

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, & Preschool (WELS)

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Worship: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am

Online services and materials can be found weekly at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com

November 12/14/15, 2020

Saints Triumphant

Order of Service: Service Folder

Sermon: Revelation 19:1-9

Hallelujah! Victory is Ours!!

God's enemies are defeated.

Live in the victory.

Welcome to St. Paul's! We're glad you can be with us.

- **Seating:** Please sit on the end of the pew where the blue tape is located. If you have a larger group, please sit in a longer pew. **For the benefit of all, please observe proper spacing.**
- **A t-coil hearing loop system** for those with hearing aids is available. We also have headsets to use without hearing aids. An usher can help if you have questions.
- **Service folders** are on stands near the sanctuary doors. These folders contain the entire service. *Please take it and the bulletin home with you.* Large prints are available on the info center.
- Parents, please feel free to use the **child training room** to calm or feed small children.
- **Restrooms** are to the right as you exit the sanctuary.
- **Your offering** may be placed in baskets on stands near the door.
- After the service, please visit outside. Thank you!

Ushers this weekend are teams 5 (J. Weigand) and 7 (M. Hintz). Next weekend (Nov. 21/22) teams 8 (M. Ewerdt) and 10 will usher. If you'd like to join an ushering team in 2021, please let the pastors know this weekend. We can use your help. Thank you!

God's Word this week: Like children playing hide and seek, Jesus calls out to us through his Word, "Ready or not, here I come!" Thanks be to God that through Jesus' saving work, we have been made ready. When Jesus comes in the end, we will be raised and united with all those who have preceded us in the faith. Therefore, let us continue to be vigilant in the faith until that day comes.

November 12 - 22, 2020

11/12	Thu	6:30pm	Worship with communion
11/14	Sat	6:30pm	Worship with communion
11/15	Sun	9:00am	Worship with communion
		10:00am	Bible Study (in the church)
		10:00am	Bible Information Class
11/16	Mon	6:10pm	Confirmation Class
11/18	Wed	8:45am	Bible Study
		6:30pm	Church Council
11/19	Thu	6:30pm	Worship
11/21	Sat	6:30pm	Worship
11/22	Sun	9:00am	Worship
		10:00am	Bible Study
		10:00am	Bible Information Class

Other worship opportunities:

- Online at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com (recorded service available anytime or live stream at 9:00am Sundays)
- *St. Peter's, Fond du Lac*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1450 KFIZ
- *St. Paul's, Appleton*, 8:00am Sundays on AM1280 WNAM
- *St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam*, 9:30am Sundays on AM1430 WBEV
- *Time of Grace* (TV) on Green Bay NBC-26 Sundays at 6:30am and Milwaukee CBS-58 Sundays at 10:30am.

Worship attendance: Members and guests can sign up to attend worship at www.stpaulslutherannfdl.com via Sign-up Genius or call 922-1080. If you forget to sign up, please come and worship anyway. For enhanced safety, we will continue our "summer" worship schedule through at least November: Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am. Fellow Christians, let us be vigilant in continuing to hear God's faith-strengthening Word whether here in person, online, or broadcast on WELS radio or TV.

We will not have a separate midweek Hunters Service this year because we are continuing to offer Thursday night services.

Bible Study for students of all ages is Wednesday at 8:45am and Sunday at 10:00am in the church. We are discussing interesting facts about the times, people, and places of the Bible that will help God's wonderful Book come alive as we read and study it.

Masks: The Lord directs us to obey authorities unless they demand that we disobey God's commands (Rom. 13:1-5; Acts 5:29). Please wear a mask while inside the building. Please also remember that some do not wear masks because of exemptions.

Offerings: If you are not yet attending because of the pandemic, here are some options for sharing the gospel with your gifts:

- Send it to St. Paul's Lutheran, 1010 Adams Ave., NFDL, 54937.
- Drop it off in the lock box post near the office entrance.
- Use Vanco electronic options, including your smart phone. Go to your phone's app store under "Giving Plus."

Last week's gifts: Current Fund-\$13,250.23; Missions-\$849; Improvement Fund-\$218; Mortgage Fund-\$2,128; Altar-\$50; A/V Ministry-\$15; WLA Tuition Assistance-\$25; Thanksgiving-\$20; Gym Improvement-\$25; Worship at the Cross-\$25 (Electronic funds included in these gifts total \$5,545.69). Other receipts: Preschool-\$1,299; Extended Care-\$363.75. **Memorials:** in memory of Doaine Jahn to the Gym Improvement Fund and Current Fund from Jeff & Pam Eckert and Dave & Nancy Schumacher.

Stewardship Moment: "We're distracted from Bible reading and Bible classes. Sunday morning comes too often, or church services are 'in the wrong place.' Devotions with our children seem to get put off until we have more time, whenever that might be. Jesus said to Martha (who was taking care of household duties), "Only one thing is needed. Mary (who had been listening to Jesus teach) has chosen what is better." That means, in 21st century language, we should leave plenty of time in our busy schedules for listening to the Word of God." (*Getting Our Priorities Straight*, Thomas B. Franzmann)

"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe..." (Philippians 2:14,15)

Thanksgiving services will be held, if God wills, on Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30pm and Thursday, November 26th at 9:00am. We feel we will be able to safely seat up to 100 worshipers at each service. The service will be available online as well. There will be no Thursday evening service that week.

Food for Families Offering: We will continue our tradition of gathering monetary funds for less fortunate families at our Thanksgiving services (Nov. 25/26) and the following weekend (Nov. 28/29). Most of the funds will be shared with the North Fond du Lac Police Benevolent Association for distribution to community families at Christmas. A portion will also be set aside for congregational families who have sudden monetary hardships. If you are not yet comfortable coming to worship, you can also send gifts indicated for *Food for Families* to the church (1010 Adams Ave.), or place them into the secure outside drop box. Thank you to all.

2021 MOHW Conference: The 12th annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: *More Than Conquerors*) will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Sat., Feb. 20, 2021. Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. Our goal is to keep our participants safe: Maximum capacity is 300 participants to enable social distancing. (If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home.) Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word!

Second Impressions: The thrift store that supports WLA's students has been blessed with record sales. Volunteers continue to be needed for cashiering, pricing, receiving, etc. Call 907-9900 for further details. Thank you to all who generously donate items. Special sales will take place Thanksgiving week. The store is located at 325 Winnebago Dr., near the FDL A&W.

"So then, just as you received Christ as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:6,7)

"Be patient with everyone. Make sure nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and everyone else. (1 Thessalonians 5:14,15)

Isaiah 52:1-6

Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. ² Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion. ³ For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed." ⁴ For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. ⁵ "And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD. "For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock," declares the LORD. "And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. ⁶ Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' ⁷ "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' ⁹ "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' ¹² "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' ¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.