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# Weekly Announcements

October 11, 2026



St. Paul's

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## Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

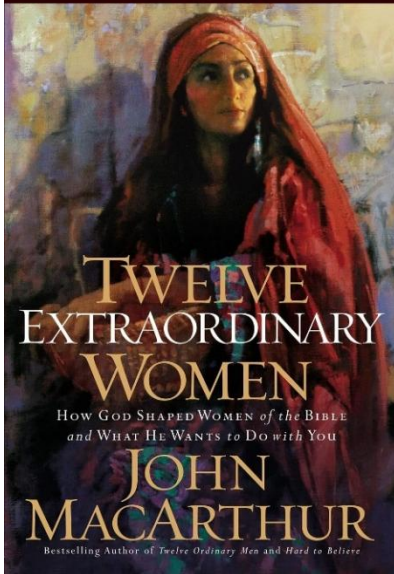
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDY GUIDE INCLUDED



**Women of Joy** will begin a new study, *Twelve Extraordinary Women*, on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The group meets on the **1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 8:00–9:00 AM** in the upper-level private room at Whelan's Coffee & Ice Cream Shop in downtown Oconomowoc.

We know life gets busy, so please don't let a full schedule keep you from joining us. If you can't make it every time, that's completely okay! Women of Joy is a wonderful group of women of all ages who come together to laugh, encourage one another, grow in faith, and support each other through the joys and challenges of everyday life.

We hope you'll join us! The book, *Twelve Extraordinary Women*, is available for purchase on Amazon. And don't forget to bring your Bible.

If you have questions, please contact Cheryl Tesch at 920-285-3628 or [Cheryl.tesch@splco.org](mailto:Cheryl.tesch@splco.org)

You are invited to our

# FALL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 15th  
5:00 - 6:15 pm  
Infants - 4th Grade

Kids are encouraged to wear pjs while enjoying games,  
crafts, sensory stations, and storytime.

Christ in All Things

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## MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES

### Word ON Wednesday

Are you thinking about becoming a member at St. Paul's OR do you want a refresher on what Lutherans believe? Join Pastor Schockman for "Lutheran Basics" at our Wednesday evening Bible class, Word on Wednesday (W.O.W.). Childcare will be provided!

- † **When:** Wednesdays, through December 16<sup>th</sup> (no class on 11/25)
- † **Where:** Room 219
- † **Time:** 6:30–8:00 pm (through 11/18)
- † **Time:** 7:30–9:00 pm (during midweek Advent Worship services)

### *The Entrusted Life*

St. Paul's is offering a six-week class on Christian Finance Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. The class will begin on October 14<sup>th</sup>, and run through November 18<sup>th</sup>. During that time, we will discuss ways to deal with difficult financial decisions, budgeting, how to deal with debt, saving vs investing, preparing for retirement, contentment, giving, and much more. "...but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts." 1 Thessalonians 2:4. God has entrusted us with so much, together let's figure out how to best steward those gifts. This six-week class will be led by Dale Stratil. Those planning to attend the class can register at <https://splco.org/church/bible-studies/> and click on the "Sign Up" link or simply use the QR code.



### LWML "Thank you!"

Thank you for the generous door offering for LWML Sunday of \$1059.43. The offering will defray the cost of shipping quilts and support mission grants.

### Upcoming funeral

Our brother in Christ, Stan Kuehl, passed away. His funeral arrangements are as follows:

- ✠ Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at St. Paul's
  - Visitation: 10am-12pm, service at 12pm, luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 2pm



**Matthew 22:5 – "But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business."** The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

## South Dakota 2026, trip #21, is in the books!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their chaperones returned from their annual week of camping, hiking, touring, swimming, discovering, cooking, cleaning, and more "-ings" than you can name!

While the trip is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, it is also deeply challenging. The students faced real obstacles along the way, including:

- Being away from home
- Sleeping on a bus overnight
- Assembling and sleeping in their own tents
- Living outside for an entire week
- Living with their classmates around the clock for 140 hours
- Climbing the sandy, unstable hills of the Badlands
- Hiking over 7 miles with a 1,500-foot elevation gain up Black Elk Peak

Yet, in the midst of these physical challenges, our students gained something far greater than just endurance: **they discovered a deeper sense of their purpose in Christ.**

When we step outside our comfort zones, rely on God through difficult moments, and lean on one another, Christ reveals who He created us to be. As our 8th graders struggled through tough trail stretches and late-night tent assemblies, they learned that their ultimate strength and identity don't come from their own effort, but from Him.

They experienced the true joy of achievement, working through obstacles and receiving countless rewards along the way. Beyond the memories made with friends old and new, they witnessed

breathtaking parts of God's creation, experienced incredible man-made monuments, and grew in their understanding of God's Word—discovering that living for Christ gives every step of the journey meaning and purpose.



## **Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: *Christ's Feast at the Center*

October 11-18, 2026

### ***Christ's Feast at the Center***

Week-in and week-out, Christ brings a rich feast (Isa 25.6) of forgiveness and life to us in the Divine Service, a feast that foreshadows a day when death is swallowed up, tears are wiped away, and joy prevails. (Isa 6.8–9) Indeed, “The LORD is at hand” (Phil 4.5) in Word and Sacrament, and that gives us “peace with God,” (Phil 4.7) a peace of such supreme value that our lives are rightly centered in receiving it. To reject this gift, however, or to be ungrateful, is an act of gross unbelief that is an affront to the God who graciously—and repeatedly—invites us. (Mt 22.1–14)

### ***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.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**Christ-Centered Theme:** Christ's Word and Sacraments are a transformative feast of forgiveness.

**Verse:** 1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

**Psalm:** Psalm 23 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB**, p. 304

## ***How Firm a Foundation***

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| <b>Story/Topic</b>                 | Crossing the Red Sea & the Ten Commandments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Primary Scripture</b>           | Exodus 14; 19-20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Catechism by Heart: Verse</b>   | John 1:1-3: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Catechism by Heart: Section</b> | <b><i>The Creed: First Article (Part 2)</i></b><br>I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                    | <i>What does this mean?</i><br>I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true. |

### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: *Christ's Feast at the Center***

| <b>Day</b>   | <b>Bible Stories for Families with Young Children</b> | <b>Readings for Adults &amp; Older Children</b> |            |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Sun.</b>  | Jesus Appears to Thomas: John 20                      | Psalm 103, 117, 139                             | Mt 22.1-14 |
| <b>Mon.</b>  | Jesus Appears in Galilee: John 21                     | Psalm 5, 84, 29                                 | Rv 20.1-15 |
| <b>Tue.</b>  | Jesus Ascends into Heaven: John 21; Acts 1            | Psalm 42, 102, 133                              | Rv 21.1-27 |
| <b>Wed.</b>  | God Sends the Holy Spirit: Acts 2                     | Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33                            | Rv 22.1-21 |
| <b>Thur.</b> | Philip and the Ethiopian: Acts 8                      | Psalm 97, 16, 62                                | N/A        |
| <b>Fri.</b>  | The Conversion of Saul: Acts 9                        | Psalm 51, 142, 65                               | N/A        |
| <b>Sat.</b>  | Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke: 10:1-9                 | Psalm 104, 118, 111                             | N/A        |

### **Prayers: *Collect for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's***

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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** – Virginia Meintz–broken femur; Sue Zastrow; Dorothy Duchow; Kathy Mueller; Ronna Pagenkopf; Andy Helwig; George Menden; Roger Fisher; Art Schuck; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin–cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–lung cancer; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS** – **Those with cancer:** Robert–open heart surgery (October 21<sup>st</sup>); Rick (Tim Krause's dad)–lung cancer; Dave Hansen–lung cancer; Birdy–5 year-old with neuroblastoma; Gina–brain cancer; Paige (Bill Merten's daughter); Dan (Bill Merten's brother); Sandi Oechsner (Tricia Burlage's mom)–stage 4 lung cancer; Lisa (nee Rhodee) Liarokis–breast cancer; Bob Duchow (Dorothy's son); Sue Malone (Dan & Brenda Maynard's friend)–brain cancer; Janice Mulvaney Krueger–lung cancer; Della–Diana Radtke's sister; Dana; Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)–mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda–breast cancer; JoyAnn; Jeff–stage four colon cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)–breast cancer; Dawn–lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad)

**Other:** Patrick Knebel & Danielle—motorcycle accident; Kathleen O’Donnell (Pastor’s mom); Scott Kleist; Connie Roth—stroke; Priti—spinal surgery; Consuelo W. (friend of Bill & Kathy Granzin); Laurie—mental and physical health issues; Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke’s brother); Dorothy—Alzheimer’s; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Madelynn Matthews—Air Force; Trevor Thiel—Alaska (Fort JBER); Joe; 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 and family; Daniel & Marie Lowitz (Dominican Republic); 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 Marilyn Runyard—who passed away; the family of Stan Kuehl, who passed away; 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: *All Christians Who Have Been Baptized***

**LSB 596**

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| <p><b>Looking forward to St. Luke, The Evangelist</b><br/><b>Hymns: 810, 518 (846, 856, 587) 583</b></p> <p><b><i>St. Luke, Evangelist (Pastor Schockman)</i></b></p> <p>The Lord bids us to <i>“pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest”</i> (Luke 10:2). The fields look more like deserts, filled with jackals (Is. 35:6–7), and the Lord sends His laborers out <i>“as lambs in the midst of wolves.”</i> But Christ’s Word of <i>“peace”</i> heals the sick and brings the very <i>“kingdom of God ... near”</i> to those who hear it (Is. 35:5; Luke 10:3–9). St. Luke, the beloved physician (Col. 4:14), did <i>“the work of an evangelist”</i> (2 Tim. 4:5). He diligently prepared both a Gospel, the history of Christ’s work in the flesh before His ascension, and the Acts of the Apostles, the history of His continued work among His Church. Luke and his Scriptures are a gift from this ascended Lord (Eph. 4:8–12), written for Theophilus and for <i>“all who have loved his appearing”</i> (2 Tim. 4:5–8). Tradition suggests that Luke was one of the 72 sent out ahead of Jesus, <i>“two by two”</i> (Luke 10:1). Luke proved himself to be a faithful companion throughout St. Paul’s missionary journeys, through many trials and crosses, and even to Rome, where he alone was with Paul).</p> | <p><b>October 18, 2026</b></p> |
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# *St. Paul's Women of Joy*

*presents*

## *Advent by Candlelight*

**FAVORED:**  
Mary, My Friends,  
and Me

*Nothing to  
bring -  
simply enjoy  
the beauty of  
Advent*

The Unforgettable  
Story of God's Favor  
for Us

by  
Schawn  
Starfeldt

Register by calling the  
church office  
(262-567-5001) or  
using the QR code



Saturday, December 5, 2026

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Ages 3rd grade and up

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT HAPPENINGS

### St. Paul's Youth Group

#### October

- October 11 Middle School Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:00pm  
High School Youth Group 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- October 17 Church and **CORN MAZE** 5:00pm-8:30pm
- October 18 High School Youth Group 7:00 pm – 8:30pm
- October 25 **LUTHER MOVIE NIGHT** 5:30pm-8:00pm

### Young Adults

#### St. Paul's Young Adults (SPLCO YA)

We provide opportunities at St. Paul's for young adults (18 - 30) to be together in community and build one another up.

#### Upcoming SPLCO YA Events

- 10/18 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity
- 11/03 | Bible Study on Joel | 6:30pm @ SPLCO
  - Please read the prophet before the study
- 11/15 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity



## Evening Prayer Service

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church  
1049 N. 9th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233

Friday, November 6th at 6:30 pm



Featuring Children's Choirs  
from Milwaukee area  
Lutheran schools

*As part of the Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative*

Guest Conductor: Dr. Sam Eatherton    Presiding Minister: Rev. M.D. Peters

Preacher:  
Rev. Peter C. Bender

All are welcome!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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| TUESDAY<br>October 13   | Board of Elders Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Room 202                                                                                               | 6:00 pm                                                                                          |
| WEDNESDAY<br>October 14 | Lutheran Basics<br>The Entrusted Life Bible Study                                                                                                                                                                                          | Room 219<br>Room 202                                                                                   | 6:30 pm<br>6:30 pm                                                                               |
| THURSDAY<br>October 15  | New Member Sponsor Committee Meeting<br>SPLS Fall Open House (Infant-4 <sup>th</sup> graders)<br>Church Choir Rehearsal<br>Praise Team Rehearsal                                                                                           | Room 201<br>Various Rooms<br>Balcony<br>Church                                                         | 1:00 pm<br>5:00 pm<br>6:30 pm<br>7:30 pm                                                         |
| SATURDAY<br>October 17  | Women of Joy Bible Study<br>LWML Zone 17 Fall Rally<br>Stan Kuehl Visitation<br>Stan Kuehl Funeral<br>Stan Kuehl Luncheon<br>Divine Worship<br>Youth Group Corn Maze                                                                       | Whelan's<br>St. John's NP<br>Church<br>Church<br>Fellowship Hall<br>Church<br>Meet in Lobby            | 8:00 am<br>9:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>12:00 pm<br>2:00 pm<br>5:00 pm<br>6:00 pm                      |
| SUNDAY<br>October 18    | Divine Worship<br>Coffee Fellowship Hour<br>Life Application Bible Study<br>Christ's Kids Class (Birth-3 years)<br>7/8 Public School Confirmation<br>Sunday School<br>Divine Worship<br>Reformation Tap Society<br>High School Youth Group | Church<br>Gym<br>Gym<br>4K Room<br>Meet in Gym<br>Meet in Gym<br>Church<br>Brewfinity<br>Room 219Y/Gym | 8:00 am<br>9:15 pm<br>9:15 am<br>9:15 am<br>9:15 am<br>9:15 am<br>10:30 am<br>5:00 pm<br>7:00 pm |

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Life Application Bible Study

**Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall**

Life Application Bible Study

#### Sunday School

**Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym**

*Crossing the Red Sea & the Ten Commandments*

**Meet in the gym at 9:15am**

#### Women of Joy

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

Whelan's

#### Journeymen

**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>      | Is 35.5-8                        | 2 Tim 4.5-18                                     | Lk 10.1-9                |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Bernita Krenzke                  | Pam Kroupa<br>Rachelle Eifert                    | Karen Gotthardt          |
| <b>Elders</b>        | Chuck Laabs                      | Ryan Schneider                                   | Erik Benes               |
| <b>Greeters</b>      | Carole Schmeda<br>Elaine Schmeda | Dave & Bonnie Schlieuwe<br>Dutch & Lynda Holland | Dustin & Ashley Westphal |
| <b>Live-Stream</b>   | N/A                              | Granzin                                          | N/A                      |
| <b>Radio</b>         | N/A                              | Tom Krenzke                                      | N/A                      |
| <b>Ushering Team</b> | Joel Tesch                       | Gary Flanagan                                    | Erik Benes               |
| <b>LABS Set-Up</b>   | Ryan Schneider & Neil Anderson   |                                                  |                          |

**OCTOBER 18, 2026**

**ST. LUKE, THE EVANGELIST**

**Pastor:** Jason A. Schockman

**Theme:**

**5pm & 8am Worship**

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 3, pg. 184

**10:30am Worship**

Special Order

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## PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK Psalm 34:3b; 34:17; 48:14a; 78:1-3, 4b

Say to my soul, "I am your sal- / vation."\*

The righteous cry out, and the / Lord hears.

He delivers them out of all their / troubles.\*

For this is God, our God forever and / ever.

Give ear, O my people, / to my law;\*

incline your ears to the words / of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a / parable;\*

I will utter dark say- / ings of old,

which we have / heard and known,\*

and our fathers have / told us.

We will tell the generation to come the praises / of the Lord,\*

and His strength and His wonderful works that / He has done.

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## SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK John 20:22-23

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."

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## READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

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## PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O almighty and most merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us, we implore You, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that You would have done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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## PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

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## SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK

**Yea, As I Live, Jehovah Saith**

TLH 331, LSB 614

Nikolaus Herman



1. Yea, as I live, Jehovah saith,  
I would not have the sinner's death,  
But that he turn from error's ways,  
Repent, and live through endless days.

2. To us therefore Christ gave command:  
"Go forth and preach in every land;  
Bestow on all My pardoning grace  
Who will repent and mend their ways.

3. "All those whose sins ye thus remit  
I truly pardon and acquit,  
And those whose sins ye do retain  
Condemned and guilty shall remain.

4. "What ye shall bind, that bound shall be;  
What ye shall loose, that shall be free;  
Unto My Church the keys are giv'n  
To ope and close the gates of heav'n."

7. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
For absolution full and free,  
In which Thou showest forth Thy grace;  
From false indulgence guard our race.

8. Praise God the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
As 'twas, is now, and so shall be  
World without end, eternally!



Around the Word Devotions + October 11-17, 2026

**"Resisting the Flesh Led by the Devil"**

1

## BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:

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

2

## SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

3

## PRAY THE 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.

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## PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

*Morning.* I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

*Evening.* I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Around the Word Devotions + the week of October 11-17, 2026

### THEME OF THE WEEK: Resisting the Flesh Led by the Devil

This week's devotions lead us to mark two things: First, that the life of faith is full of crosses and difficulties, for which we flee to the mercy of God in Christ for forgiveness and grace. Second, that the fruit of faith and trust in Christ Jesus is the continual putting to death of the old man in us, which does not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come. Having been put into Christ by baptism, we continually strive against the flesh, the world, and the devil.

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### SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:1-8 Forgiveness is More than Mental Exercise

The flesh, even the mind, is trapped by the natural law: paralytics do not walk because their sins are forgiven. If they do, paralytics walk again because of medicine. Restored flesh coming by means of the forgiveness of sins is a medical and theological impossibility for the scribes, and for most people. The forgiveness of sins received by faith in the Absolution is healing for the guilty conscience, but it also promises the restoration of our flesh in the new creation. Even as the consequences of sin mean our flesh breaks down in time, we never cease giving praise and glory to God, Who has restored our flesh in His fleshly Christ for all eternity. *Lord, let my mind and body be conformed to the authority of forgiveness. Amen.*

MON

### SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:145-152 Faith and Works

*With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord!* We cry to God and He hears and answers us. Faith is confident that in our distress, no matter what it is, it is the Lord Who hears our prayer and will answer. It says *"I call to You; save me..."* for there is no salvation in our merits or deeds, but only in the lovingkindness of the Triune God. But that faith also says *"I will keep Your statutes...I hope in Your Word,"* for these two go hand in hand, faith and the desire to resist sin and embrace the goodness of the Word of God. We are not saved by our keeping of the Law, and at the same time faith delights in who God is, His ways, and His purposes for our life. *Lord Jesus, keep me in the true faith that I may delight in Your promises and observe Your testimonies. Amen.*

TUE

### SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:22-28 You Were Taught in Jesus

The unbeliever's life is one of futility and darkness, and so was ours at one time. But now we have been taught in Christ Jesus to put off the old self, and to be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and to put on the new self. This happens each day as we confess our sins, believe that they are forgiven for Jesus' sake, and walk in a new life of love for God and our neighbor. *O God, grant me true repentance for my sins and faith in Jesus each day. Amen.*

WED

### SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 44:21-23 Return to Me

Are my sins too great or have I back-slid too many times that God is angry with me? The Lord reminds us through Isaiah that it is He Who redeems us and calls us by name. It is He who blots out our iniquities and our sins "like a mist." There is no sin too great that it cannot be blotted out by the Lord's steadfast love. It is for this reason that He says to Jacob and Israel, His holy Church, and you, dear Christian soul, "return to me." You who are far gone and separated from Him, you have no need to fear. Return to His fellowship. You are loved. Even the heavens and the earth break forth in song at the Lord's redemption for you. It is yours. There is no mistake. *Lord Jesus, You have redeemed me. May I sing for joy at Your love. Amen.*

THU

### SCRIPTURE: John 1:35-51 Ears Glimpsing Heaven

You probably know someone who has said, "if I had seen Jesus in the flesh, it would be so easy to believe!" Before responding with Luke 16:29, hear with your ears John's preaching: "Behold the Lamb of God!" Andrew and Peter heard the gospel with their ears, "the Lamb Who takes away the sin of the world!" They heard the gospel, and so did Philip and Nathanael, and believed. After hearing Jesus say to them, "Come and see." Our eyes yearn to see the glorified Christ, but it is through our ears that the Spirit calls, gathers, and enlightens us through the Word of Christ. We walk by faith, and not by sight, it is true, but we do indeed hear His gracious words, for in them He is near. *Lord, open Your heaven by Your Word that I may see You. Amen.*

FRI

### SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 One Body, One Spirit

St. Paul is driving a stake through the idea that would cause Christians to despise one another for any reason. We are all one body, for we all have been made to drink of one Spirit. Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, pastoral or lay, we are all one body as the Church with many members, Christ being our divine head. We were all brought to the same font and baptized with the name of the Triune God. Thus, the variety of peoples, cultures, economic standings, offices, and gifts is not a hurdle to be overcome but embraced, that there would be no division in the body of Christ, bound together in the unity of the truth of God's Word. *Lord Jesus, help us to see our neighbor as our brother in Christ, that we would rejoice together in Your salvation. Amen.*

SAT

### SCRIPTURE: Psalm 61 The Shelter of His Wings

When our hearts are faint, our only refuge is the Lord God Almighty. We should be confident that He will defend us in every time of need because He was willing to be crucified for us. Jesus purchased and won us by His blood that we may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom. We dwell in safety under the shelter of His wings, serving Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, ever singing praises to His Name. *Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer, and let me dwell in Your tent forever. Amen.*

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### The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away  
from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
that he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

#### Epistle: Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,  
Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to  
everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious  
about anything, but in everything by prayer and  
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be  
made known to God. And the peace of God, which  
surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is  
honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there  
is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of  
praise, think about these things. What you have  
learned and received and heard and seen in me—  
practice these things, and the God of peace will be  
with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length  
you have revived your concern for me. You were

indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.  
Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have  
learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I  
know how to be brought low, and I know how to  
abound. In any and every circumstance, I have  
learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger,  
abundance and need. I can do all things through him  
who strengthens me.

#### Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying,  
"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king  
who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his  
servants to call those who were invited to the wedding  
feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other  
servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I  
have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves  
have been slaughtered, and everything is ready.  
Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no  
attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his  
business, while the rest seized his servants, treated  
them shamefully, and killed them. The king was  
angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those  
murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his  
servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those  
invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main  
roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you  
find.' And those servants went out into the roads and  
gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So  
the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But when the king came in to look at the guests,  
he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.  
And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here  
without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.  
Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand  
and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that  
place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'  
For many are called, but few are chosen."

October 11, 2026



# St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

## 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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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. The worship service is simulcast downstairs in our Fellowship Hall for your convenience.

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 – 94

Total: 379

8:00 am – 147

10:30 am – 138

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

|               | 5pm                            | 8am                              | 10:30am               |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Liturgist     | Ps. O’Donnell                  | Ps. Schockman                    | Ps. Schockman         |
| Preacher      | Ps. O’Donnell                  | Ps. O’Donnell                    | Ps. O’Donnell         |
| Musicians     | Allison DeWitt                 | Allison DeWitt                   | Praise Team           |
| Anthem        | N/A                            | Church Choir                     | N/A                   |
| Altar Guild   | Margie Hertneky                | Ingrid Kowieski                  | Stacey Balistreri     |
| Elders        | Jim Juneau                     | Rick Zastrow                     | Jerad Luedtke         |
| Greeters      | Dan Maynard                    | Jim & Jody Arndt<br>Matt Wawrzyn | Josh & Valerie Peters |
| Live Stream   | N/A                            | Prockl                           | N/A                   |
| Radio         | N/A                            | Jim Juneau                       | N/A                   |
| Ushering Team | Dan Maynard                    | Rick Zastrow                     | Jerad Luedtke         |
| LABS Set-Up   | Patrick Smith & Ryan Schneider |                                  |                       |

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# **Sermon Outline:**

## *Christ's Feast at the Center*

by Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Pr 23)  
11 October, A.D. 2026  
Is 25.6-9, Ps 23, Phil 4.4-13, Mt 22.1-14

### **Introduction**

Themes of the "Parable the Wedding Feast" (Mt 22.1-14) and the "Parable of the Tenants" (21:33-46):

1. Jesus is the Eternal \_\_\_\_\_ of God;
2. Israel persistently \_\_\_\_\_ its prophets; and
3. the Gentiles are \_\_\_\_\_ in God's kingdom.

CCT: Christ's Word and Sacraments are a transformative \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness.

### **A Feast Even in the Midst of Trouble**

What was going on at the Prophet Isaiah's time?

How does that "flavor" our understanding of Isa 25.6-9?

Why do we have troubles in this sinful world?  
(See Jn 16.33; Heb 12.6)

Even so, what is God's promise? (See Lam 3.22-23)

Somehow, someone started the notion that in heaven God's people will sit around on overstuffed clouds and play gilded harps. In contrast, Scripture describes a very earthly picture of everlasting life. For example, the prophet Isaiah describes an elaborate feast of the best food and wine served atop a great mountain. The Lord Himself joins in the celebration. He swallows up death forever and wipes away His people's tears (Is 25:6-8). Jesus mentions this same banquet while teaching about God's kingdom but provides different details. (The Lutheran Study Bible. St. Louis, CPH, 2009, p.1689)

How does the quotation above connect to The Lord's Supper? Why is The Supper not just a meal?

## **Conclusion**

Even if the world is swirling around you, what is always here for you?

# **8am: Church Choir Offering Anthem:**

## *Table of Grace*

Words and music by Pete Carlson  
Arranged by John Carter

*Come to the table of grace;  
Seek Him who gave you His life.  
Remember the price that was paid,  
The gift of His sacrifice.*

*Come to the table of grace;  
Love there to comfort and hold.  
Remember the cost of His life,  
Given to free ev'ry soul.*

*Come to the table, the table of grace;  
Come to the Father, and seek His face;  
And drink in the life that He gives  
At the table, the table of grace.*

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At the table, the table of grace.*

*Come to the table of grace.*



# SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, October 17, 2026**  
**LWML Zone 17 Fall Rally**

*at*

**St. John's, North Prairie**

*Time:* 9:00 am Registration & Coffee  
9:30 Program

*Speaker:* **Rita Whittow**

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## *Items needed:*

Peanut butter, jelly, pasta  
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(any size), dish soap, bleach,  
Pine Sol

 *All are welcome  
to attend!*

