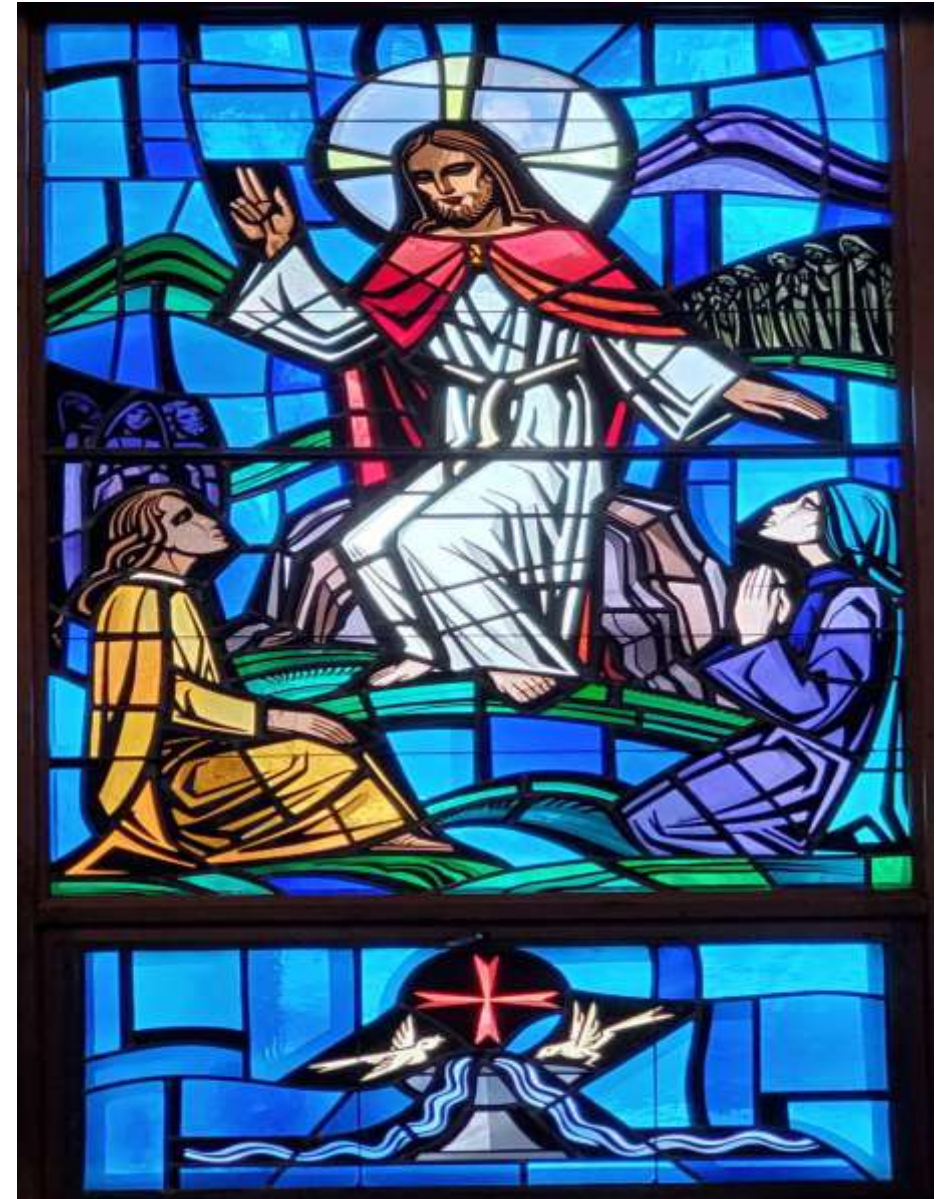


Conrad Pickel Studio, Inc. of New Berlin designed the stained glass windows to offer a comprehensive theme: The Story of Our Salvation as reported in the books of the Old and New Testament. Here is a description of the figures and symbols used by the original artist to illustrate the biblical message.

9. The Sermon on the Mount

The Sermon on the Mount, famous among the sermons of Our Lord because of the Eight Beatitudes it contains, was delivered on a low mount in Galilee. We see Christ seated on the mount, teaching the numerous groups of people surrounding Him. We find men and women, young and old, listening to the words of the Savior. His speech seems to be new to their ears: “Blessed are the poor in spirit...blessed are they that mourn...but He assures them also: “Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets...I have come to fulfill them.”

The fountain represents the fountain of the living water: “The water that I shall give him, will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.” This water is the Word of God which we accept in faith. The eight pointed star signifies the Eight Beatitudes.



**Sunday, January 29, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

It is a joy to gather together for worship!

St. Paul Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Tri-Church Online Worship Service on our website
or call toll-free 1-888-975-5536 anytime

9:00 a.m. In-person worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. In-person Sunday School – September – May

10:00 a.m. In-person Teen Time – September – May

Communion

We celebrate Jesus' presence each week in Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Supper and Jesus invites us: whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, or just considering Christianity; if you are an infant or elderly; if your family has been in the United States for generations, or has only recently arrived; if you are LGBTQIA+ or straight; if you live with disabilities, chronic illness, or are able-bodied and currently healthy; if you are home-blessed or homeless; ... YOU are welcome at God's meal of grace at St. Paul.

Accessibility

Handicap parking, entrance, wheelchair, and restrooms are available. Sound amplifiers and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Children's Offering

In January the children's offering will be go to the YWCA to support women, families, and immigrants in need of shelter and resources.

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Prelude

"You Are My King"

Carol Tornquist

When the prelude music begins, we invite you into a time of silent reflection to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome/Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

All: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

O God, the Monarch of the Meek, your kingdom is for all who are poor in spirit. Guide us to seek you here in our worship and out in our world. Fill those who thirst and hunger for righteousness. In the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

WORD

First Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Second Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

(And Jesus continues:)

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day
“Drawn to the Light”
ELW #838



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.



Refrain
Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: LA CROSSE, John C. Ylvisaker
Text and music © 1990 John C. Ylvisaker.

Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need

Each petition ends with these words:

P: Loving God,
All: receive our prayer.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you!

P: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace in whatever way you are comfortable.

MEAL

Offering

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

Randall Sensmeier

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
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.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

All: 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion

Communion Music

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Special Music

Linda VonHolten

Post Communion Blessing

SENDING

Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod †
bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

All: Amen

Sending Song

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

ELW #597



1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

Central American tune and text; G.M. Cartford

We Remember in Prayer; those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Warren Heuck, Lori Dewey, Harold Julifs, Louis & Mary Weaver, John Ukena, Berta Beyer, and Marcia Fields.

Worship Assistants:

Opener – Chrissy Zollinger

Head Usher – Chrissy Zollinger

Acolytes – *Volunteer Needed*

Greeters – Nancy Frank, Donna Kendall

Ushers – Ruben & JoAnn Garcia

Reader – Tim Zollinger

Sound – Jacob Dahleen

Closer – Eakle family

Musicians:

Live:

Linda VonHolten

Recorded:

Gerad VonHolten

Dawn Zeigler

Next week's assistants – February 5

Opener – Jim Gorman

Head Usher – Greg Zeigler

Acolytes – Shore family

Greeters – Bill & Carolyn Duncan

Ushers – Nancy Beck, Diane Yoeckel

Reader – Carolyn Duncan

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Closer – Shore family

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*

Altar Guild – Audrey Cox, Cathy Cox

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