



It is an unavoidable hard truth. Our relationship with Jesus will put us in situations where we must decide where love for him ranks compared to love for other people and things. Jesus is not content to be one of many important things; he wants to be first. He wants us to follow his Word, even when he asks us to do difficult things.

Jesus is loving and honest. He doesn't hide this! He tells us up front that we must count the cost of following him. Whatever is lost as we follow Jesus pales in comparison to what we gain.

Opening Hymn _____ *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* 730

The Service – Setting 2

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord,

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

According to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for private confession and reflection.

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



First Reading / Today's Message – Philemon 1-25

This is the Paul's letter to Philemon, a slave owner, about his run-away slave, Onesimus.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon, our dear friend and coworker,² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church that meets in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love and faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints. ⁶ I pray that this fellowship of your faith may become active in understanding every good thing that belongs to us in Christ.

⁷ For I have received great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

⁸ For that reason, even though I have plenty of boldness in Christ to order you to do what is proper, ⁹ I am appealing to you, instead, on the basis of love, just as I, Paul, am an old man and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains. ¹¹ There was a time when he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. ¹² I have sent him (who is my very heart) back to you. Welcome him. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might serve me in your place while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your kindness would not be the result of compulsion, but of willingness. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a while: so that you would have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but as more than a slave, as a dear brother. He certainly is dear to me, but he is even more of a dear brother to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ And if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, have written this with my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I am asking for a favor from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

²² Just one more thing: Prepare a guest room for me, because I am hoping to be given back to you in answer to your prayers.

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends his greetings to you, ²⁴ as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my coworkers. ²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel – Luke 14:25-35

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 14:

Glory be to you, O Lord!

*Jesus teaches us that following him will come at a cost.
Count the cost!*

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them,

²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build, but was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away. ³³ So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? ³⁵ It is not fit for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

**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.

Hymn of the Day _____ *Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken* 694

Once Useless, Now Useful

Hymn of Response _____ *Take My Life and Let It Be* 695

Offering & Friendship Register

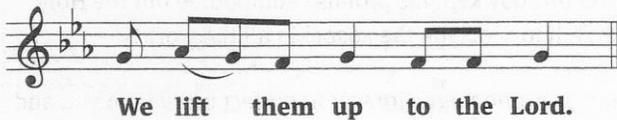
Prayer of the Church

The Sacrament

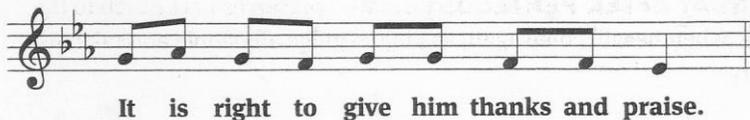
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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 _____ **p.184**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you – the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. 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.

Jesus, Lamb of God _____ **p.186**

Private Prayer Before Communion

*The body of God's lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours:
His quenching blood that life restores. Amen. (674:6)*



Distribution Hymn _____ **At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing 675**

Private Prayer After Communion

*With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King. Amen. (674:7)*



Thanksgiving and Blessing

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.

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 _____ **Oh, How Good It Is 731**

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

A Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

September 4, 2022

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

- **Welcome!** ... We are so glad you chose to join us for worship today. We pray that "Jesus Christ the Savior of the world" was clearly proclaimed in the message and music of worship and that you were blessed by it. If we can be of service to you, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor. If you are a visitor, we would consider it an honor if joined us again.
- **Main Floor Restroom** ... Please reserve it for those with limited mobility. Women's and men's are on the lower level. Changing tables are available in each.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN 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 (September 4)

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

Monday (September 5)

Labor Day.....No School

Tuesday (September 6)

6:15 AM.....Men's Breakfast Bible Study

9:30 AM.....Women's Bible Study

Thursday (September 8)

11:00 AM.....Special Communion

6:30 PM.....Christian Education

Saturday (September 10)

8 AM-Noon....Properties Team

Sunday (September 11)

8:30 AM.....Sunday School Begins

8:30 AM.....Bible Class Begins

9:30 AM.....Christian Education

10:30 AM.....Church Picnic

We Play Organ

Mary Wilde

We Usher

Thursday (9/8)

J Hansen, R Stack

Sunday (9/11)

D Borree, J Ziemann

We Greet

Sunday (9/11)

Charlie & Ruth Price

Jeff & Kim Nordby

We Gather

Thursday..... 30

Sunday..... 93

Total..... 123

We Bring Gifts

Envelopes.....\$3,349.00

Lutherans for Life.....\$115.00

E-Offerings.....\$1,790.69

Total.....\$5,254.69

Altar Flowers

In honor of Jacob Nygaard and Rachel Sebald's Wedding on September 2, Jim and Tammy have given flowers.

Women's Morning Bible Study

Meet on the First and Third Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 AM at Dorothy Schlueter's home, 6215 Walnut Ln. #41 (off College Ave in Cudahy). Heaven is their Bible Study series.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Meet on the First and Third Tuesdays of the month at 6:15 AM at Andrea's Restaurant on S. Packard Ave in Cudahy. Study of the book of Judges and the men and women whom God picked to lead Israel before they wanted a king like everyone else.

Bible Class Video / Discussion Series

In Season and Out of Season is the Bible Class. Paul wrote: "Be prepared in season and out of season." We have the BEST NEWS EVER to share ... Jesus! Many Christians are afraid to share their faith, you are not alone. This series will help be more confident to share Jesus whenever and wherever God has planted you. **Begins on Sunday, Sept. 11 / Monday, Sept. 12.**

**Sundays at 8:30 AM in the church (repeated)
Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

Special Communion Service & Meal
Thursday, September 8 at 11:00 AM

Remain seated for this 40 min. service of Scripture and hymns, sermon and Sacrament. A delicious meal is served afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir Season Begins

A new season of singing praises begins on **Thursday, September 15**. This year choir will practice before church every other Thursday from **5:15-6:15 PM**. Practice Dates:

Sept. 15 and 29
Oct. 13
Nov. 3 and 17



Meditations

Those who have an annual subscription to Meditations will find the next quarter of daily devotions in your mailbox in the church entryway. There are extra Meditations on the entryway desk. Pick one up and read the daily devotions. If you'd like to get your own subscription to these to these 5-minute daily encouragements from God's Word contact the church office.

Purchase a New Hymnal

Purchase a hymnal for \$25 for yourself, or for the church *in honor of*, or *in memory of* someone. (A label will be attached to the inside front cover of a hymnal with info.)



Envelopes are available in the church entryway.

Thank You – School Railings

Thanks to our Properties Team of Dave Hintz and Don Wenner for *painting* the exterior railings in front of school.

Thanks also goes out to Mike Coulthurst. His company *removed, then welded* a new piece onto the bottom of every post (all had rusted through). They also *primed, drilled new holes in the concrete, and then re-attached* all 150 feet of railing.

Church Picnic / Celebrating 30 Years!
Sunday, September 11

Our Christian Education Celebration this year will not only start off our Sunday School for kids, and Bible Class schedule for adults, we'll also enjoy a "Church Picnic" and a celebration for our school building which is officially 30 years old this year.

Sunday School	8:30 AM
Bible Class	8:30 AM
Celebration Worship	9:30 AM
Church Picnic	10:30 AM

2022 Church Directory

You should be receiving an updated St. Paul's Church Directory in the mail in the coming weeks. If you don't receive one by the beginning of September, we have extra. Contact the office.

Join Us

fellowship

Stay after worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month to enjoy treats, coffee / refreshments and chat with others. We'd be honored if our guests and visitors stayed.

Week 2 Host:

LuAnn Gaertner & Sandy Marshall

Week 4 Host:

Tammy Smukowski & Sandy Santoro

Public School Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes for 7th and 8th Graders who attend a public school are on **Mondays from 4:30-6:00 PM**. Our first class meets on **September 12**, and we meet in the Church Fellowship Hall. All materials are provided.

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