

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ

Weekly Announcements

March 30, 2025



St. Paul's

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Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Lenten worship and dinner

Our midweek Lenten worship services are on Wednesdays. Worship services are held at 12:15pm and 6:30pm. Prior to the evening service, there is a hymn sing at 6:15pm. Dinner is served in the fellowship hall from 5-6:15pm for a free-will offering. This week's meal is sponsored by *Women of Joy*. They will be serving a taco bar. Please come join us!

Easter Food Bags

If you or anyone you know would like an Easter Food bag, please fill out the form that is on the Lord's Cupboard bulletin board that is outside of the Fellowship Hall. The form is pink. You can drop the form off to the church office or take a photo of it and email it to lordscupboard@splco.org or put it in the offering plate. Please have the form filled out and returned by March 31st. The food bags will be given out during the Lord's Cupboard distribution on April 7th. Thank you!

We will be packing Easter Food Bags on Saturday, April 5th, at 10am. It should only take about one hour. Please come join us! Many hands make light work.

Egg fundraiser for the Lord's Cupboard

We are asking for donations toward purchasing eggs for our LC guests. During the month of March, we will have baskets of colorful, plastic eggs for you to fill with your coins, bills, or checks. Once you place your donation inside the plastic egg, please return the egg to the baskets by the church, the school entry doors, or to the Church office. There will be a LC volunteer in the narthex after the service to take any donation you would like to make.

Other options to help are:

- ✦ Make a donation in an envelope marked "LC eggs" and place it in the egg basket by the entry doors, put it in the offering plate or take it to the church office.
- ✦ Online donations are always available. Go to splco.org, click on the "Donate" button on the upper right, then scroll down to Lord's Cupboard.

At the current cost, we need approx. \$1,000 per month to give our LC guests eggs. So far, your generosity has donated \$847, thank you!

Thank you so much for helping our neighbors with such a needed food source!

Lutherans for Life – Life Thoughts in the Church Year

The prodigal's father kept watching every day for his wayward son's return. He had to have in order to spot him "while he was still a long way off" (Luke 15:20). Our Gracious God never gives up on a human life, no matter what size, skills, circumstances, or sins it involves. We need not let surprise pregnancies, chronic conditions, or terminal diagnoses steal our hope—or anyone else's!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's Youth Group

March Events

- March 30th **Krazy Golf** after 10:30 Service



April Events

- April 6th HS Youth Group 7-8:30 pm
- April 13th Deliver Easter Food bags after the 10:30am service
- April 13th MS Youth Group 5:30-7pm; HS Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- April 19th Easter Breakfast Set-Up
- April 20th Easter Breakfast/NO YOUTH GROUP
- April 27th END OF THE YEAR FUN - MS & HS Bowling after 10:30 service

EASTER FLOWERS

Help beautify our Easter Worship with spring flowers. You can choose Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths, Daffodils, Azaleas or Hydrangeas.



Easter Lilies	\$15.00
Tulips	\$13.00
Hyacinths	\$13.00
Daffodils	\$13.00
Azaleas	\$30.00
Hydrangeas	\$30.00



Deadline for ordering is **MONDAY, March 31st**

Please make checks payable to **St. Paul's**
(payment must accompany order)

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Please indicate number of each type of flower:

_____ Easter Lilies

_____ Tulips

_____ Hyacinths

_____ Daffodils

_____ Azaleas

_____ Hydrangeas

Total amount: _____

(You may pick up your flowers following the 10:30 Worship Service on Easter.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday processional from the Village Green

On Palm Sunday we wave the palms and remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Weather-permitting, we will begin our Palm Sunday on April 13, 2025 on Oconomowoc's "Village Green." God-willing, about 7:45 a.m. we will begin singing our "songs of ascent" as we follow the cross "up to the house of the Lord" for the beginning of our Holy Week.

Ladies Aid

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our guest speaker is unable to make it to our next meeting. However, we will still have a meeting filled with fun, food and fellowship! Please join us on Thursday, April 3rd, at 5:30pm. And, as always, we'd love it if you'd bring a friend!

****Save the date for our annual Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet on Tuesday, May 13th. Stay tuned for more details.*****

LWML

We will meet on **Tuesday, April 1st**, at **6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Remember your Mites!



Luke 15:12 – “And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.” This prodigal son only sees

the father as a source of wealth. “Give me my inheritance now!” he says, which is really to say, “You are better off dead in my eyes.” This is the sin at the heart of all greed: valuing things over people. This parable calls us to come to our senses as well, and to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.



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FOR LIFE**

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Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: *Ambassadors of Reconciliation*

March 30 – April 6, 2025

Ambassadors of Reconciliation

When the father in “The Parable of the Prodigal Son” sees his son a long way off, the father knew his son was not the same. He knew that the lost son was found, (See Lk 15.11-32) that through suffering he had come to repentance, that he was a “new creation.” The father knew that he was an ambassador of reconciliation with God, (2 Cor 5.18) and that the whole ordeal with his son was for this end. Therefore, the father rejoiced, as is fitting in the Lord, whose will is to turn away from anger, give comfort, and bring salvation. (See Isa 12.1-2) Indeed, Christ’s Church—and every member thereof—serves as an “ambassador of reconciliation.”

Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

Invocation

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

Apostles’ Creed

Christ-Centered Theme: Christ has made His Church ambassadors of reconciliation.

Verse: Psalm 118:8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Psalm: Psalm 132 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule
LSB, p. 304

Catechism—Table of Duties—Of Civil Government

<p>Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 13:1</p>	1 st grade+
<p>Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 13:2</p>	2 nd grade+
<p>For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 13:3</p>	3 rd grade+
<p>For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 13:4</p>	4 th grade+

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: *Ambassadors of Reconciliation*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	Isaiah Sees the Lord: Isaiah 6, 52-53	Psalm 84, 42, 32	Luke 15.1-3,11-32
Mon.	King Hezekiah Prays: 2 Kings 18-19	Psalm 119:73-80, 121, 6	1 Sm 2:1-36
Tue.	King Josiah’s New Book: 2 Kings 22	Psalm 34, 25j, 91	1 Sm 3:1-21
Wed.	God Calls Jeremiah: Jeremiah 1, 23, 31	Psalm 5, 27, 51	1 Sm 4:1-22
Thur.	God Provides for Elijah: 1 Kings 16-17	Psalm 38, 126, 102	1 Sm 5:1-7:2
Fri.	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal: 1 Kings 18	Psalm 22. 107, 130	1 Sm. 7:3-14
Sat.	Sunday’s Gospel Reading: Luke 20.9-20	Psalm 43, 31, 143	1 Sm 8:1-22

Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul’s

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Daily Themes for Prayer

Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.

Monday: *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*

Tuesday: *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

Wednesday: *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*

Thursday: *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*

Friday: *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*

Saturday: *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

In Our Prayers this Week

Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS – Pauline Bemis; Bob Bratz; Bob Reddelien; Vernon Schilling; Ian McMillan; Janet Dahm; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin—cancer care; Jim Braatz; William Kuebler—cancer; Dorothy Duchow; Bruce Bojko—cancer; Ruth Polcha; Bill Anderson; John Lindemann; Gary Flanagan; Virginia Meintz; Belle Romback; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer—cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Marilyn Marohn; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert—acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel—lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer—cancer; George Menden—prostate cancer; Diane Gartzke—post traumatic stress disorder; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Vernon Schilling—cancer; Marcus Pankow—in home hospice; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – **Those with cancer:** Dana—recent cancer diagnosis; Marna—liver cancer; Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)—mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda—breast cancer; Hailey—13 year-old w/ brain tumor; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack—COPD; Jeff—stage four colon cancer; Dick Watt; Betty Dow (Linda Uttech's cousin)—Leukemia; Jeff—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Jayne Roberts' husband—lymphoma; Cheech Counsell (Dona Thurow's son-in-law); Tyler; Christopher—cancer; Tanner—2 year-old with cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)—breast cancer; Dawn—lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad); Jim (Laura Grubba's brother-in-law); Phyllis; Mike; Elizabeth—breast cancer; Kayla—thyroid cancer; Erin (Mileager)—Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy

Berkbigler (Pat Borgman’s cousin)—breast cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

Other: Tom (Jamie Stache’s boyfriend)—stroke; Dorothy—Alzheimer’s; Trish Lederer—vision issues; Patricia Eberhardt (Chad’s mom); Brent (Barb Allwardt’s brother)—Alzheimer’s; Cindy Counsell (Dona Thurow’s daughter)—massive stroke; Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Liz Peronto (Barb Allwardt’s sister); Doug—CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

Those serving in the military-deployed: Joe; Sam Duggan; Justin Michener; Zach Howard; Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke; Jacob; Brian; Randy; Kyle; Jake; Jeff; Matt; Brad; Ben; Mike & Rob

Those serving God as missionaries: Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump & family; Trevor Thiel – Alaska (Fort JBER); Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess, Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

Those in need: Our Shut-Ins; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday in Lent
Hymns: 909, 430 (425, 644, 647) 575

April 6, 2025

Press On in Christ (Pastor O’Donnell)

Christians should not be under any illusion about what they’re up against, for the spiritual descendants of those who thought they could steal the throne of God by destroying his Son (See Lk 20.9-20) are still at work, even though He conquered them by His death and resurrection. Indeed, because we have Christ’s promises, we “remember not the former things.” (Isa 43.18) We “press on” toward our goal: resurrection. (See Phil 3.8-14) Thus, we can say with the psalmist, “Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!” (Ps 126.5)

Tales from 5K



In kindergarten, the world is our classroom. We enjoy growing closer to God daily as we learn about His marvelous creation each day. Currently, we are learning about our community and have enjoyed visits to local places such as the Wisconsin Fitness Company, Roots Coffeebar and Cafe, and Reichl and Kolstad Orthodontics. As we learned about communities, we discovered each person's role in the community. In the classroom, we created our own St. Paul's Coffee Shop play area. In this area, students have learned how to take orders, role play, fill orders, and practice their math skills as they pay for orders.

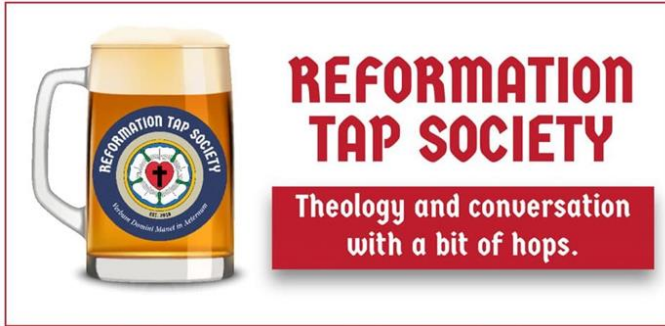
One of our favorite weekly activities is buddy STEM with the seventh graders. During this time, kindergarteners use math, science, engineering, and technology skills to tackle various challenges.

These challenges include nature art, creating roller coasters, and learning about insulation. We are blessed to give our students the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with their buddies.

Along with developing into readers, writers, and mathematicians, a large part of kindergarten involves developing our social-emotional skills. In the classroom, we learn various tools and strategies to regulate our emotions. In Friendlyzy, we are learning that God created each of us uniquely, with different gifts and talents. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. It's our differences that make the world an exciting place. Throughout the day, kindergarteners are given many opportunities to grow in their leadership skills through leading Number Corner, working independently, group activities, and leading the class in various daily routines.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Reformation Tap Society talks are casual and thoughtful adult conversations about important things. The 2024-2025 RTS season explores many facets of grit and endurance under the theme “Unshakeable Joy in Christ.” Though we welcome adults of any age, topics and language are aimed at those 18-35. Our speakers understand that RTS is a public event, so the conversation won’t be raw, but our speakers are encouraged to practice candor geared towards adults. Parents of young ones should collaborate on a babysitter, then come and enjoy the beverages, food, and conversation. RTS is an opportunity to hear perspectives not regularly heard in popular culture. All are welcome.

RTS is held on the 3rd Sundays, September through May. We gather at 5 p.m., have a “beer talk” from the brewmaster at about 5:25, and at about 5:30 our speaker takes the mic. The speaker will present on a topic of interest, then take questions until 6:15 or so. (BTW, you’re welcome even if you’re not a beer fan. Other beverages are available.) For more information, visit

<https://splco.org/church/reformation-tap-society/>.

April 27

Joyfully Anxious:

How to Untangle Law, Gospel and Poor Mental Health

Presenter: Harrison Goodman

5-7p.m.

BrewFinity Brewery

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Oconomowoc, WI 53066

www.brewfinitybrewing.com

**First time guests
get a free
beer or soda on us!**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY April 1	LWML	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY April 2	Lenten Worship Lenten Meal Lenten Hymn Sing Lenten Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Church Church	12:15 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm
THURSDAY April 3	Ladies Aid Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall Church Church	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY April 5	Women of Joy Packing Easter Food Bags Divine Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Fellowship Hall Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY April 6	Divine Worship Blood Pressure Screening Public School Confirmation Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship High School Youth Group	Church Office Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Room 219Y/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 7:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall
262-567-5001

Journeymen

Saturday (2nd & 4th) - 7:30 am
Maxim's

Women of Joy

Saturday (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 am
Whelan's

Sunday School

March 30, 2025

The Unknown Revealed

Bible Truth: God makes Himself known through His Word.
Acts 17:16-34

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Ps 126	Is 43.16-21	Phil 3.8-14
Acolytes	TBD	Ryan Edwards	TBD
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky Vivian Grubba	Ingrid Kowieski	Barb Star
Elders	Pat Smith	Rick Zastrow	Ryan Schneider
Greeters	Mark & Sue Baganz	Chris & Pam Kroupa Jim & Judy Braatz	Gary & Leah Johnson
Live-Stream	N/A	Edwards	N/A
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Friedrich	Rick Zastrow	Dan Lennington

APRIL 6, 2025

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O’Donnell

Theme: *Press On in Christ*

5pm & 8am Worship

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10:30am Worship

Special Order

ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music
Jill George, Principal

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Monday-Friday)

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1–6

You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of
salvation. And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.
"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of

property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, & Early Childhood Center

- + Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate.
- + *As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.*

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We're delighted that you've joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, a greeter, elder, or pastor will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. There are activity bags located behind the back pews, and a simulcast downstairs if necessary.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord's instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul's welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

Distribution and Communion Wine

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 100 **Total: 398**
 8:00 am – 175
 10:30 am – 123

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Liturgist	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Preacher	Ps. Schockman	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Jamie Stache	Amber Butler	Karen Dentice
Elders	Dave Meyer	Chuck Laabs	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Char Binney	Dutch & Lynda Holland Dave & Bonnie Schlieuwe	Anne Fait
Live Stream	N/A	Grace Schockman Brenainn O'Donnell	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushering Team	Dave Meyer	Bob Bratz	Tom Showen

Prayer before communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Radio Broadcast: Sponsored by a member in praise to God for blessings received

ST. PAUL'S MEDIA

- + **Radio:** *LIVE* Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)
- + **YouTube:** *LIVE* Sundays at 8am (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279)
- + **Web:** Anytime at www.splco.org or YouTube

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Reading: Psalm 32



Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*
whose sin is | covered.

**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no
in- | iquity,***

and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*
through my groaning | all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of |
summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you,

and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

**Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be
found;***

**surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not | reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me;

you preserve me from | trouble;*

you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you
should go;***

I will counsel you with my eye up- | on you.

Be not like a horse or a mule, without under- | standing,*

which must be curbed with bit and bridle,

or it will not stay | near you.

Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*

**but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in
the LORD.**

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O | righteous,*

and shout for joy, all you up- | right in heart!

Glorify to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

3. How is Jesus' telling of the story different than the way the world would likely tell such a story? What does Christ? Focus upon? Why?

II. Ambassadors of Reconciliation

4. Why do we "give thanks to the Lord"? (See Isa 12.1; 2 Cor 5.19; Jn 3.16)

5. Even though Christians still struggle with an old, sinful nature, we are different. How? (See Isa 12.2-3; 2 Cor 5.17; Rom 6)

Conclusion

6. What would your title be for Jesus' parable in Luke 15.11-32? Why?

CCT: Christ has made His _____ ambassadors of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5.19)

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