



S66 W14325 JANESVILLE RD • MUSKEGO WI 53150 • WELS • 414.422.0320 • WWW.STPAULMUSKEGO.ORG

GROWING CLOSER TO JESUS CONFIDENCE IN THE BIBLE

October 8, 10, and 11, 2026

*The use of AI has increasingly made us doubt things. What is real? What is true?
The study of Scripture can relieve our doubts and give us confidence as we grow closer to Jesus.*



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S – CONNECTION CARD

Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card, sharing any questions or prayer requests you might have. You can fill out the card online and find other resources by scanning the QR Code.

KIDS BUSY BAGS designed for ages 1-3 are available for use at the Welcome Center in the commons.

CHILDCARE EVERY SUNDAY 8:45 – 11:45 am in the Kids hallway to your left as you enter the Commons.

SUNDAY KIDS CLUB FOR 3K – GRADE 5 9:00 and 10:30 am. Learn more or register at stpaulmuskego.org/kidsclub.

ACCESSIBILITY A hearing loop system and large-print worship folders are available. Ask and usher for assistance

QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE? Visit the Welcome Center in the Commons and a greeter will be happy to help.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR GOSPEL MINISTRY Every week we hear of stories of how the gospel ministry you support is making an eternal difference. If you have brought an offering, you may place it in the box in the lobby or you can scan the QR code to give using Venmo. Thank you!



BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING – BLUE HYMNAL 633

Speak O Lord

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1) Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory. | 2) Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief. |
|---|--|

3) **Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built
And you fill the earth with your glory.**

M The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Sisters and brothers in Christ, God has spoken to us by his prophets. We have his certain, sure Word recorded on the pages of the Bible.

C **We confess that we haven't always listened to what God has said.**

M Nor have we done what it says. We've let pleasures and other priorities crowd it out of our lives. Trusting in his mercy, let us confess our sins before him.

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.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

O Lord, Our Lord

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.

You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight.

You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us;

you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given to us your very words, written on the pages of the Bible.

C **Help us to learn more and more of what you want us to know.**

M When our lives can be so confusing, give us confidence that your Words are true. Give us confidence that you care for us. Give us confidence in your promise of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-17, Bible page 1199

All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for every day of our lives.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Thursday, Saturday, Sunday 9:00am)



ANTHEM (St. Paul's School, Kindergarten & 1st Grade, Sunday, 10:30am)

Love!

Linda Moeller

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42, Bible page 1041

Mary and Martha react differently to Jesus words.

After the reading of the Gospel lesson, the congregation sings:



CONFESSION OF FAITH

This We Believe

- M We believe that in a miraculous way that goes beyond all human investigation, God the Holy Spirit moved these men to write his Word.
- C **Every thought they expressed and every word they used were given them by the Holy Spirit.**
- M Saint Paul wrote to Timothy, "All Scripture is God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16). The church has called this miraculous process inspiration, which means "breathing into."
- C **Since every word of Scripture was inspired, we also call this process verbal inspiration, or word-for-word inspiration**
- M We believe what the Savior said, "The Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35).
- C **Therefore it is the infallible authority and guide for everything we believe and do.**
- M We believe that the Bible is fully sufficient, clearly teaching people all they need to know to get to heaven.
- C **Since God's plan of salvation has been fully revealed in the books of the Bible, we need and expect no other revelations (Hebrews 1:1,2).**
- M We believe that Scripture must interpret Scripture, clear passages throwing light on those less easily understood.
- C **We believe that no authority—whether it is human reason, science, or scholarship—may stand in judgment over Scripture.**

This we believe and teach. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY – RED HYMNAL 290

One Thing's Needful

One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure Teach me highly to regard.
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
This one thing is needful; all others are vain --
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.

How were Mary's thoughts devoted Her eternal joy to find
As intent each word she noted, At her Savior's feet reclined.
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing;
All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord
And found her contentment in hearing his Word.

Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, can be found in you.
Let me find in you my pleasure; Make my will and actions true,
Humility there and simplicity reigning,
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,
The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.

HYMN – RED HYMNAL 293

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great heritage
 And shall be ours forever;
 To spread its light from age to age
 Shall be our chief endeavor.
 Through life it guides our way;
 In death it is our stay.
 Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
 We keep its teachings pure
 Throughout all generations.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to us. Forgive us for pursuing knowledge that only serves our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.
- C **Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.**
- M Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.
- C **Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.**
- M God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.
- C **Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.**
- Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*
- M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- M Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.
- C **May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Practice

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. If you are not a member of our Lutheran denomination, please speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar. Thank you.

Non-alcoholic wine (light-colored wine in tray) and gluten-free wafers (at Communion rail) are available.

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

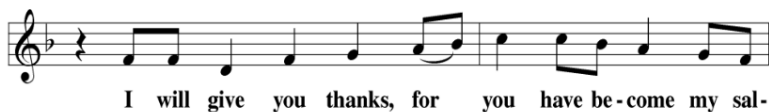
M Lift up your hearts

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

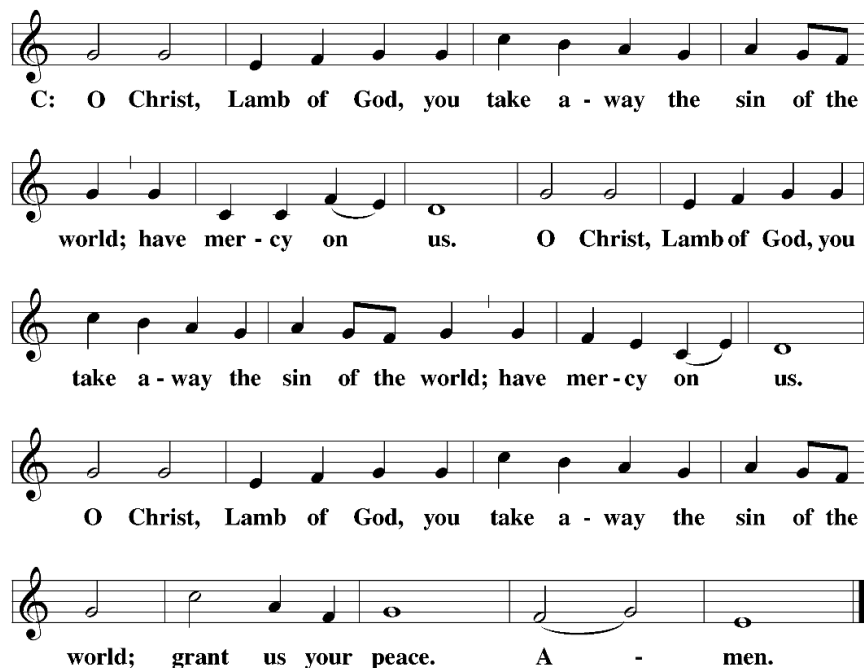


WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION – RED HYMNAL 280

Thy Strong Word

- 1) Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee
While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 2) Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation,
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 3) Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hope confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 4) From the cross thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5) Give us lips to sing thy glory,
Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats to shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!
- 6) God the Father, light-creator,
To thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to
thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise
the holy Trinity!

CLOSING PRAYER

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

C Amen.

BLESSING

M 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 7:30 PM

With Pastor Wilkens' arrival, our pastoral transition is nearly complete. This Thursday, after the Thursday worship, a voters meeting will call the pastor who will complete our missionary team:

- **Pastor Italiano (Ministerial Team Leader)** overseeing the entire ministry as the new Ministerial Team Leader after Pastor Panitzke retires at the end of June 2027. Pastor Italiano also will work with our Worship Operations team of Mike Westendorf and Heidi Schuh to plan worship.
- **Pastor Strobel (Member Care Pastor)** becomes the missionary who focuses on serving our members and reaching those who are straying.
- **Pastor Wilkens (Resident Missionary)** becomes the missionary who focuses on our community and our many guests on our campus with the assistance of Sally Wallner, our Community Outreach Coordinator, and Campus Minister Zach Klement who is our missionary at our Bridge MKE campus.
- **School Pastor** becomes the missionary who focuses on our school children and their families to strengthen their families, working with our Youth Minister Katie Klement who is our missionary to reach our public school children and their families.

PASTOR/CHURCH TEAM APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We want to celebrate Pastor Italiano, Pastor Panitzke, Pastor Strobel and Pastor Wilkens. They are a blessing to our congregation in many ways! You are encouraged to take time to let our pastors know how much their ministry means to you through written notes, gifts, and uplifting words. Our congregation is also blessed by a large number of church staff members dedicated to serving our Savior and our St. Paul's family. Please let them know how valued they are to you. These are the family of God who, with your pastors, gather every week to study God's Word and plan our work as a church: Randy Fink, Christian Johnson, Trista Heffner, Katie Klement, Zach Klement, Tammy Miller, Heidi Schuh, Sally Wallner, Mike Westendorf, Arica Wichman. Keeping these faithful servants in your prayers throughout the year is always appreciated. "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:3).