

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church



May 12, 2024

Mauston, WI



*St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to spread
God's Word to ourselves, our community, and our world.*

To our friends who have been with us before, we welcome you back. To those who are visiting us for the first time, we extend our most sincere greeting. To those who are seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a Living Savior, membership in His Church and Citizenship in His Eternal Kingdom. Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind:

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for the salvation of all.

If you have questions or need assistance today please speak to a pastor or usher! Restrooms are located near the entrance of the building. The order of service and the hymns for worship today can be found in this bulletin.

If you are seeking a church home or interested in what we teach please talk with a pastor today. Free classes are offered regularly on the basics of the Bible and Christianity. These classes are for those who are seeking membership or looking for more information about God and the Bible.

If you have children with you today, we're glad you brought them with you! If your child becomes restless, a moment or two alone with them might be all that's necessary. You are welcome to step into our family room next to the sanctuary to calm your child as needed. Young or old— all are welcome here. May the Lord bless your worship today!

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Seventh Sunday of Easter



The risen Savior gives love in his friends.

Because Jesus lives, he continues to transform the lives of all who are connected to him by faith. Today's reading explores the nature of this relationship more deeply. The key word is love. Our living Lord does not shape our lives by exerting his power to force us into his mold. Though he lives in us, he is not a puppeteer with a marionette. His love initiated his relationship with us. It continues to define that relationship. His love turned us into his friends. It moves us to live as his friends. It leads us to love one another as our Friend loves us.

We see the fruit of this friendship in the love practiced by Tabitha in our First Reading. Faith filled her with concern for the poor, and she used her skills and resources to make clothing for the widows in Joppa, but also news of the miracle contributed to mission efforts in that city, and many more people became part of the circle of Christian love and friendship by faith.

Love is a major theme of John's first letter. One out of every 58 words is love. Eighteen of them occur in the eight verses making up the Second Reading for this day. God commands us to love one another. Failure to do so reveals that any love and friendship we have with God is only an illusion. But the key to having love for others stems not from our effort or God's command. Rather, it stems from the love God has shown to us by sending his Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

In today's Gospel, selfless love weighed heavily on Jesus' mind as he anticipated laying down his life for his friends. His upper room conversation with his disciples is peppered with instructions about love. After using the image of the connection between a vine and its branches for his relationship. Maintaining the connection calls upon the disciples to remain in the love Jesus had for them so that they, in turn, can obey his command to love one another in the same way. Their call both to receive and to live such love gives evidence that they are not merely servants. They are friends fully engaged in the same business as Jesus. That business is love.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: **Pastor Philip Waldschmidt**

Organist: **Mary Lynn Jirousek**

Hymn 721 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

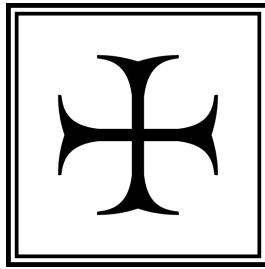
Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

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.

Amen.



Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

Hymn 938 *This Is the Feast* sts. Ref-1, 3, 5, Final Refrain

Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verses



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free___ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: v. 4
gun his___ reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

The Word

First Reading: Acts 9:36–42

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.^{36a} She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. ³⁸Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, “Come to us without delay!”

³⁹Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive.

⁴²This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day *Psalm 89C Love Enduring Evermore*



1 Love will be our song for - ev - er, faith - ful love from
2 Heav'n and earth a - like af - firm it: LORD, you are mag -
3 Once, when Is - rael lacked a lead - er, Da - vid was the
4 Now, though, we have felt your an - ger; now we find dis -



a - ges past: love en - shrined with - in a prom - ise made by
nif - i - cent! E - vil pow'rs and hid - den forc - es you have
man you chose; an ex - alt - ed throne you gave him, and re -
as - ter near. Shame is ours in - stead of tri - umph; neigh - bors



you and sure to last; hu - man tongues and an - gel voic - es
ren - dered im - po - tent. At your throne of love and jus - tice
lief from all his foes; e - ven when your reb - el peo - ple
see our plight and sneer. How much long - er till you hear us?



join in rev - 'rence and de - light, prais - ing your un -
we ex - tol you, faith - ful King; blest are those who
scorned your ways and spurned your law, still your prom - ise
Life is short, so swift our days! Lord, re - new the



ri - valed splen - dor, lov - ing LORD, the God of might.
learn to trust you— they have am - ple cause to sing.
shaped the fu - ture: love en - dur - ing ev - er - more.
love you prom - ised— fill your peo - ple's hearts with praise.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7–11,19–21

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, love God, whom he has not seen? ²¹This then is the command we have from him: The one who loves God should also love his brother.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Corinthians 13:13

Alleluia. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 15:9–17

⁹"As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.

¹²"This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day 693 *O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near*



1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near to these, your
2 Sus - tain the work you have be - gun in these u -
3 De - liv - er them from ev - 'ry wile, from all that
4 Lord, keep them firm in their in - tent to you, your
5 O Fa - ther, grant that by your grace they may your
6 Then robed in white be - fore your throne, your ho - ly



chil - dren gath - ered here; the Spir - it's gift in
nit - ed to your Son, for in that pure bap -
would their hearts be - guile, from world - ly ways and
Word, and sac - ra - ment. O make them bold, their
will each day em - brace, with fruits of faith their
saints, by you fore - known, pre - des - tined, called, and



them re - new, the gift of faith that clings to you.
tis - mal flood they have been cleansed by Je - sus' blood.
Sa - tan's lies, that they may not your Word de - spise.
faith to share, and make them strong, their cross to bear.
lives now bless, till they at death your name con - fess.
jus - ti - fied, shall, crowned in light, be glo - ri - fied.

Sermon Pastor Philip Waldschmidt

Text: Acts 9:36-42

Christ's Love Lives Among God's People

Stand

Apostles' Creed

Credo

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.

Be seated

Offering

St. Paul's members give as a response to God's love and in order to carry out ministry here and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering. While the offering is being taken, please take a moment to sign our friendship register

Prayer of the Church

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn 726 *Love in Christ Is Strong and Living*



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, faint - ing not when



hearts in one; love in Christ is true and giv - ing,
mil - i - ty, gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



may his will in us be done.
reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
shall en - dure un - til life's end.

Prayer

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

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.

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.

Hymn 506 *For the Fruits of His Creation*



- 1 For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
- 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



MY WORSHIP NOTES



For children to use during worship.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today? _____

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue White Purple Red Green

The Sermon Text Was: _____

This is in the: Old Testament New Testament



What was the sermon about? _____



My favorite song today was:



Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

- Yes
 No



Communion?

- Yes
 No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

		MAUSTON		ADAMS-FRIENDSHIP	
Sun	5/12	7:45 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	<i>Mother's Day</i> Worship Adult Bible Class Sunday School Worship	9:15 am 10:30 am	<i>Mother's Day</i> Adult Bible Class Sunday School Worship
Mon	5/13	1:00pm 3:45 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Information Class Lil' Lambs Chapel Monday Night Service		
Tue	5/14	6:00 pm	Pastor's Circuit meeting Bible Information Class		
Wed	5/15	10:00 am 11:00 am 7:30 pm	Adult Bible Study <i>Introducing Jesus</i> Lil' Lambs Chapel Adult Bible Study <i>Introducing Jesus</i>		
Thu	5/16	11:15 am 1:00 pm	Lil' Lambs Chapel Lil' Lambs Staff Study	10:00 am	Bible Class <i>Introducing Jesus</i>
Fri	5/17				
Sat	5/18	10:00 am	Fairview Service		
Sun	5/19	7:45 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Worship Adult Bible Class Sunday School Worship	9:15 am 10:30 am	Adult Bible Class Sunday School Worship
Mauston attendance last week			Adams-Friendship attendance last week		
Sunday 7:45 a.m. 85 --- Communed 67			Sunday 10:30 a.m. 82 --- Communed 60		
Sunday 10:30 a.m. 147 --- Communed 83					
Monday 6:00 p.m. 12 --- Communed 11					

Needed to meet yearly budget: \$11,140/week	Weekly	Year to Date
Income last week	9,833.00	174,549.71
Expenses last week	11,428.42	172,790.85
Deficit/Surplus	-1,595.42	+1,758.86

Wish List - Mauston Church Parking Lot	
Total Cost	\$ 251,955
Start up funds	201,000
Total cash donations	46,295
Received past week	140.00
Total Funds available	\$ 247,295
Still need	\$4,660

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL MAUSTON/ADAM'S CHURCH JOINT PICNIC is going to be held on Sunday July 21st 2024 at Easton-White Creek Lions Park in Adams County, with the Church Service being held at 10:30 a.m. , followed by the picnic at approximately 12:00 noon. We are looking for anyone who is interested in volunteering to serve on the Picnic Committee to help organize and to help with setup, cleanup, etc. A clipboard with a sign up sheet for volunteers is available in the Narthex and on the St Paul's web site and facebook page . Please list your name and your telephone number. The first committee organizational meeting will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall in Mauston on Thursday evening, June 13th at 6:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact Barry Voigt, Greg Pope, or Ron Pfaff.

CALL MADE TO REV. TYLER J. SHINNICK: Our 3rd Call Meeting to fill the Pastor vacancy created when Pastor Sellnow accepted a call to Grace Lutheran in Glendale, Arizona, was held on Sunday afternoon, April 28, 2024. Voter's selected Rev. Tyler J. Shinnick to be called to fill our Vacancy at the Adams-Friendship Campus Church, as an Associate Pastor for our St. Paul's Congregation.

Pastor Shinnick is thirty-six (36) years old and was born and raised in Appleton, WI. He graduated from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. on 06/01/2010 with a Bachelor of Arts and then graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI. on 06/01/2014 with a Master of Divinity degree. He also served as a Vicar at Savior Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD.

He began serving his first and only Pastoral position at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Neenah, WI. on 07/01/2014. He has faithfully served them as one of two Associate Pastors for the past 9 years/10 months.

Pastor Shinnick and his wife Callie (nee Dublinski), who is a “stay at home” Mom, are raising three children ages 8, 6, and 3. She also has a “Home Bakery” to enjoy her free time.

The Neenah Church has two Pastoral positions serving 702 members and 520 communicant members. They also support a Neenah Lutheran Parochial School which is shared by two congregations.

Pastor’s self-evaluation shows that he considers himself to be a strong leader who likes being an Associate Pastor and prefers a smaller city but will still serve a larger congregation. He very much enjoys Preaching, Outreach, working with Youth, Bible Classes both for Adults and Youth and enjoys working with Confirmation classes.

Pastor Shinnick was very excited to receive our Call and is looking forward to evaluating and deliberating our information. He was very upbeat and fun to talk to. May the Good Lord assist him with his decision.

Ron Pfaff, President

WOW DAY TRIP The WOW day trip will be Tuesday, June 11th.

* We will meet at church at 8am to carpool to Oshkosh area.

* View the 1000+ nativity sets displayed at the Methodist Church

* Lunch at a local Restaurant

* Visit the Oshkosh Public Museum (to view the “cuckoo” clock of the 12 Apostles). Fee is \$7 for Seniors

* Tour the peony garden in Rosendale

* Return home between 5-6pm

All men & women are encouraged to attend.

Mauston News and Notes

NEW BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS TO START IN MAY For any member interested in being refreshed in the basics of the Christian faith OR for those interested in membership at St. Paul’s there will be a new Bible Information Class called Hope Grows on Thursdays starting May 23 at 6:00 p.m... Please think about who you might like to invite to this from your friends and family. If you are interested in membership and this time for classes doesn’t work, Pastor Wilke or Pastor Waldschmidt will be happy to arrange another date and time during the week to meet with you

Adams-Friendship News and Notes

NEW BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS TO START IN MAY For any member interested in being refreshed in the basics of the Christian faith OR for those interested in membership at St. Paul's there will be a new Bible Information Class called Hope Grows on Tuesdays starting May 21 at 6:00 p.m... Please think about who you might like to invite to this from your friends and family. If you are interested in membership and this time for classes doesn't work, Pastor Wilke or Pastor Waldschmidt will be happy to arrange another date and time during the week to meet with you

If you would want an announcement in this bulletin, please get it to the
Church Secretary (stpaulssec2@gmail.com or 608-847-4108) by the
Tuesday before you would like it included.



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MAUSTON

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Worship

Sunday 7:45 & 10:30 a.m.

Monday 6:00 p.m.

Radio

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on 92.9 FM & 1270 AM

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511 West Lake Street in Friendship, WI

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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