Bowman Tree farm (4169 Barrell Rd. Sparta). We need about 20 people to help cut down and transport trees from there to Riverside Park. Please indicate whether or not you can bring a chainsaw, truck, or trailer. Make sure to sign up so you can be notified of any changes. Call/text John Pieper (608-386-9894) with any questions or to sign up!. Thank you so much for all your help!

## **FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

Did you know that WELS Discipleship offers daily devotions for families? The devotions include reflection on the Word of God, a prayer, and questions for kids in three different age ranges. You can even listen to recordings of the devotions. Find them at [wels.net/serving-you/devotions/family-devotions](https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/family-devotions) or by using the QR code.



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

2024 Weekly Budget: \$11,826.00	Budget to Date: \$508,518.00
Received Last Week: \$6,372.56	Rec'd to Date: \$331,762.90

## **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

8:00 am: 120    Online Viewers: 50    10:00 am: 88    Total: 258  
Sunday Bible Study: 38    Sunday School: 12    Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 28



# CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 am	Mornings with Mommy
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
	6:00 pm	Education Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Presiding Minister**  
**Accompanist**

Pastor Brock Groth  
Irene Bakken

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