

Confirmation at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

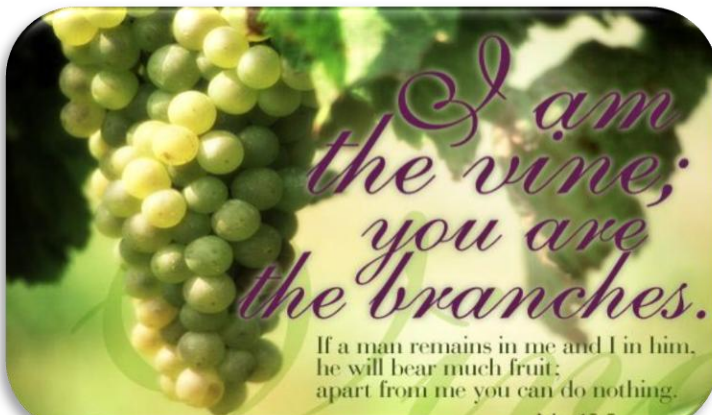
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We welcome our guests, especially the parents and grandparents, the godparents and relatives of our 4 young Christians! Over the last two years they've been strengthened (confirmed) in their Christian faith and life through studies in God's Word. Today, they're promising their loyalty to the Lord Jesus for the rest of their lives.

May God give them that strength!

Confirmation is a historical practice of the Lutheran church as an organized way of carrying out Christian education. Confirmation is not a graduation, but a beginning. Being "confirmed in the faith" does not mean that we have no more room to grow in faith and knowledge by hearing God's Word. At confirmation we recognize and celebrate those who have come to know the teachings of Scripture and who are prepared to receive the Sacrament of Communion.

The theme of our service, "**Stay Connected to Jesus**" reminds us that we cannot do anything apart from Christ. This is not just a reminder for the young confirmands, but for all of us — that we may remain rooted in Jesus through his Word and that he produces an abundance of fruit in our lives as we love and serve others.



1 I long to serve my Sav - ior, to seek what's good and right,
 2 There came, with grace un - spar - ing, a vine from heav'n a - bove,
 3 And so I'll serve my Sav - ior with pow'r that he pro-vides,
 to trust and nev - er wa - ver, to walk in truth and light.
 its branch - es meant for bear - ing the fruits of self - less love.
 for he, my blest Re - deem - er, with - in my soul a - bides.

But con - duct pure and ho - ly re - quires a pow'r not mine;
 This vine is Christ who of - fered his life up - on a tree;
 The fruit of self - less giv - ing will grow by God's de - sign

a branch is fruit - ful on - ly when an - chored in a vine.
 for all my sin he suf - fered and made a branch of me.
 as I, the branch, keep liv - ing by faith in Christ the vine.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus

and run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

We will hold to the faith we profess,

for the One who made his promises to us is faithful.

If we hold to his teaching,

we are really his disciples.

We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

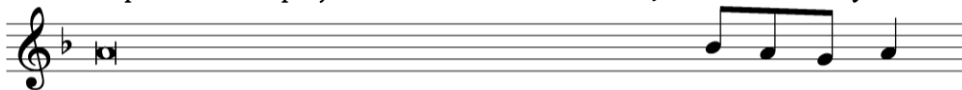
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



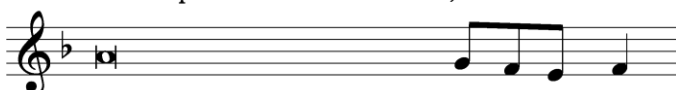
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH



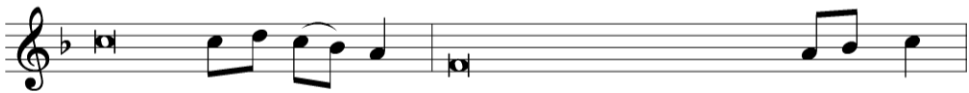
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, you always cause your church to grow, and with your light and grace, you strengthen the hearts of those to whom you have given new birth through water and the Spirit. Let all who have been instructed in your truth continue to increase both in faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and grow as members of the holy body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING – *Proverbs 3:5-6*

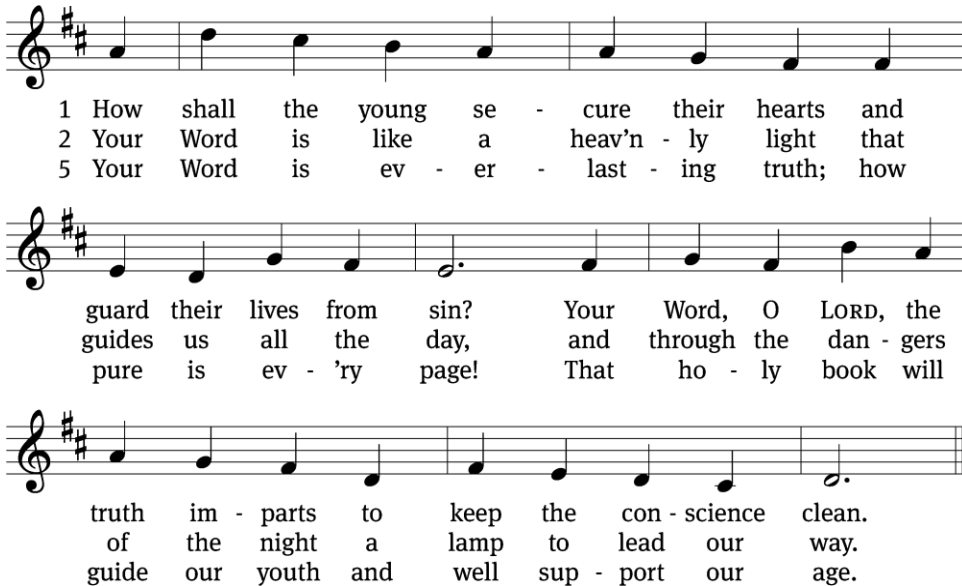
⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 119H



1 How shall the young se - cure their hearts and
2 Your Word is like a heav'n - ly light that
5 Your Word is ev - er - last - ing truth; how

guard their lives from sin? Your Word, O LORD, the
guides us all the day, and through the dan - gers
pure is ev - 'ry page! That ho - ly book will

truth im - parts to keep the con - science clean.
of the night a lamp to lead our way.
guide our youth and well sup - port our age.

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SECOND READING – 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

¹³But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



Tone



GOSPEL READING/MESSAGE – *John 15:1-8, 16-17*

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 – *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, high - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part com - fort to a
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in

blood for me, died that I might live on high,
heav'n's a - bove, deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; all my wants to him are known,

lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, love that found me—
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to
all my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in

to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
won - drous thought— found me when I sought him not.
walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.

(Verse 5 at the top of the next page)

- 5) Strengthen me, O gracious Lord,
by your Spirit and your Word.
When my wayward heart would stray,
keep me in the narrow way;
grace in time of need supply
while I live and when I die.

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

SERMON TEXT

John 15:1-8, 16-17

**Stay Connected
to Jesus**

HYMN OF RESPONSE – *Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing*

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1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till



and in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



rich in love and joy and peace.
pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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**AS WE GATHER OUR THANK OFFERING,
PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SIGN THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTER
AND PASS IT DOWN.**

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith after a period of instruction. A person is recognized as united in a common confession of faith and now prepared to receive Communion.

Our confirmands are wearing red stoles. May 3, 2026, is monogrammed on one side; a cross and dove (the symbol of the Holy Spirit) are imprinted on the other side.



ADDRESS TO THE CONFIRMANDS *(Sunday)*

RESPONSES OF THE CONFIRMANDS *(Sunday)*

I now ask each of you: Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshiping with you today?

I am.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Yes, 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Yes, 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.

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

I do reject him.

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God?

I do.

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God?

I do.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and his Word all the days of your life?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value his Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

PRAYER

Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you always cause your church to grow, and with your light and grace, you strengthen the hearts of those to whom you have given new birth through water and the Spirit. Let all who have been instructed in your truth continue to increase both in faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and grow as members of the holy body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Sunday)

I now invite each of the Confirmands to come forward to receive a blessing from the Lord and a word of encouragement from the Scriptures.

The Confirmation Class of 2026

“What my Confirmation verse means to me!”

Collin Avery Hass



10-16-2011 at Messiah Lutheran Church

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. (Psalm 23:1)

“I chose Psalm 23:1 because I know that what I want is not always what I need. My Shepherd, Jesus, gives me exactly what I need. By trusting in my Shepherd, I know that I will not lose my faith.”

Adele Jane Helminski



7-21-2012 at St. Paul’s Lutheran – Cudahy

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

“John 8:12 means that Jesus is the one true source of spiritual truth, guidance, and eternal life. Calling Jesus “the light of the world” reflects my desire to be guided and directed in life. I chose this verse for my confirmation because it reminds me that I have direction, I have hope, and I don’t have to navigate life alone. It is especially meaningful to me because both my mom and my older brother were given this verse for their confirmation too.”

Morgan Elise Lawrence



11-11-2012 at St. Paul’s Lutheran – Cudahy

“...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

“This verse to me means that I will never be alone. I do not have to experience life by myself but with a loving, strong, and helpful God. Jesus is with me always through whatever life brings.”

Liam Allen McMurphy



11-5-2011 at St. Lucas Lutheran Church

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)

“I love to play baseball and basketball. I wanted a verse that reflected my sporty personality. This verse means a lot to me because I can say that it is God and his Word that give me the strength to do everything. He gives me the strength to play and compete. In everything that I do, Jesus gives me the strength to carry on.”

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Confirmation Class communes together as a group first. The Congregation communes after the Confirmands are seated. Please follow the ushers' direction.

Today we have the opportunity to be strengthened in faith as we receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26–28). God’s Word tells us that when we receive this meal, we are expressing unity of faith and teaching (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we would ask those who are not members of St. Paul’s, or our sister congregations in the WELS, refrain from communing today. We simply recognize that it would be unfair for you to confess with everything we believe and teach before learning what we believe and teach according to Scripture. If you are interested in membership or learning about what we believe, we would love to have those conversations with you!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – *Jesus Comes Today with Healing*

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1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my
 2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to
 5 Let me praise God's bound - less fa - vor, whose own feast of
 door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour in this or - di - nar - y sign.
 love I sa - vor, bid - den by his gra - cious call.
 He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his
 gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the
 ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter
 On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his
 Wed - ding gar - ments he pro - vides me, with a robe of
 in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.
 white he hides me, fits me for the roy - al hall.

(Verse 6 on the top of the next page)

- 6) Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error, makes my wounded spirit whole.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Dear Savior, through the visible sign of your love for us in a meal of bread and wine, we also receive your body given and his blood poured out. Instill in us the desire to come often to your Supper, for it is here that you forgive our sins and build up our precious faith. We bring our thanks and praise, for you live and reign as one God, with your Father and Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – *Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young* 762
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1 Lord, bless your Word to all the young; let them, your truth pos-
2 When faced with pres-sure, grief or pain, when Sa - tan comes al -



sess - ing, de - clare your praise with heart and tongue, their faith in
lur - ing, may their bap - tis - mal grace re - main a ref - uge



Christ con - fess - ing. From birth your firm em-brace has held them
re - as - sur - ing. God's prom - is - es are sure; his mer - cy

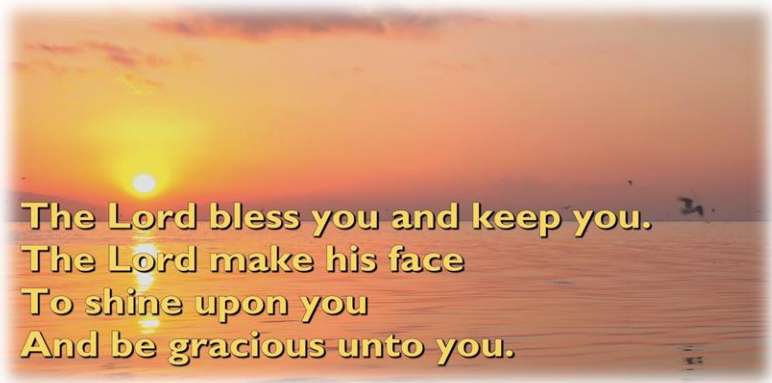


in your grace. Bap-tized in - to your name, re-deemed and
will en - dure. They shall not be un - done who trust in



free from blame, as your dear chil - dren keep them.
Christ a - lone; God is their might - y Fa - ther!

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The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face
To shine upon you
And be gracious unto you.

Confirmation Anniversaries at St. Paul's

Five Year – May 1, 2021

Noah DeWitt	Caden Krueger	Addison Lawrence
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Ten Year – May 15, 2016

Alexis Akey	Ryan Dishinger	Christian Dressler
Adler Henn	Nolan Mani	Ellie Metz
Lucas Nygaard	Haley Ubl	Athena White
Briyauna Willis	Nolan Winkler	Sophia Wranovsky
Tyler Sheppard		

Twenty-Five Year – May 20, 2001

Aaron DeWitt	Joseph Dodge	Sawyer Flechsig
Joseph Gear	Paul Hansen	James Kinter
Matthew Kolosovsky	Stephanie Larson	Travis Lehdorf
Ryan Marshall	Jason Pedersen	Ashley Torres
Pamela Treger	Alex Vogel	

Forty Year – May 18, 1986

John Broekema	Christopher Candahl	William Frahman
Dana Jozwiak	Julie Komarek	Kimberly LaBorde
Kurt Lamping	Lona Larson	Paul Licitar
Matthew Mani	Jennifer Pawlowski	Laura Pontow
Robert Price	Tracy Ruf	Andrew Schattner
Lea Seydel	Jennifer Tierney	Edward Weindorfer
Sarah Wierschke		

Fifty Year – May 23, 1976

Gerald Akey	James Babinec	Joel Babinec
Randy Brandt	Elizabeth Cook	Milton Georgson
Kevin Hartmanstorfer	Shannon Jakab	Kathleen Koporetz
Kim Kukorske	Patrick Lathrop	Louis Luedtke
Jeanne Matuszak	Harris Minster	Laura Misovie
Debra Nelson	Susan Neubauer	Sally Nottling
Barbara Perk	Sandra Rice	Michael Tetzlaff
Paul Wargolch	Tammy Wassom	

Sixty Year – May 22, 1966

David Babinec
Marilyn Brandt
Randy Kolosovsky
Dale Pergande
Kathleen Teschner
Ronald Wesner

Gail Bigger
Faya Butero
Kathleen Kruschel
Vicky Pergande
Christine Tesmer
Jon York

Suzanne Bock
LaVern Georgson
Edward Lemke
Alan Schultz
Lynn Wenger



ST. PAUL'S **L U T H E R A N**

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

May 3, 2026



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

We're so Glad You're Here! We consider it a privilege that you chose to worship at St. Paul's today. We pray that the Lord would bless our time together as we hear Him speak to us through His Word, and we respond in praise for all that He has done. We invite our visitors to worship with us again soon.

Main Floor Restroom - Please reserve it for those with limited mobility. Women's & men's are on the lower level with changing tables.

St. Paul's Lutheran School

We love assisting parents with the Christian Education of their children ages 4 years through 8th Grade through St. Paul's School. Yes, we are a Choice School. Contact the School Office at 414.744.9771 or use the School email address below.

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St. Paul's Lutheran School

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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If Pastoral services are needed,
contact Linda Villa at 414.744.9988

Call Days

May 16th ~ Martin Luther Collage

This is when the graduating class of teachers find out which school will be their first assignment in the teaching ministry.

May 21st ~ Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

This day is when the graduating class of pastors receive the news of which congregation they are assigned to begin their preaching ministry.

Please keep all these individuals in your thoughts and prayers as they begin a new adventure soon. Also keep Marcus & Maggie Sims in your thoughts and prayers as Marcus will be given his first assignment and begin his career as Pastor Sims.

Join Altar Guild!

Our St. Paul's Altar Guild is looking to add some new members. If you're interested in setting up communion, keeping our plants and flowers healthy, and helping take care of God's Altar, please contact Sandy Santoro at (414) 430-2261

Congrats and Thank You!

As the school year winds down for so many people, kids and adults alike, we look forward to the Call Ceremony at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary that will be held on Thursday, May 21st at 10:00am. This is where graduating students, including Marcus Sims, will receive their assignments to the congregations they will call home for the next few years. Marcus has been instrumental in filling our pastoral vacancy, both with conducting some of our weekly worship services and with teaching our grade school and public school Confirmation classes. He and Maggie have been such a joy to work with and have as part of our St. Paul's family! Beginning this week, we will have a box in the front entryway for anyone who would like to leave a farewell note, well wishes, and/or a gift for them as they begin their ministry as Pastor and Mrs. Sims!



*Celebrating
with you,
praying for you, and
anticipating all God
has planned for your life.*

Pastoral Update

Here is the letter we received from Pastor Dan that Ruben Villa read to the congregation on Sunday, April 12th:

Dear friends in Christ,

On March 8, I was given the distinct privilege of considering two opportunities to serve the Lord in two very different settings. I have given serious and prayerful deliberation to the call extended to me to serve as the pastor at St. Paul's in Cudahy, WI. It was a difficult and humbling process, but a blessing all the same to consider how my God-given gifts could be used in both places.

*After much prayer and discussion with leadership in the South-Central District, the Southeastern Wisconsin District and members at Trinity and St Paul's, I have decided to **accept the call to serve as pastor at St. Paul's in Cudahy.** I look forward to discovering all the ways we can serve God's kingdom together in Cudahy!*

Due to prior commitments and a smooth transition from Mountain Home, I will be in contact with the leadership at St. Paul's and Trinity to find the best timetable for arriving in Wisconsin. In the meantime, I will continue to shepherd the flock at Trinity. Please keep me, my family, and Trinity in your prayers during this time of transition. May the Lord continue to bless your work in his kingdom!

Your brother in faith,

Pastor Dan Schmidt

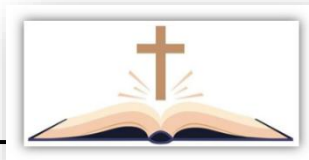
To God be the glory that He has filled our pastoral vacancy! More details will come in the next month for getting Pastor Dan and Becca settled in and ready to go!

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

Few words in Scripture carry more promise than the apostle John's declaration: "*We write these things so that our joy may be complete*" (1 John 1:4).

John's Guide to Complete Joy: A 16-Week God-Help Program takes that promise seriously, guiding men through the entire book of 1 John to discover the secret of unshakable, complete joy.

**Next meeting is 6:15am May 5th
Landmark by the Lake
4671 S. Lake Drive, Cudahy**



A Peek Inside School Doors

~ Students in grades K4-8 will participate in the annual Olympic Day on Friday, May 15. Students are served a special lunch followed by various games and competitions that are held throughout the afternoon. The day provides students of all ages an opportunity to learn about teamwork while having some fun with their classmates!

~ The St. Paul's Parents Group is planning another summer rummage sale in the school gym. The date is set for May 29-31. Items for the rummage can be dropped off Sunday, May 24, after church or Thursday May 28, during the day. If those times don't work, you can reach Sarah Schellinger at (414) 531-4632 to figure out a different drop-off time. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the rummage on 5/28 starting at 8am, to help run the rummage 5/29 and 5/30, and to help take it down 5/31.

~ The end of school is less than a month away! Our 8th Grade Graduation ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st at 6:30pm. Congratulations to our two graduates, Ariella Hernandez & Liam McMurphy!

K4 Teacher Vacancy

Pastor Dan's wife, Becca, has accepted our call to fill our K4 vacancy! Also, with Maggie Sims following Marcus to his first pastoral assignment, we had a vacancy in the 3&4 grade classroom. Because Caleb Hengst is returning to Wisconsin

Available on the Entryway Desk

- ~ Your May edition of the WELS Magazine *Forward In Christ*
- ~ LARGE Print Bulletins
- ~ NPH order forms
- ~ Spring edition of WISCO's *Contact*
- ~ St. Paul's School Thursday Note

Updated Save the Date!

This summer's VBS planning is underway! Save the date for **July 20-24**. K3-6th grade for attendees. Our theme is **Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God**. If anyone is willing to help teach or do other things, please contact the church office. Volunteers are always welcome!



This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday (May 3)

Confirmation Sunday

8:30 AM..... Sunday School

9:30 AM..... Confirmation Worship/
Communion

Tuesday (May 5)

6:15 AM..... Men's Bible Study/Bfast

Thursday (May 7)

6:30 PM..... Worship

Sunday (May 10)

Happy Mother's Day!

8:30 AM..... Bible Class

8:30 AM..... Sunday School

9:30 AM..... Worship



Ushers & Greeters



Next Week in Worship

Thursday Usher (5/7)

Rory & Tierney Vircks

Sunday Ushers (5/10)

Darrold Borree, Jim Ziemann
Diane Richter, Mike Retherford

Sunday Greeters (5/10)

Charlie & Ruth Price
Jeff & Kim Nordby

Sunday Livestream (5/10)

Chuck & Jessica Hamilton

Today's Musician

Mary Wilde

Today's Guest Preacher

Marcus Sims

Marcus is in his final year of studies at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He is married to our current 3-4 grade teacher, Maggie, and has been helping fill our vacancy, taking on all the Confirmation Classes and preaching once a month. We thank him for his message today!

Last Week in Worship

Thursday.....27

Sunday..... 86

Total..... 113

Last Week's Gifts to the Lord

Envelopes.....\$3,188.00

Holidays.....\$25.00

Initial Offering.....\$30.00

E-Offerings\$2,268.70

Total.....\$5,511.70

Guide Book

It's that time of year to update your contact information for our annual Guide Book/Directory. Please contact the church office if we do not have your current info up to date. Once completed, the Guide Book/Directory will be sent to each member's home by the end of August.