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Weekly Announcements

July 20, 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

Hey St. Paul's Youth!

We've got two awesome opportunities for you to serve and have fun this summer. On July 26th, Middle School and High Schoolers join us for the Brat Stand & Car Wash at Piggly Wiggly—there are two shifts and lots of ways to help out.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AEA923A2F5C70-57529792-july>

Calling all high schoolers on July 31st, help out at the Milk House for the opening day of the State Fair. You'll get FREE admission, a t-shirt, and time to explore the fair after your shift. Spots are limited, so sign up soon!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AEA923A2F5C70-57529769-july#/>

Seeking donations of water bottles for Kids Fest

Please drop off cases of water to the office by Monday, August 4th. The School Team will be distributing bottles of water to guests from our booth at Fowler Park on Tuesday, August 5, 9 am - 1 pm.

Now Hiring: Lunch Program Director

St. Paul's Lutheran School is seeking a dedicated and experienced individual to lead our lunch program during the academic school year. The ideal candidate will be responsible for the preparation and distribution of daily lunch meals for both students and staff, ensuring meals are nutritious, appealing, and served in a timely manner. Questions? Contact Jill George 262/347-6557 or principal@splco.org.

Upcoming funeral

Our brother in Christ, Ralph Andrus's funeral arrangements are as follows:

- ✠ Saturday, July 26th, at St. Paul's
 - Visitation: 9-11am, service at 11am, luncheon to follow



Luke 10:40b – “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?” Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is

there any doubt that she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act!

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: *Teach Me Your Way, O Lord*

July 20-27, 2025

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord

Through the ministry of His Church, Jesus works to bring us to maturity (Col 1.28); i.e., to move from the laughter of mocking unbelief (Gen 18.12) to the laughter of marvelous faith (Gen 21.6). The means by which this happens is simple yet profound: A) we learn (See Lk 10.38-42); and B) we struggle (See Jn 11.1-44; Gen 18-21).

Order 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.

Christ-Centered Theme: Christ brings us to maturity through learning and struggle.

Apostles' Creed

Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

Psalm: Psalm 84 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

Catechism: *The Office of the Keys—What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written? What do you believe according to these words?*

<p><i>What is the Office of the Keys?</i> The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.</p>	1 st grade+
<p><i>Where is this written?</i> This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”</p> <p>John 20:22-23</p>	2 nd grade+
<p><i>What do you believe according to these words?</i> I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.</p>	3 rd grade+

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: *Teach Me Your Way, O Lord*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	Jacob and Esau: Genesis 25, 27	Psalm 19, 81, 113	Lk 10:38-42
Mon.	Jacob’s Dream: Genesis 27-28	Psalm 136, 97, 112	Jb 2:1-3:26
Tue.	Jacob’s Family: Genesis 29-30	Psalm 123, 30, 86	Jb 4:1-5:27
Wed.	Esau Forgives Jacob: Genesis 31-33	Psalm 15, 48, 4	Jb 6:1-7:21
Thur.	Joseph and His Brothers: Genesis 37	Psalm 36, 80, 27	Jb 8:1-10:22
Fri.	Joseph’s Troubles: Genesis 39	Psalm 130, 32, 139	Jb 11:1-12:25
Sat.	Sunday’s Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13	Psalm 56, 100, 62	Jb 13:1-14:22

Prayers: *Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul’s*
O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date

Join us in celebrating a remarkable milestone at our 160th Anniversary Fall Gala! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 25, 2025, as we wrap up our year of celebrations with an unforgettable evening. Stay tuned for more details, including exciting announcements about the venue, entertainment, and how you can be involved. We can't wait to share this momentous occasion with you and make it a night to remember. Save the date and get ready to celebrate in style!

School supplies for Lord's Cupboard guests

We would like to help the families that come to Lord's Cupboard and have school supplies available for their kids. We are requesting monetary donations and/or gift cards (\$10-\$25 increments) to Dollar Tree, Target or Walmart. If you prefer to purchase the actual supplies, please drop them off prior to Monday, August 4th. A list of items to purchase is on the Lord's Cupboard bulletin board across from the elevator outside of the Fellowship Hall which is also where the school supplies purchased can be put. You can make a monetary donation to Lord's Cupboard online <https://splco.org> Scroll down to "Lord's Cupboard" or put a check or purchased gift cards also in an envelope marked Lord's Cupboard and put it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office. Thanks so much, it will be very appreciated!

Garden abundance and Lord's Cupboard

Donations of your surplus garden vegetables will be welcomed by our LC guests when they are ready! Please drop off any of your extra vegetables in the kitchen for our distribution days and mark them for the Lord's Cupboard. Upcoming dates: 7/21, 8/2 (Senior apartments food delivery at 9am), 8/4, 8/25. Thank you for your prayers for the families that we serve and for our dedicated volunteers.

Apartment available to rent

A church member has a 1+ bedroom apartment in Oconomowoc available for August 1st to rent for \$1200/month. Please contact Mary Hickenbottom at 414.333.3421 with any questions.



To commemorate our 160th 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 11th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, August 12th from 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Sunday, September 14th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Monday, September 15th 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.

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"
1/8 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, or by texting or calling 920-285-3628.

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 – Phyllis Schuck–fractured foot; Sabrina Murdy; Carol Lenz; Lynn Pelnar; Catherine Weidler-Loney–cancer; Tammy Frazier–cancer; Bob Bratz; Vernon Schilling; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin–cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; 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; Diane Gartzke; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Della–Diana Radtke's sister; Lauri; Steve Latino (Bruce & Mary Bojko's son-in-law)–pancreatic cancer; Dana–recent cancer diagnosis; 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: Baby Quinn, born prematurely; Todd (Sandy Raben-Roger’s cousin) – blood clots; Jason Johnson—UTV accident; Jim Krueger (Lynn Pelnar’s brother)—pneumonia; Irish Spring—eye tumor; Jenn—pregnant mother with health problems; Brett Jaeger; 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; the family of Jerry (Judy Mueller and Nancy & LouAnn Wolter’s brother), who passed away; those affected by the devastating floods in Texas; a member’s friend who lost both her parents and her brother; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Public Reception of New Member: Sam Ewert

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

Hymn of the Week: One Thing’s Needful

LSB 536

Looking forward to the 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

Hymns: 909, 771 (603, 596, 770) 797

Bold by Invitation (Pastor O’Donnell)

We have confidence in Christ because He is God-in-the-flesh. (Col 2.9) In our Baptism we are buried and raised with Him. (Col 2.12) Thus, like Abraham, we are chosen and may be bold in prayer, (Gen 18.17-33) as Jesus taught us to be. (Lk 11.1-13) Indeed, when He teaches us to pray to God as “Our Father,” “God is tenderly inviting us to believe that he is our true Father, and that we are his true children, so that—with all boldness and confidence—we may ask him as dear children ask their dear father.” (Small Catechism)

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY July 21	Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru & Meal	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
WEDNESDAY July 23	Summer Lakeside Worship	Backyard	6:30 pm
THURSDAY July 24	Praise Team Rehearsal	Church	6:30 pm
SATURDAY July 26	Journeyman Ralph Andrus Visitation Ralph Andrus Funeral Ralph Andrus Luncheon Divine Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Church Gym Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY July 27	Divine Worship Life Application Bible Study Summer Sunday School Divine Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Meet in Gym Church	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am

BIBLE STUDIES

Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am - Fellowship Hall

262-567-5001

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am – Meet in Gym

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The Poolside Sign: Jesus Heals at Bethesda

Bible Truth: God Heals Us.

John 5:1-17

Women of Joy

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

Whelan's

Journeyman

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

Maxim's

NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Gen 18.17-33	Col 2:6-15	Lk 11:1-13
Altar Guild	Bernita Krenzke	Pam Kroupa	Barb Star
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Chuck Laabs	Jerad Luedtke
Greeters	Mark & Sue Baganz	Dutch & Lynda Holland Dave & Bonnie Schlieuwe	Tom Miller
Live-Stream	N/A	Grace Schockman Brenainn O'Donnell	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Laabs	N/A
Ushering Team	Dan Friedrich	Gary Flanagan	Jerad Luedtke

JULY 27, 2025

THE 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pastor: Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

Theme: *Bold by Invitation*

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

Summer Office Hours: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:1–14

The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

Epistle: Colossians 1:21–29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38–42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 – 72Wed. – 44

8:00 am – 129Total: 376

10:30 am – 131

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. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell
Preacher	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell	Ps. O’Donnell
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Wendy Tesch Sue Thelen	Karen Gotthardt
Elders	Jim Juneau	Ryan Schneider	Tom Showen
Greeters	Carole Schmeda Elaine Schmeda	Rick Zastrow Jim & Jody Arndt	Denise & Hannah Showen
Live Stream	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
Radio	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
Ushering Team	Mark Baganz	Joel Tesch	Tom Showen

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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Sermon Outline: *Teach Me Your Way, O Lord*

by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 11)
20 July, A.D. 2025
Gen 18.1-14; Ps 27; Col 1.21-29; Lk 10.38-42

Introduction

What is the goal of the Christian life? (See Ps 27.1,11; Col 1.21-22, 28)

_____ and _____ may be called the twofold goal of the Christian life.

CCT: Jesus Christ _____ us by grace, and brings us to _____ through struggle and learning.

I. Salvation and Maturity in Sarah of Haran

A. Context: The Promised One (Gen 12)

What did God promise Abram in Gen 12.3?

B. Sarah Laughs in Unbelief (Gen 18)

How many years between Genesis 12 and 18?

What does the "theophany" of The LORD in Gen 18 suggest?

What did God promise Abraham and Sarah in Gen 18? How did Sarah respond?

C. Sarah Laughs in Faith (Gen 21)

What happened in Genesis 21? What does "Isaac" mean? How is Sarah's laughter different here?

D. Isaac and the Promised One (Gen 22)

What characterized Abraham and Sarah's life?

To what did the sacrifice of Isaac in Gen 22 point?
(See also Gal 4.4-5)

II. Salvation and Maturity in You

Are we different than Sarah or Martha? Why?

Conclusion

What has God given us in Christ? (See also Mk 16.16)

What does it mean to mature in Christ? (See Col 1.21-29)