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# Weekly Announcements

May 25, 2025



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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

### An invitation to Rachel Wegener & Grant Burnham's wedding ceremony

At 1:30 pm, on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, I am getting married at St. Paul's. I have been a member since 2018. In fall of 2023, I started the deaconess program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. It is there I met my fiancé, Grant Burnham, who is studying to become a pastor. We were engaged on February 16, 2024. We will be starting our one-year vicarage/internship at St. Luke's Lutheran in Oviedo, Florida later this summer. This congregation has walked alongside me, as I left one career, sought God's will for my future, and felt Him leading me to the seminary. I am so thankful...

- Rachel Wegener



**Women of Joy** continues to meet during the summer months on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

HOWEVER, **we will not be meeting on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**, as the city is planning a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and Wisconsin Ave will be closed for most of the day.

We are currently reading through the book titled ***Wherever Love May Lead: Your Place in God's Plan***, and women of confirmed age and older are welcome to join us

anytime. We meet at Whelan's Coffee Shop, 163 E. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc (in the upper room) from 8:00 – 9:00 AM.

### LWML

Join us Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 pm, for dinner and the last meeting until fall at *Johnny Pizzas* in Oconomowoc. Call Kathy (262-468-6926) if you plan to attend.

### Ladies Aid

Ladies, join us in a summer kick-off celebration at our June 5<sup>th</sup>, Ladies Aid meeting. We are having a potluck, so please bring a dish to pass. You won't want to miss this evening of fellowship, food and fun.....there'll be games and prizes too! We hope to see you on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm as we won't meet again until September.

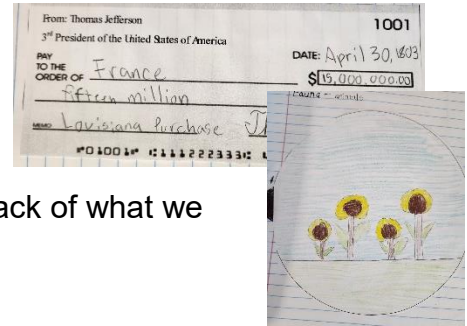


**Acts 16:9 – “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’”** God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who

was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES

In 5th grade we are studying American History. We start at the beginning and learn about the Native Americans and the settling of the colonies. We discuss the American Revolution and how the government was set up. We just finished learning about Lewis and Clark and created journals to keep track of what we learned.



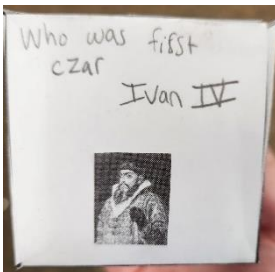
## The Great Wall Of China

Do you know about the Great Wall of China? Well you're about to! It goes through 15 provinces in China. It's important because it will help protect them from invaders. It is made out of a lot of things including bricks, stone, tamped earth, wood, and lime mortar. It was ordered to be made by Qin Shi Huang. It should take 9 years to build. It is 963 miles long. He had 800,000 people build the wall! The watch towers will be used strictly for military use only which includes outposts for defense, communication, and observation. Some people who died while working were buried in the wall. When it is done it will be the longest man made structure in the world! Now you know about the Great Wall of China.



In 6th grade we study World History. We learn about ancient civilizations and how they lived. We have studied Greece, China, Mesopotamia, and Egypt.

In 7th grade we also study American History. We start with the Industrial Revolution and continue up until World War II.



In 8th grade we study Geography. We learn about what the land is like in other countries, we discuss the history of that country, and what life is like today.

**CURRENCY**  
Poland's currency is a Zloty, which translates to the meaning, which is "valuable" in English. This currency replaced the Polish Marka in April of 1924 due to inflation.

**RELIGION**  
Poland's main religion is Christianity, with 72.4% being Catholic and 71.3% of those being Catholic. 26.6% of the Polish population had no answer. 6.0% had no religion and 0.7% were marked down as something else.

**SPORTS**  
Poland has many popular sports including football, volleyball, basketball, swimming, ski jumping, track and field, handball, ice hockey, and more. Poland is the most popular of these sports, 400.00 Polish players is regularly.

**POPULATION**  
As of 2020, there was a population of about 36.69 million people living in Poland.

**National Symbols**  
Poland's national symbols include the white-tailed eagle, their nation Anthem-Dejbowinski Mazurka, and the Red Poppy Flower. Other symbols people include are apples, the white clover, the European biotin, and the Mazurka dance.

**Language**  
Poland's official language is Polish, although 33% of the population speak English, 19% speak German, and 14% speak Russian. The Polish alphabet consists of 32 different letters, which is close to our alphabet, yet none of those letters are Q, V, and X. There are instead 6 different versions of other letters. Their alphabet is Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo, Pp, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, Zz. Polish descended from the Proto-Slavic language and emerged around the 10th century.

**Facts**  
Poland has over 1,300 lakes.  
Polish people eat 4-5 meals daily.  
Europe's heaviest animal is Polish.  
Poland has the world's biggest castle.  
Vodka originated in Poland.



# **GAME SHOW GALA**

## **THANK YOU!**

There are so many people to thank for their support for the Game Show Gala held Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Our net proceeds exceed \$24,000 and will go directly to the Fred Boldt Fund-a-Family Scholarship Program. We accept donations for that fund at any time throughout the year.

The next big event to put on your calendars is Saturday, October 25, 2025, when St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be celebrating its 160th Anniversary with a gala at Chivaree on the Park (Ixonía Fireman's Hall). I thank all of you with Unshakeable Joy in Christ.

- Ixonía Pub and Peschek Family for food and service
- Johnny Pizzas for beer and wine
- Anonymous Church Member
- Ashton Anderson Design/Build
- Baird Financial Services
- Ryan and Jill Jaeger
- Bill and Carrie Ticali
- Gemma Kitzman
- Jeff and Stephanie Atwood
- Stacey Balistreri
- Jenny Adams
- Vicky Tudor
- Kate Crnkovich
- Sheri Fleischfresser
- Allison Mackie
- Aaron DeWitt
- Obie, Eden, and Magdala Mueller
- Cameron Gotthardt
- All the school families that donated to the Silent Auction
- And anyone else I may have overlooked. You are all so appreciated!

"We rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:2b

## **Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: *The Word of Grace and Truth*

May 25–June 1, 2025

### ***The Word of Grace and Truth***

God has indeed been “gracious to us and made his face shine upon us.” In Jesus Christ, he has made “his saving power among the nations known.” (Ps 67.1-2) In Jesus’ healing of the invalid at the Pool of Bethesda (Jn 5.1-9), and in His subsequent dealing with the man (Jn 5.10-17) Jesus showed Himself to be “the light of men,” (Jn 1.4) “full of grace and truth,” (Jn 1.14) a light and grace a truth shown preeminently in His redeeming death and resurrection. So it was, and so it will be in the New Heavens and Earth and the Heavenly City, wherein Christ is the Temple and the “glory of God gives it light, for its lamp is the Lamb.” (Rev 21.23) Thus, we rightly say that Christ’s Word of grace and truth heals our souls and gives us heavenly citizenship.

### ***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’s Word of grace and truth heals our souls and gives us heavenly citizenship.

**Verse:** Acts 14:22b Continue in the faith ... “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”.

**Psalm:** Psalm 98 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

**Catechism: Table of Duties—To Employers and Supervisors: Ephesians 6:9;  
To Youth: 1 Peter 5:5-6**

Masters, treat your slaves in the same way do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him.  <b>Ephesians 6:9</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade +
Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothes yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.  <b>1 Peter 5:5-6</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +  2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter: *The Word of Grace and Truth***

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
<b>Sun.</b>	The Good Samaritan: Luke 10	Psalm 93, 136, 117	John 5:1-9
<b>Mon.</b>	The Good Shepherd: John 10	Psalm 97, 124, 115	1 Ch 1:1-4:43
<b>Tue.</b>	A Psalm of David: Psalm 23	Psalm 98, 66, 116	1 Ch 5:1-8:40
<b>Wed.</b>	Jesus Raises Lazarus: John 11	Psalm 99, 8, 118	1 Ch 9:1-12:40
<b>Thur.</b>	Jesus Seeks the Lost: Luke 15	Psalm 47, 68, 113	1 Ch 13:1-14:17
<b>Fri.</b>	Jesus Heals Ten Men with Leprosy: Luke 17	Psalm 96, 50, 138	1 Ch 15:1-16:43
<b>Sat.</b>	Sunday’s Gospel Reading: John 17.20-26	Psalm 92, 23, 114	1 Ch 17:1-27

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

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

- Sunday:** *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** – George Urban—rotator cuff surgery; Tammy Frazier—cancer; Tim Krause; Pauline Bemis; Bob Bratz; Vernon Schilling; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin—cancer care; Jim Braatz; 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; Marcus Pankow—in-home hospice; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell—cancer treatment

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Lauri; Steve Latino (Bruce & Mary Bojko's son-in-law)—pancreatic 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:** Jenn—pregnant mother with health problems; Brett Jaeger—recovering from auto accident; 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:** Trevor Thiel—Alaska (Fort JBER); 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; 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

**Anniversary:** George & Pat Menden—51<sup>st</sup>—May 25<sup>th</sup>

*Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism*  
*Hymn of the Week: Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won* LSB 490

<p><b>Looking forward to the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Hymns: 561, 539 (623, 540, 845) 829</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>June 1, 2025</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Truth, Trust, and Unity in Christ Mission (Pastor O’Donnell)</i></b></p> <p>In Jesus’ “high priestly prayer” He prays, among other things, “for those who will believe in Me through their word,” (Jn 17.20) that is, He prays for those in the future who trust in Him through the Word proclaimed by the Apostles and the Apostolic Church. Further, Jesus prays for the unity of the Church in this mission. Indeed, such unity is “good and pleasant.” (Ps 133.1) According to Jesus, such unity serves the mission. (Jn 17.21) Yet, Jesus also says that “everyone who loves and practices falsehood” is “outside” the heavenly city of the blessed (Rev 22.14-15) Thus, knowing and practicing Jesus’ Word of Truth is central to salvation and the mission of Christ’s Church. God grant us repentance, that in our homes and in our congregation, we may speak the truth in love, without sacrificing truth or love.</p>
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# **Circuit Ascension Service May 29, 2025**

St. John's Lutheran Church -  
North Prairie  
312. N. Main St.  
North Prairie, WI 53153  
[stjohnsnp.org](http://stjohnsnp.org)

**This year, the circuit's Ascension Dinner and Service will be held at St. John's North Prairie. Offerings for the service will support the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission and the South Wisconsin District's Church Planting Initiative.**

Dinner: 5:00 - 6:15 PM

Featuring Turkey and Gravy

Divine Service: 6:30 PM

Liturgist: Rev. Lance O'Donnell

Celebrant/Preacher: Rev. Dr. Michael Nielsen

Lector: Rev. Gregory Barto



To commemorate our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be creating a new pictorial directory which will also include a history of the congregation, making this a wonderful keepsake. The dates have been set for photo sessions with Mortensen Photography as follows:

Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
Tuesday, September from 4:00 – 8:00 pm

These will all be held at St. Paul's in Room 202.

To get your preferred time slot, book now by registering through this link:  
<http://mortensenphotocart.com/booking-calendar/st-pauls-church-directory-2664/>

If you cannot register online, please contact Cheryl Tesch at 920-285-3628 to assist with scheduling.

The directory will be a full-color 8x10 (roughly), and we will also have the directory available to view on St. Paul's website.

Packages of your family pictures will be available for purchase, but you are under no obligation to buy, and there will not be any pressure to do so during your photo session.

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To help offset the cost of printing, if you are a business owner and would like to place an ad in the directory, the following ad sizes are available:

Full Page - \$400      8x10"  
½ Page - \$250      8x5"  
¼ Page - \$175      4x5"  
⅛ Page - \$125      4x2.5"

Files submitted must be in a high-resolution format:  
pdf, jpeg, png, or tiff.

You may also contribute in memory of a loved one, which will be listed on a page in the directory.

**Please return this form to Cheryl Tesch by August 31, 2025 along with your payment to St. Paul's Pictorial Directory.**

Company/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please direct them to [Cheryl.tesch@splco.org](mailto:Cheryl.tesch@splco.org), or by texting or calling 920-285-3628.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> May 26	<b>NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b> May 27	Praise Team Rehearsal	Church	6:30 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> May 28	Lutheran Basics Bible Study	Room 219	6:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> May 29	Circuit Ascension Dinner Circuit Ascension Worship	St. John's, North Prairie St. John's, North Prairie	5:00 pm 6:30 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b> May 30	Rachel Wegener/Grant Burnham Rehearsal	Church	3:00 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b> May 31	Rachel Wegener/Grant Burnham Wedding Divine Worship AA Meeting	Church Church Fellowship Hall	1:30 pm 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> June 1	Divine Worship Blood Pressure Screening Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship Higher Things Study	Church Office Fellowship Hall Church Room 219Y	8:00 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

#### Lutheran Basics

**Wednesday: 6:30 pm – Room 219**  
262-567-5001

#### Women of Joy

**Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 am**  
Whelan's

#### Journeyman

**Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) - 7:30 am**  
Maxim's

## NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Ps 133	Rev 22.1-6, 12-20	Jn 17.20-26
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bernita Krenzke	Megan Miller Sue Thelen	Karen Gotthardt
<b>Elders</b>	Arno Kirchenwitz	Chuck Laabs	Ryan Schneider
<b>Greeters</b>	Margie Hertneky Char Binney	Dutch & Lynda Holland Dave & Bonnie Schlieuwe	Tom & Denise Showen
<b>Live-Stream</b>	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Gary Flanagan	Bob Bratz	Dan Lennington

**MAY 25, 2025**

**THE 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *Truth, Trust and Unity in Christ's Mission*

**5pm & 8am Worship**

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 2, pg. 167

**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 Sixth Sunday of Easter***

#### **Old Testament: Psalm 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!  
The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.  
God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

#### **Epistle: Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27**

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

#### **Holy Gospel: John 5:1–9**

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ**



#### **Worship Schedule**

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

**210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066**

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May 25, 2025



# 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 – 79

Total: 402

8:00 am – 182

10:30 am – 141

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. Thompson	Ps. Thompson	Ps. Thompson
Preacher	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Jackie Smith	Amber Butler	Karen Dentice
Elders	Jerad Luedtke	Pat Smith	Jon Schmeling
Greeters	Carole Schmeda Elaine Schmeda	Chris & Pam Kroupa Judy Braatz	Al Mueller
Live Stream	N/A	Edwards Granzins	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Laabs	N/A
Ushering Team	Joel Tesch	Dan Friedrich	Tom Showen

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# The Word of Grace and Truth

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The 6th Sunday of Easter  
25 May, A.D. 2025  
Ps 67; Rev 21.9-14, 21-27; Jn 5.1-9

## Introduction

On this Memorial Day weekend, how can you live in thankfulness rather than ungratefulness?

## The Healing of the Invalid and Living Thankfully

Of what is every miracle and healing of Jesus a revelation? What do these show? What do they foretell *for you*? (See 2 Cor 5, Rev 21)

It's one thing to be ungrateful for one's freedoms and opportunities, but even more tragically—and with *eternal* consequences—a lot of us are taking \_\_\_\_\_ race for granted. How was this true for the invalid man in John 5.1-17? How does this apply to *you*?



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