

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cudahy, Wisconsin January 10, 2021



## WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE!

During the first 7 weeks of the New Year, our worship will center on the Apostle Peter's list of 7 Christian qualities: "Make every effort to add to your faith **goodness** (Jan. 3); **Knowledge\*** (Jan. 10); **self-control** (Jan. 17); **perseverance** (Jan. 24); **godliness** (Jan. 31); **mutual affection** (Feb. 7); and **love** (Feb. 14) (2 Peter 1:5-8). God wants us to know that we can either choose to grow in our faith, or choose to let our faith stagnate. God wants us to know that as we grow in these 7 Christian qualities, we not only please God, we will also be blessed in our daily lives.

**\*Knowledge:** To choose to gain insight into God's ways by reading my Bible, attending a Bible Class, listening to the sermon. Then taking that knowledge and using it in practical day-to-day ways.

## Gathering Rite on the Word of God

*God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement.  
This beginning for worship reminds God's people of the blessings of his Word.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and  
hear you.  
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,  
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

**M:** Oh, how I love your law!

**C:** **I meditate on it all day long.**

**M:** Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

**C:** **for they are ever with me.**

**M:** I have more insight than all my teachers,

**C: for I meditate on your statutes.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

**C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!** (*Psalm 119:97-99,103*)

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.**

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

**C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (*2 Tim. 3:16,17*)

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before 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.**

**Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light from Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your people raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

M: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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: Amen.**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to you and adoration!  
Grant that we your Word may trust,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER IN SONG – “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” (282 v.1)



I Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through your  
Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -  
tain; Let me your child and heir re - main.



## FIRST READING / TODAY'S MESSAGE – Nehemiah 8:1-18

*Ezra helped the people grow in their “knowledge” of God’s Word by reading and explaining it to them.*

**8** When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, <sup>1</sup>all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

<sup>2</sup>So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. <sup>3</sup>He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

<sup>4</sup>Ezra the teacher of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam.

<sup>5</sup>Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. <sup>6</sup>Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah—instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there.

<sup>8</sup> They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

<sup>9</sup> Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

<sup>10</sup> Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

<sup>11</sup> The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.”

<sup>12</sup> Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

<sup>13</sup> On the second day of the month, the heads of all the families, along with the priests and the Levites, gathered around Ezra the teacher to give attention to the words of the Law. <sup>14</sup> They found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded through Moses, that the Israelites were to live in temporary shelters during the festival of the seventh month <sup>15</sup> and that they should proclaim this word and spread it throughout their towns and in Jerusalem: “Go out into the hill country and bring back branches from olive and wild olive trees, and from myrtles, palms and shade trees, to make temporary shelters”—as it is written.

<sup>16</sup> So the people went out and brought back branches and built themselves temporary shelters on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God and in the square by the Water Gate and the one by the Gate of Ephraim. <sup>17</sup> The whole company that had returned from exile built temporary shelters and lived in them. From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great.

<sup>18</sup> Day after day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God. They celebrated the festival for seven days, and on the eighth day, in accordance with the regulation, there was an assembly.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER IN SONG – (v.2)

**Your Word inspires my heart within;  
Your Word grants healing from my sin.  
Your Word has pow’r to guide and bless;  
Your Word brings peace and happiness.**



SECOND READING – Hebrews 5:11-14

*Growing in “knowledge” includes moving from the milk to the meat of God’s Word.*

<sup>11</sup> We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. <sup>12</sup> In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! <sup>13</sup> Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER IN SONG – (v.3)

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would seek to overthrow your Son  
And to destroy what he has done.**



GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 10:38-42

*Sitting at Jesus feet and listening to his Word is the only way to grow in our “knowledge.”*

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

<sup>41</sup> “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ.

PRAYER IN SONG – (v.4)

**To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.**



CONFESSION OF FAITH – 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.**

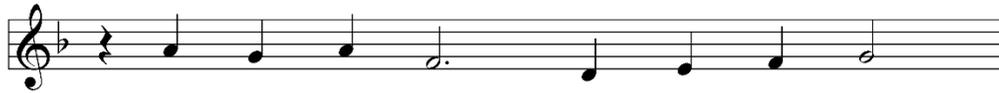
HYMN OF THE DAY – “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” (541)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,  
 2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound!  
 3 In these last days of sore dis - tress  
 4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold,  
 5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;



For round us falls the e - ven - tide,  
 Through - out the earth no rest is found,  
 Grant us, dear Lord, true stead - fast - ness  
 For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.  
 The guile and rage of Sa - tan stay!



Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,  
 And false - hood's spir - it wide has spread,  
 That pure we keep, till life is spent,  
 Oh, pros - per well your Word of grace,  
 Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!



For us be ev - er veiled in night.  
 And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.  
 Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.  
 And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.  
 Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

6 The cause is yours, the glory, too.  
 So hear us, Lord, and keep us true,  
 Your Word alone is our defense,  
 The Church's glorious confidence.

7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word  
 We here may live and die, dear Lord,  
 And when our journey's ending here,  
 Receive us into glory there.

THE MESSAGE –

HYMN OF REFLECTION – “Speak, O Lord” (735)

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1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -  
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.  
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the  
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the  
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic  
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your  
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver  
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.  
 un - be - lief.  
 glo - ry.

## A PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C: We thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do.**
- M: Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death.
- C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- M: Heavenly Father, shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are aging.**
- M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

### *Special Prayers*

- M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions for ourselves and others.

### *Silent Prayers*

- M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## THE BLESSING

M: 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: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN - "Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest" (362)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, My Sav - ior blest,  
2 Lord, as you will, So lead me still;  
3 I have your Word, Christ Je - sus, Lord:  
4 Now hence - forth must I put my trust  
5 Grant, Lord, I pray, Your grace each day,



My Hope and my Sal - va - tion! Lord, hear my  
Your mer - cy fails me nev - er. My God, I  
You nev - er will for - sake me! This will I  
In you, O dear - est Sav - ior. Your gra - cious  
That I, your name re - ver - ing, Your glo - ry



plea: De - liv - er me From mis - er - y!  
pray: Teach me your way To my last day;  
plead In time of need. Oh, help with speed  
choice, Your Word and voice, Make me re - joice  
see And hap - py be E - ter - nal - ly,



Your Word brings con - so - la - tion.  
From e - vil keep me ev - er.  
When trou - bles o - ver - take me!  
Though sin - ful my be - hav - ior.  
Be - fore your throne ap - pear - ing.



# St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School in Cudahy, Wisconsin

A Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

## January 10, 2021

### THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN WORSHIP TODAY!

We are striving to worship our God in a meaningful and yet safe way. Thank you for your patience and kindness as we do that. To assist you as you worship ....

- Masks are required in all indoor public facilities.
- During the Lord's Supper, please remain in your pew and participate at the pastor's direction.
- Offering envelopes can be placed in the offering baskets in the back row of pews as you exit.
- You will be ushered out at the direction of the ushers, moving from the back pews to front pews.
- Pastor will usher out at times, to greet you, but won't be shaking hands.
- Take home your service folder, or toss it in a receptacle as you are leave.
- Please do not gather in front of the exit doors so that others may exit safely.
- Please sign-up for worship by using the "Sign-up Genius" at [stpaulscudahy.com](http://stpaulscudahy.com) or calling 744-9988.

### ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

It is a blessing to assist parents with the Christian Education of their children through St. Paul's School. We provide a quality Christian Education for children ages 4 years through 8th Grade. We are a Choice School. Call the School Office (744-9771) for more information, or leave a message any time.

#### **Sunday (Jan. 10)**

8:30 AM.....Sunday School *Resumes*  
8:30 AM.....Bible Study: Revelation *Resumes*  
9:30 AM.....Worship

#### **Monday (Jan. 11)**

4:30 PM.....Confirmation Class *Resumes*  
6:30 PM.....Bible Study: Revelation *Resumes*

#### **Tuesday (Jan. 12)**

6:00 PM.....School Board

#### **Thursday (Jan. 14)**

6:30 PM.....Worship W/Communion

#### **Sunday (Jan. 17)**

8:30 AM.....Sunday School  
8:30 AM.....Bible Study: Revelation  
9:30 AM.....Worship W/Communion

#### **Organist**

Amy Preston

#### **Ushers**

Thurs. (1-14)  
M Coulthurst  
R Vircks  
Sun. (1-17)

#### **Our Worship**

New Year's Eve.....	40
Sunday.....	51
Total.....	91

#### **Our Offerings**

Envelopes.....	\$5,835.00
Holiday.....	\$1,765.00
Initial.....	\$155.00
Improvement.....	\$80.00
<u>Electronic.....</u>	<u>\$2,832.97</u>
Total.....	\$10,667.97

#### **2021 Flower Chart**

The 2021 flower chart will be posted on the entryway bulletin board in mid-January, when the Christmas decorations are taken down. Thank you to everyone who placed flowers on the altar in 2020 to mark significant events in your Christian life. They gave thanks to God and enhanced our worship!

### **"The Twelve Days of Christmas"**

You've listened to this carol for years and probably wondered what do swimming swans and leaping lords have to do with Christmas? Once you understand the origin of this Christmas Carol, it truly has a Christian meaning. Over the 12 days of Christmas, St. Paul's – Cudahy is sharing an e-devotion (e-mail only) on the true Christian meaning of each of the 12 days. We pray that these devotions will help us continue to focus on the meaning of our Savior's birth throughout the 12 days of Christmas and beyond. Printed copies are available in the entryway.

### **Marriage Moments**

Subscribe to these daily videos at: [welscongregationalservices.net](http://welscongregationalservices.net) Scroll to **Useful Links** on the bottom of the page and click **Subscriptions**. View videos on our website: [stpaulscudahy.com](http://stpaulscudahy.com).

### **Sunday School**

3-12 year olds meet in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30-9:15 AM

### **Bible Study - The Book of Revelation**

Sunday 8:30 AM (Church) *or*  
Monday 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)

### **Men's Breakfast Bible Study**

First & Third Tuesdays at 6:15 AM,  
at Andrea's Restaurant in Cudahy.

### **Women's Bible Study**

Meets again in June.

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### **7-Week Sermon Series to Start 2021**

Our New Year's Eve message centered on the words from Second Peter below. God wants us to know that we can either choose to grow in our faith, or choose to decline. God wants us to know that as we express the 7 Christian attributes listed below in our daily lives, we not only please God, they also make our lives better.

**For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.**

During these first 7 weeks of the New Year, we'll be taking one of these 7 Christian qualities, and focus on it in worship, so we can intentionally choose ways to express this attribute. Peter even adds this guarantee:

**"For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:5-8).**

- January 3.....Goodness
- January 10 .....Knowledge
- January 17 .....Self-control
- January 24 .....Perseverance
- January 31 .....Godliness
- February 7.....Mutual Affection
- February 14 .....Love

