



REJOICE!

A Philippians Worship Series

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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**October 11, 2020**



## 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.

Our fall worship series highlights the apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians. Christian joy is the constant theme heard in this letter. Through this worship series we'll be reminded that the Christian has reason to rejoice, no matter the circumstances in which he finds himself in life.

Any motivational speaker will talk about the importance of having goals in life and keeping them in front of you. The Apostle Paul goes a step further and reminds us of the importance of keeping the goal of our eternal home in front of us. This weekend we are going to consider the importance of keeping our final goal in mind for our everyday lives.

### Theme: Rejoice as You Press on Toward Your Goal

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#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Preacher: Pastor Dan Olson

Liturgist: Pastor Shane Krause

Musicians: Ben, Ruby, and Tricia Bain; Amy, Cole, and Landon Bryant; Greg and Micah Schibbelhut; Andrea, Jack, and Luke Schmeling; Andy Wehausen; Jonathan Witte

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© 2008 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Lyrics and music printed in today's service folder and viewed on the screens are used by permission through CCLI #1906774 and OneLicense A-715642. "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" Craig Courtney.

# Morning Praise

## BELLS AND WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

**C: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.**

P: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

**C: Our joy is in the Lord, as we press on toward our goal of heaven.**

P: This is the day the LORD has made;

**C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

### OPENING HYMN:

*“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

*Singers:*

*Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord,  
The people He has chosen for His inheritance.  
Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him,  
That hope in His unfailing love to deliver them from famine and death.*

*Our souls wait for the Lord, our help and our shield,  
For our hearts shall rejoice as we trust in His holy name.  
Let Thy mercy be upon us, let Thy mercy be upon us  
Even as we hope in Thee, even as we hope in Thee.*

***Singers and Congregation:***

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o’er earth and heav’n;  
The keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.  
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the judge shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear th’ archangel’s voice  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

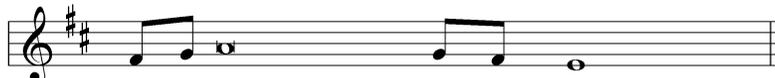
*Singers:*

*Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord! Amen.*

STAND



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**L** Hasten to save me, O God.



**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.



**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**C** Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

*Venite*

*Refrain: Sung first by the choir, then repeated after the first refrain and after every verse by the congregation.*



**1** Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,



**2** let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



**3** come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

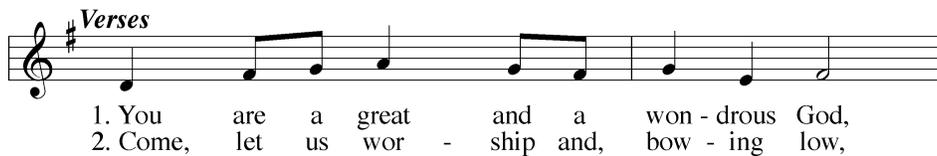
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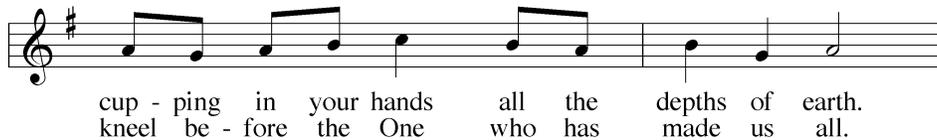
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

*Verses: sung by the choir*

*Verses*



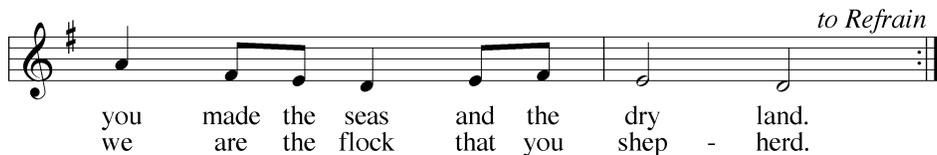
1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

*to Refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (spoken) Amen.**

**BE SEATED**

## THE WORD

### GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

<sup>32</sup> He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' <sup>33</sup> In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup> "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 457

*"Fight the Good Fight"*



1 Fight the good fight With all your might;  
2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;  
3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;  
4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.



Christ is your strength and Christ your light.  
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.  
His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.  
He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Life with its way be - fore us lies;  
Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove  
On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

## SERMON LESSON: Philippians 3:12-21

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

<sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

### Theme: Rejoice as You Press on Toward Your Goal

#### YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

*Te Deum*

*The refrain is sung first by the choir and then repeated by the congregation. Please sing wherever congregation is indicated by bold type.*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



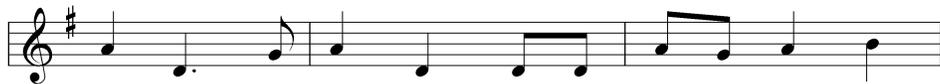
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**  
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



**praise you!** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**  
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We  
 You have ris - en to free us;

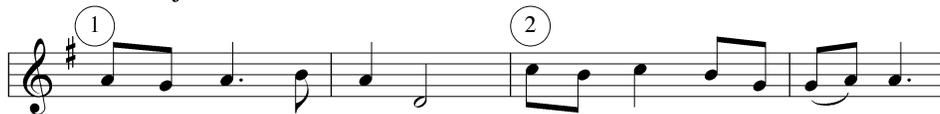


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your  
 To the Trin - i - ty most  
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*  
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*  
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

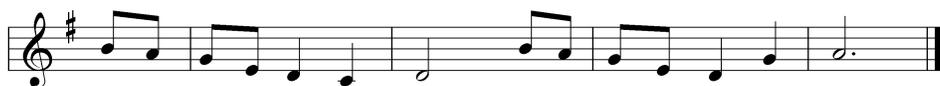
**Final Refrain**



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

**GATHER THE THANKOFFERING**

*Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!*

1. Online giving – visit our website, [www.stpaulsonalaska.org](http://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**

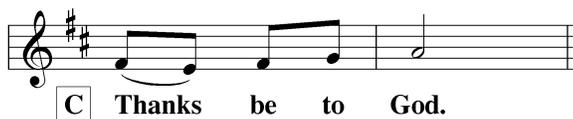
*STAND*

## LORD'S PRAYER

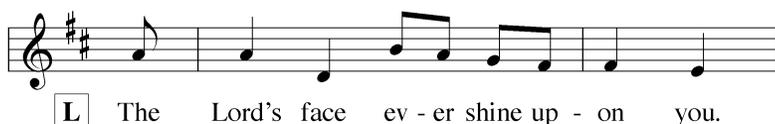
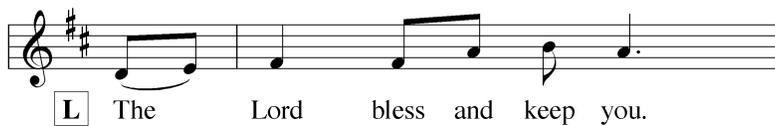
**C** Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and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

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.



## BLESSING





**C** A - men.



**L** The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



**C** A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN: CW 215**

*“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”*



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, When  
2 When shall these eyes thy heav'n - built walls And  
3 Oh, when, thou cit - y of my God, Shall  
4 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs, proph - ets, there A -  
5 O Christ, do thou my soul pre - pare For



shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
pearl - y gates be - hold, Thy bul - warks with sal -  
I thy courts as - cend? Where ev - er - more the  
round my Sav - ior stand, And soon my friends in  
that bright home of love That I may see thee



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
va - tion strong And streets of shin - ing gold?  
an - gels sing, The Sab - bath has no end.  
Christ be - low Will join the glo - rious band.  
and a - dore With all thy saints a - bove.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## *This Week at St. Paul's: October 11, 2020*

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### *In Our Prayers:*

- ❖ For all the Doctors and Nurses working with Covid-19 patients.
- ❖ Cancer Treatment—Mark Zuberbier, brother of Paul Zuberbier
- ❖ Diabetes Diagnosis—Brittany Zuberbier, daughter of Paul Zuberbier
- ❖ Wedding—Matt Zuberbier and Briana Lautz (10/17)
- ❖ Knee surgery—Ken Logging (10/16)
- ❖ Baptisms—Maeve, Mack, and Reilly Brabbit

### **Worship Options**

#### **Worship**

We continue to offer in-person worship services Thursdays at 6:30 pm, Saturdays at 5:00 pm, and Sundays at 8:00 am, 9:15 am (gym), and 10:30 am. We are asking people to sign-up so we are able to keep our sanctuary at 25% capacity. You can sign-up by going to our website: [www.stpaulsonalaska.org/](http://www.stpaulsonalaska.org/)>. You will also be able to see how many people have signed up for the service. The 8:00 am typically is full (115 sign ups). All the other services have plenty of room.

#### **Online Worship Options**

We will continue to Livestream our 8:00 am worship services on [our website](#). You can also access our Livestream through our [Youtube channel](#). Services are always archived on both our website and our YouTube channel.

### **St. Paul's Vision Statement**

You may remember that about a year ago we revised our Mission Statement. We had a Bible study and sermon series on it. You can now see it painted on the walls of the church lobby and printed in various church publications. The purpose of a Mission Statement is to remind ourselves and to proclaim to others why St. Paul's exists as an organization.

Over the last two months, your church leadership has been working on a Vision Statement for our church. Back in January of this year, St. Paul's Long Range Planning Team completed a Long Range Plan of what we hope to do as a congregation for the next 5 years. This Vision Statement reflects that 5-year-plan in a more palatable and exciting way.

A church's vision is what a congregation prays it will become in the future. Therefore, St. Paul's vision is more than just a statement. It is a prayer that our congregation will pray often and boldly, yielding only to God's Will. For the next 5 years this is the vision and prayer for the members of St. Paul's:

## The Vision and Prayer of St. Paul's for 2020-2025

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless our congregation as you have in the past. We humbly ask you to use us, the members of St. Paul's, as your servants to advance your kingdom. Using the gifts of reason and intellect you gave us, these are our bold plans for the future:

### Worship

You are worthy of our praise, and yet, we are the ones who benefit from worship through Word and Sacrament. We will enhance our worship by **utilizing as many musical gifts of the congregation as possible**. We will plan for an **additional worship space** for a growing congregation.

### Spiritual Strengthening

You have made us your children through baptism. Now we pray that you build up our faith through **additional Bible studies, and an expanded small group program**. Use these programs and others to develop meaningful Christian relationships.

### Outreach

You have made us a light in this dark world. We plan to equip our members with **friendship evangelism training**. We ask you to give us an enthusiasm for this ministry and the boldness to speak. Use our **expanding school** as a way of reaching those who do not yet know Jesus in our community. We ask you to bless our **exploration of summer care and expanded early childhood ministries** to give us more opportunities to share the gospel.

### Building Expansion

**We plan to update our facility to support expanding ministries for both church and school, as well as reaching out to the community.** You have blessed us with an abundance of people in our congregation and school.

*We pray that with additional classrooms and worship space, you would allow us to share your Word with more children in our school, more adults in Bible study and more fellowship opportunities with each other and the community.*

*These are our plans, yet we pray that your will be done and your blessings continue all for the love of Jesus. Amen.*

## St. Paul's Lutheran School Update

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to take each student's temperature before they enter school in the morning. To sign up to help, please click on the [Sign-Up Genius link](#) or call the church/school office (608.783.2552 ext 0). Thank you so much for your consideration.

## Church News

### HOLY COMMUNION

St. Paul's offers communion twice a month at the first and last weekend services. If you would like one of the pastors to commune you privately, please contact them. They would be happy to bring the Lord's Supper to you.

## **FREE CONCERT**

Wisconsin Lutheran Synod musician, Chris Driesbach, will give a free 45 minute concert at 6:00 pm, on Sunday, October 11, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Onalaska. Masks will be provided and social distancing practiced. Those planning to attend can call/text/email Pastor Bill Bader at 608.567.3038 or [baderbill6474@gmail.com](mailto:baderbill6474@gmail.com).

## **TEEN GATHERING**

The next teen group meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the gym at St. Paul's. Teens, we'll have Bible study and some Covid-friendly fun. Social distancing will be practiced. Bring a mask and bring a friend!

## **RECOVERY IN CHRIST**

Recovery in Christ has a small in-person meeting each Sunday from 6:00-7:00 pm. Recovery in Christ is a Christian support group for those overcoming addiction. Masks are required and social distancing is practiced. Please do not attend if you do not feel well. For more information call Pastor Bill Bader, 608.567.3038.

## **LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY FALL RALLY**

The LWMS Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 8:00 am. The Fall Rally will be available virtually, as well as in-person at St John's in Caledonia. Attendees will be asked to practice social distancing and wear masks. If you would like to join via Zoom, please contact Jan Westerman at [jkwesterman1@yahoo.com](mailto:jkwesterman1@yahoo.com) or text or call 608.781.1940. She will need your email address to send the zoom meeting invitation to you.

## **ST. PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

Join us on Sunday, October 18 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm for a time of live music and fellowship. We'll be setting up outside in the grassy area and will be having different music groups from our church perform. We are working on getting a few food trucks to come and visit during this time and hope to have some hay bales and firepits as well to help people stay warm. Bring a lawnchair or a blanket and join us for a time of live music and fellowship.

## **BIG KNIGHT EVENT**

You're invited to attend Luther High School's Big Knight event Saturday, November 14. It will be held from 5:30-9:00 pm at Celebrations on the River. Proceeds from the Big Knight are used for high school tuition assistance. Go to [this link](#) to RSVP. For more information, please contact John Byus, Director of Mission Advancement, at [byusjohn@luther.k12.wi.us](mailto:byusjohn@luther.k12.wi.us) or 608.783.5435 ext 1132.

## **USHERS NEEDED**

Thank you to those that ushered over the last few months! If you are willing to serve as an usher, please sign-up on the sheet located on the table in the entryway. Add your name on the bottom of the list and indicate which services and dates you're available. Contact Jerry Krajewski at [majuice@charter.net](mailto:majuice@charter.net) with any questions.

## **CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

The Building Team, in conjunction with Excel Architects, is currently seeking contacts for soliciting construction manager services. This is a non-fee service that may turn into a contract in the event building occurs. At this time the service is to bring expertise in construction methods, phasing, and pricing variables.

## LIVE NATIVITY PROP REPAIR

Live Nativity prop repair nights will be held from 6:30-9:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays through October 26. Work is done at the Rotary Building located at 27 Market St., La Crosse. Any amount of time you can come help will be much appreciated. Thank you!

## CUSTODIAL HELP NEEDED FOR AFTER SCHOOL

St. Paul's is seeking volunteers to help with cleaning and custodial work after school (approximately 3:30 to 6:00 pm) October 15-20, while our custodian is on vacation. If you would be able to assist, please contact Lydia Walter at 608.783.2552 ext 233 or [lwalter@stpaulsonalaska.org](mailto:lwalter@stpaulsonalaska.org). You can also volunteer by clicking on the [Sign-up Genius link](#).

## HIRING PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

St. Paul's is looking to hire a part-time custodian to help with cleaning and other custodial duties. Hours may vary, depending on the season and need of the school. We are looking to fill this position immediately. Interested applicants may contact Operations Manager, Lydia Walter at 608.783.2552, ext. 233 for more information.

## STUDENT TEACHER HOUSING

God has blessed Luther with the opportunity in helping Martin Luther College train future called workers. MLC will be sending two student teachers, one female and one male, to start student teaching on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Luther is currently looking for two host families to house the student teachers. There are reimbursement opportunities from MLC while hosting a student teacher. Also, MLC has already agreed to have both student teachers tested for Covid-19 before sending them to Luther High School. If you are interested in hosting a student teacher, please contact Principal Engelbrecht at Luther at 608.783.5435 ext. 1140 or by email at [engejon@luther.k12.wi.us](mailto:engejon@luther.k12.wi.us). He is willing to answer any questions you might have.

### **Worship with Our Care of God's Wealth:**

Thankoffering given last week: \$32,240 (\$24,723 needed to meet weekly budget)

Blessings Received by Offerings to Date: \$342,076.

10/4/2020 Anticipated Financial (offering needed for ministry): \$346,120.

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