



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.

What will Judgment Day be like? All of our lessons for today show a stark contrast between believers and unbelievers on this day. It's healthy for us to consider the imminent promises of Judgment Day, both to give us urgency in our mission as Christians and as a church, but also to encourage us and give us something beautiful to look forward to.

Theme:

The Great Distinction: How the Two Promised Perspectives on Judgment Day Motivate Us

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Preacher: Pastor Dan Olson

Organist: Wendy Schibbelhut (Thursday), Tyler Crick (Sunday)

Singers: Danielle Fetcenko (Thursday); Ruby Bain and Jenna Crick (Sunday)

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BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: CW 207, verses 1-4

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

The day is surely drawing near
When God’s Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.

A trumpet loud shall then resound
And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken
And with the living in that hour
By the Almighty’s boundless pow’r
Be changed at his commanding.

A book is opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev’ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised his precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge’s stern command
To Satan be delivered.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: *(spoken)* Amen.

P: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

P: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

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.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

P: Around us we see the signs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

P: We also confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

P: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

P: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the book of life, faithfully enduring to the end.

**My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!**

**O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
From ev'ry evil. Amen.**

Refrain

*Singers: So my heart shall sing for joy, in you arms I rest securely,
You will not abandon me to death, you shall not desert me.*

Refrain

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 5:19-30

¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. ²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

²⁴ “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. ²⁵ Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. ³⁰ By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



HYMN OF THE DAY: CWS 731

“The King Will Come at Age’s End”

Singers:

The King will come at age’s end,
The trumpets trill, the heavens rend,
Unveiling new Jerusalem. Alleluia!

Singers and Congregation:

**The book of life will name its names,
Each bought by cross’s bitter pain,
Each inked in blood and sealed in flame. Alleluia!**

**All-glorious on his gleaming throne,
The King will claim his saints, his own,
And with them dwell and make a home. Alleluia!**

**And nights of tears, though late and long,
Will disappear in splendid dawn,
And deeps of death will all be gone. Alleluia!**

**Amen, amen! Lord Jesus, come!
My Savior fair, come bear me home.
For you are King of kings alone! Alleluia!**

SERMON LESSON:

Malachi 4:1-6

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

⁴ “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

Theme:

The Great Distinction: How the two promised perspectives on Judgment Day motivate us

STAND

NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

STAND

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.

GATHER THE THANKOFFERING

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry! If you would like to make an electronic gift, these options are available for your convenience:

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



Savior, thy dying love Thou gavest me;
Nor should I aught withhold, dear Lord, from thee.
In love my soul would bow, my heart fulfill its vow,
Some off’ring bring thee now, something for thee.

All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life, dear Lord, for thee!
And when thy face I see, my ransomed soul shall be
Through all eternity something for thee.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
 You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
 I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



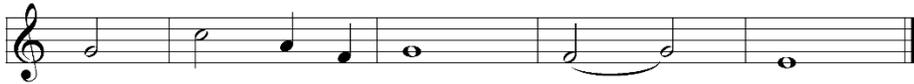
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Singers:

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest, whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look, and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I am
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: CW 211

"I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name"

**I know of a sleep in Jesus' name,
A rest from all toil and sorrow;
Earth folds in her arms my weary frame
And shelters it till the morrow.
My soul is at home with God in heav'n;
My sorrows are past and over.**

**I know of a morning, bright and fair
When tidings of joy shall wake us,
When songs from on high shall fill the air
And God to his glory take us,
When Jesus shall bid us rise from sleep—
How joyous that hour of waking!**

**God's Son to our graves then makes his way;
His voice hear all tribes and nations;
The trumpet of God will sound the day
And shake all the earth's foundations.
He calls out aloud, "O dead, come forth!"
In glory we rise to meet him.
O Jesus, draw near my dying bed
And take me into your keeping
And say when my spirit hence is fled,
"This child is not dead, but sleeping."
And leave me not, Savior, till I rise
To praise you in life eternal.**

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: CWS 728

"Jerusalem the Golden"

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest—
The sight of it refreshes the weary and oppressed:
I know not, oh, I know not what joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare:
To sing the hymn unending with all the martyr throng,
Amidst the halls of Zion resounding full with song.

Oh, sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country that eager hearts expect,
Where they who with their leader have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever are clad in robes of white.
Jesus in mercy bring us to that dear land of rest
Where sings the host of heaven your glorious name to bless.

The Christ is ever with them; the daylight is serene.
The pastures of the blessed are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David; and there from care released,
The shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory the Church's voices blend,
The Lamb forever blessed, the Light that knows no end.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



This Week at St. Paul's: November 7, 2021

Prayers

- † *Grateful and Growing Building Fund Appeal*
- † *Veterans who served in the armed forces*
- † *Hospitalized—Principal Ben Bain's father, Patrick*

NEW BIBLE STUDIES

A new 4 week video based Bible study called "Here We Stand" began last week. It takes a look at the Reformation and the blessings God has given us through people like Martin Luther who stood for the truth of God's Word. Sunday Bible study times are 9:20 am and 10:20 am. Wednesday Bible study is held at 9:00 am.

Thursday morning women's Bible study just started a new study on the book of Ruth. This is a zoom study and is held at 6:30 am. Please contact Jan Westerman at jkwesterman1@yahoo.com and she will send you the link to the study.

NEW HYMNALS

If you ordered a new hymnal for home use, they are ready to be picked up! Please look for your hymnal in the church lobby, labeled with your name and the amount due. Write checks out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. If you leave cash, please place in an envelope labeled with your name.

We hope to begin using new hymnals in the church the first Sunday in Advent. Please check St. Paul's wishlist or contact Wendy Schibbelhut or one of the pastors if you are interested in donating a gift of money towards our new hymnal project.

VETERANS DAY SERVICE

Please join us at Luther High School for a Veterans Day Service on Thursday, November 11 at 9:56 am. We will honor the veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America giving thanks to God for their service to our Lord and to our country. A continental breakfast will be served for our veterans and their families beginning at 9:00 am in the commons.

FALL PROJECT DAY

You're invited to our Fall Project Day on Saturday, November 13th starting at 8:00 am. Bring a friend and enjoy some fellowship and fresh air as we clean up the grounds and prepare for winter. We'll be raking leaves, cleaning gutters, washing windows, trimming bushes, and more! Coffee and treats provided. Come join the fun!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Christmas choir practices have started and are being held on **Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm**. We'd love to have a large group of singers for this--anyone high school age and up is encouraged to join in on the fun! It's okay if you can't make it every time. Please contact Wendy Schibbelhut with any questions: wschibbelhut@stpaulsonalaska.org

LIVE NATIVITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Come join the fun in Riverside Park as we set up the Live Nativity on Saturday, November 13 from 9:00 am-5:00 pm.
Please come for any amount of time you can spare.

Join area WELS members at the Live Nativity in Riverside Park to help tell the story of Christ's birth.

Click on this [link](#) to watch a video about the Live Nativity.

Click on this [link](#) to see a description of the characters needed.

Sign-up sheets are available in the church lobby or click on the links below.

All Congregations Nights: [Friday, November 26](#) and [Saturday, December 25](#)

[St. Paul's weekend, December 4 & 5](#)

Tree cutting for the Live Nativity will take place on [Saturday, November 13th at 10:00 am at the Bowman Tree Farm \(4169 Barrell Rd. Sparta\)](#). We need about 20 people to help cut down and transport trees from there to Riverside Park. Please indicate whether or not you can bring a chainsaw, truck, or trailer. Make sure to sign up so you can be notified of any changes. Call/text Maria @ 608-397-4810 with any questions or to sign up. You can also sign up at the event on our LIVE NATIVITY RIVERSIDE- DIORAMA Facebook page! Thank you so much for all your help!

EVANGELISM VISITING TEAM

Do you have a heart for evangelism? We are looking for people to meet no more than once a month for one hour to discuss new contacts to our congregation. Depending on the case, we will reach out to them with a phone call or email. Contact Pastor Olson for more details.

ONALASKA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The 11th Annual Onalaska Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Thursday, November 25 at the Onalaska Armory. This year the dinner will be back to in-person dining, delivery, and carry-outs. Go to this [website](#) on November 1 to volunteer or to give a donation.

WEDNESDAY ADVENT DINNERS

We are bringing back Advent dinners this year (December 1, 8, 15 at 5:00 pm). We'd like to have an idea of how many people plan to come. If you think you'll be coming, please sign up in the next few weeks here: <https://forms.gle/a14DUZP8wenkT4H98> or sign up on the sheet in the entryway. If you do sign up and aren't able to make it, that's perfectly fine. If you don't sign up and decide to come, that's fine too. We just want to get a feel for how many people to prepare for. Thanks!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Ladies, St Paul's Advent by Candlelight will be held Sunday, November 28 from 6:00-7:30 pm. This year's theme is "Crafting Up a Christ-Filled Christmas." All women of the congregation as well as female family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend this special evening of delicious desserts, decorative table viewing, songs, readings, and prayer. There is no charge for the event. Sign-up sheets will be available beginning November 7 in the church lobby to host a table or attend. Any questions, contact Carrie Wehausen at cjwehausen@gmail.com or call/text @ 507-459-7288. (Childcare will also be available upon request)

ST. PAUL'S EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are still looking to hire people for the following positions: Food Service Director and assistant, and 2 afternoon Surround Care positions (3:00-6:00 pm). Applications are available in the school office. *Questions? Contact Benjamin Bain (bbain@stpaulsonalaska.org or 608-783-4822 ext. 222)*

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Grateful and Growing **Building Fund Appeal Update**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School has been blessed by the faithfulness and generosity of our members, past and present. Throughout the years, we have remained focused on our mission to make disciples – *reaching out* to those who do not know Jesus and *nurturing* the faith of those who already confess Jesus as Lord. For St. Paul's to do our best at making disciples now and in the future requires bold action to update and expand our facilities. The prayerful vision is to expand our campus to fully support all aspects of our congregational and school ministry. Our building project will provide better functionality, increased flexibility, and more capacity that will allow for our growing ministry.

Commitment Sunday is next week! Please prayerfully consider how God is leading you to respond to our *Grateful and Growing* Building Fund Appeal. By November 14, we ask everyone to return their appeal response form. If you prefer, you may provide your appeal response online by visiting our church website.

Ultimately, your gift is a gift to God. It is a gift of love in response to all the ways in which God has blessed you. Ask yourself, “What do you treasure about St. Paul’s Lutheran Church & School?” and then prayerfully consider how God is leading you to respond.

**“The body of Christ, joined together, grows and builds itself up in love,
as each part does its work.”** Ephesians 3:16

Click on this link to watch the video.

We have asked St. Paul’s members to share their words of support for our *Grateful and Growing Building*. The statement below comes from Mark & Christy Bateman.

Why is the St. Paul’s an important part of your life? How has the congregation helped you and your family grow in faith?

St Paul's is a cornerstone of our family. Since our twins started school in kindergarten ten years ago it has been the hub of our growth in faith and the kids education. The school and congregation have been such a solid foundation for our family in many ways.

Share your enthusiasm for the proposed building expansion project. Why is the building expansion project important for the church’s mission and ministry? What about this project excites you the most?

This building idea has been getting kicked around for some time now! The time to act is now! The combination of increasing the school capacity and replacing and refreshing some of the well worn part of the facilities is needed. God has placed a challenge in front of us....and blessed us beyond measure to accomplish his challenge.

Share any additional thoughts as to why you will be generous in your financial support of our *Grateful and Growing Building Fund Appeal*.

The expansion/remodeling plan has been around now for quite a while....the time to act is now! God has richly blessed all of us in many ways....and challenges us to use those gifts for his glory. We encourage everyone to look at how they can give generously to the proposed project to expand the congregational mission of sharing the message of Jesus our Savior.