



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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St. Paul's EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

St Paul's Mission Statement: "St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to support each other with God's Word and sacraments, share Christ with our community and the world, and serve others in Christian love."

Welcome to worship at St. Paul's!

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

This summer's worship series is entitled "Postcards from Paul." We'll be examining accounts from the three missionary journeys which he made around the Mediterranean world, and we'll rejoice in the way that the Lord's Word was shared and how it grew into saving faith in the hearts of many.

God gets the glory for all the souls that he saves. At the same time, God uses us as his tools to take the message of the gospel to others. How can we find a balance—not falling into pride in self, but seeing our importance of in kingdom work?

Theme

Lystra: Giving God the Glory at all Costs

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Preacher: Pastor Dan Olson

Musicians: Ruby Bain, Jack Hahm, Dan Larson, Josiah Larson, Wendy Schibbelhut, Adam Schwartz, Jada Wahl

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BELLS AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the name of the Father

Congregation: whose glory is declared by the heavens,

P: and of the Son

C: who calls us to be his witnesses,

P: and of the Holy Spirit

C: who empowers us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Dear friends in Christ, our Lord Jesus has called us to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Yet we have often failed to let our lights shine to bring glory to our Father in heaven. For this and all our sins, we come before our God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

SONG OF CONFESSION:

“Mighty to Save”

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations.

Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save.
Forever author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome. Because Jesus lived a holy life, died on the cross, and rose from the grave, our heavenly Father sees us as his dear children. In Jesus we have forgiveness, life, light, and peace. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save.
Forever author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King.

Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save.
Forever author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave.

Savior, you can move the mountains
God you are mighty to save
You are mighty to save.
Forever author of Salvation
You rose and conquered the grave
Yes, you conquered the grave.
My God is mighty to save

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God of our salvation, you have called us to be witnesses of the good news that in Christ the world has been reconciled to yourself. Inspire our witness that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON:

2 Corinthians 2:12-17

Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, ¹³ I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said goodbye to them and went on to Macedonia.

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷ Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE:

"For the Cause"

For the cause of Christ the King
We give our lives, an offering
'Til all the earth resounds
With ceaseless praise to the Son.

For the cause of Christ we go
With joy to reap, with faith to sow
As many see
And many put their trust in the Son.

Christ we proclaim
The Name above every name
For all creation, every nation
God's salvation through the Son!

For the King once lifted high
To cries of rage, of crucify!
Endured the cross
As every sin was laid on the Son.

To the King who conquered death
To free the poor and the oppressed
For lasting peace
For life and liberty in the Son.

Christ we proclaim
The Name above every name
For all creation, every nation
God's salvation through the Son!

**Let it be my life's refrain
To live is Christ, to die is gain
Deny myself, take up my cross
And follow the Son.**

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PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 17:1-12

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

C: *(spoken)* **Praise be to you, O God.**

BE SEATED

In Christ alone my hope is found.
 He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground,
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My Comforter, my all in all,
 Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone—who took on flesh,
 Fullness of God in helpless babe.
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
 The wrath of God was satisfied;
 For ev'ry sin on him was laid.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then bursting forth in glorious day
 Up from the grave he rose again!
 And as he stands in victory,
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
 Can ever pluck me from his hand;
 Till he returns or calls me home,
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SERMON LESSON:**Acts 14:8-20**

In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief

speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵“Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” ¹⁸Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

Sermon Theme
Lystra: Giving God the Glory at all Costs

PLEASE STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

 I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

BE SEATED

GATHER THE THANKOFFERING

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!

1. Online giving – visit our website, www.stpaulsonalaska.org and click “Give.”
2. Text giving – text the amount you wish to give starting with the dollar sign to [608-371-6891](tel:608-371-6891).
3. If you prefer to mail your offering envelope, please send to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, P.O Box 128, Onalaska, WI 54650



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SONG:

"Glorify Thy Name"

Father, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

BLESSING *(the congregation continues humming the melody of the song while pastor speaks the blessing)*

Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

CLOSING SONG:

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross.

You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy.

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me.
All that You've done for me.



This Week at St. Paul's: June 20, 2021

Prayers:

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversaries—Jack and Memory Gronholz 50th (6/19); Steve and Terri Baker 35th (6/21)**
- ❖ **Wedding—Ella Loersch and Wesley Aguilar (6/19)**
- ❖ **Blessings of Christian Fathers**

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE TO BE DISCONTINUED IN JULY

We added the Saturday evening service during the pandemic to practice social distancing and promote public health and safety. St. Paul's church council has determined that Saturday service has served its purpose, but is no longer necessary. Therefore, **our Saturday 5:00 pm service will no longer be held starting in July**. June 26 will be the final Saturday service at St. Paul's. Keep in mind that there is always plenty of room to social distance at our Thursday 6:30 pm service.

OTHER WORSHIP UPDATES

Please note the following modifications have been adopted for our worship life here at St. Paul's:

- Ropes have been removed from the pews. Feel free to utilize all of our pews for seating.
- Communion servers will no longer wear gloves and masks when distributing the Lord's Supper. They will continue to sanitize their hands before communion distribution.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND CHILDCARE

We have now returned to in-person Bible study and Sunday School. With the 9:15 am worship service in our schedule, we are offering a second Bible class option after that service, as well as provide childcare. Our adult Bible study will be based on our summer sermon series and will be looking at the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys. We encourage parents with kids in middle school and high school to attend Bible study with their kids. Let Pastor Ehke know if you have any questions.

Schedule:

Sunday School (PreK-6th Grade) and Childcare (younger than PreK):

9:20-10:15 am - School Classrooms

1st Sunday Bible Study: 9:30-10:15 am - Fellowship Hall

2nd Sunday Bible Study: 10:30-11:15 am - Fellowship Hall

Childcare (through 4th grade): 10:20-11:15 am - Gym/Grace Room

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING ON SUNDAY, JULY 18

St. Paul's annual voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, July 18, beginning around 11:45 am (after the late morning service). Among other business items, our boards will report information on their past and projected future ministry efforts, and a Grateful and Growing building project update will be given.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, August 15, we will be combining our 9:15 and 10:30 am worship services into one outdoor service at 10:00 am. After the 10:00 am service, we'll be having our church/neighborhood picnic with food, games, and a lot

of fun. If you're interested in helping out with either serving or games or in any other way, please contact Tim Scriver: timjscriver@gmail.com. We definitely could use some help that weekend!

CARING CHRISTIANS MENTAL HEALTH

Caring Christians Mental Health will meet at First Lutheran in La Crosse on Monday, July 5, at 6:30 pm. The topic will be: Loneliness.

TALK ABOUT JESUS

In our Recovery in Christ group meetings we openly talk about Jesus. Recovery in Christ meets here each Sunday at 6:00 pm in the lower-level school library and every Wednesday, 1:00 pm at La Crosse's Coulee Recovery Center (933 Ferry St.). Recovery in Christ assists people with addictions. Call/text Pastor Bill Bader to confirm the day/time (608.567.3038).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING CHILDCARE

We are looking for adults and high school students willing to care for and play with babies and toddlers on Sunday mornings from 9:20-10:20 am in the Nursery while their parents attend Bible Study. We'd like to get several volunteers so we can set up a rotating schedule. If interested, please text or call Cindy Wierschke at 608.797.2286, or email her at cindywiers@gmail.com. Thank you!

CAMP WHITEWATER COUNSELORS NEEDED

Camp Whitewater is in urgent need of additional camp counselors for both weeks of camp, but especially for week 1 (July 11-16). Anyone who is in high school or older is eligible. If interested, please apply at campwhitewater.org.

WELS NIGHT AT THE LUMBER YARD

This year's WELS Night at the Loggers will take place on Sunday, July 25. Game time is at 5:05 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at lutherhigh.org, in the Mission Advancement office at Luther, Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00-11:00 am, or at the box office the day of the game. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Sherry at 608.783.5435 ext. 1134.

GOOD STEWARD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

To view how the Lord is blessing the Good Steward Resale shop and how they are a blessing to our families, pick up a copy of the Good Steward report, available at the table in the church lobby. Listed also in this report are two employment opportunities.

CREATION MUSEUM AND ARK ENCOUNTER

English Lutheran Church in Viroqua will be chartering a bus to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in October. Information can be found on the table in the Church lobby. Any questions should be directed to Pastor Rob Williams. You can email him at robwil7366@yahoo.com.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church/school office will be open Tuesday thru Thursday, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm now through August 2. Please send weekly announcements to the office one week prior to the desired posting date. We will only be checking phone messages during office hours. In case of an emergency, please contact one of the pastors using their cell phone numbers listed below.

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