

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping today!

Fellowship: Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am.

Holy Communion: Celebrated in all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

Parents With Children: Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. There is a quiet room in the back of church.

We Care Cards: Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship.

Volunteers (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am | Sunday 11am
Monday 6:30pm

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:
splgraffton.org/church/livestream &
vimeo.com/event/3215174

Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson
Pastor: Jacob Schultz
Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke
Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prah
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf
Principal: Michael Yurk
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer
DCE: Tracy Krueger

**EQUIPPING
Every Generation
to *Live Rooted*
in **JESUS****



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 18, 2025

Then I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth
for the first heaven and the first earth
had passed away.

Revelation 21:1

Knowing-Jesus.com

AS WE GATHER... Now we know the end of the story. In John's vision in the Epistle, heaven will be like an eternal wedding feast. All of us in the Church have been made presentable by Christ, the Bridegroom. Unlike the disciples, who in today's Gospel still had to experience their Lord's absence from Good Friday through Easter morning, we can be confident that no one can take our joy from us. Now we know that because He has paid the price on the cross, the Bridegroom will freely make all things new. In place of torrents of tears will be the spring of the water of life. When we receive His body and blood in the Sacrament, it is a foretaste of the feast to come, and we cannot wait to enjoy the rest of the eternal celebration.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

As you prepare to receive the Lord's Body and Blood, please review these questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins and do I repent of them?
2. Do I believe in Jesus as my Savior and that His body and blood are truly present together with the bread and the wine?
3. Do I want to live as a forgiven Christian, in love to God & neighbor, with the help of the Holy Spirit?
4. Am I a member of an LCMS congregation or a congregation in fellowship with the LCMS?

*If you are not in agreement with these questions,
please refrain from communing or speak with a pastor before communing.*

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES – Saturday 5pm; Sunday 8am, 11am; Monday 6:30pm

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GIDEON PRESENTATION (*Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards will be collected during the sermon hymn*)

OPENING HYMN "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

LSB 467, St. 1, 3, 6 7

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *John 16:20; Revelation 21:6*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: God's grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God's grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.

People: Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.

Pastor: Jesus promised the disciples, "Your sorrow will turn into joy," and He promises "the spring of the water of life without payment." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, which bestows Christ's saving work on all people of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, that the saving news of Christ be announced to all, and that many come to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

People: For this holy house and for all who join us to celebrate the foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465, St. 1

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION (5pm) “With a Voice of Singing,” Male Choir
(8am) “Make Me Like You,” Children’s Choir
(11am) “How Firm a Foundation,” Mixed Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 11:1–18 *God convinces Peter that Gentiles may be baptized into the one Church.* (Holy Bible p. 1170)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Revelation 21:1–7 *John sees a vision of the new Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her husband, coming from heaven.* (Holy Bible p. 1326)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 156

HOLY GOSPEL John 16:12–22 *Jesus prepares the Twelve for His absence for “a little while.”* (Holy Bible p. 1148)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

LSB 474

SERMON “Something Old, Something New,” by Pastor Anderson, based on Revelation 21.

NICENE CREED (see screens or back cover of LSB)

OFFERTORY HYMN “Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465, St. 2

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (see screens)

SACRAMENT

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22,

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has opened for us the door to His eternal wedding banquet. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 161

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(see screens or LSB 179)*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD’S PRAYER *(see screens or back cover of LSB)*

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God”

LSB 163

PREPARATION *(see screens or top of page 2)*

DISTRIBUTION *Common cup and individual cup are offered on both the lectern and pulpit sides.*

Please assist the pastor or server when receiving the chalice for common cup.

Non-alcoholic wine (pink) is served in individual cups in the center of the tray.

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

LSB 515

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 636

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks that here in time You have already assured us of our invitation to the wedding feast to come. Keep the vision of that joyful eternity before us until faith turns to sight and we celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Jerusalem the Golden”

LSB 672

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THE GIDEON REPORT-THIS WEEKEND



The Gideons International
Share God's Word. Change Lives.

The shadow of the lost in Christ and the unchurched may never darken our church entrance. Gideons commit to change that by witnessing and placing free Bibles or portions thereof in local and worldwide thoroughfares of life. Those stirred by the Spirit often find churches to get their Jesus and Bible questions answered. Listen as Mark Sheets refreshes us on the ministry of Gideons International in Ozaukee County and beyond during worship this weekend. You will find good reason why St. Paul Lutheran Grafton embraces the Gideon ministry in prayer and in free-will offering. *Thank you!*

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE-9:30AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GIDEON PRESENTATION

(Offerings may be placed in collection box near the exits. We Care Cards will be collected during the opening song.)

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG "God So Loved"

BAPTISMS Aubrey Judith Kinney, Zachary Kinney

CONFESSION and WORD OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF PRAISE "Yesu Ananipenda (Jesus Loves Me,)" Handbells

CHILDRENS MESSAGE by Tracy Krueger, DCE

WORD OF GOD *John 16:12-22* (Holy Bible p. 1148)

NICENE CREED

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer / Preparation / Distribution / "O Come To The Altar;" "Holy Forever" / Dismissal

PRAYERS

WORD OF GOD Revelation 21:1-7 (Holy Bible p.1148)

SERMON "Something Old, Something New," by Pastor Anderson, based on Revelation 21.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Hymn Of Heaven"

BIBLE STUDIES, SERVANT MINISTRY MEETINGS AND MORE!



SUNDAY MORNING RELIGIOUS ED HOUR 9:30am-Family Life Center

May 18: Jesus as Disciple Maker
Rev. Dr. Randall Ferguson

May 25: No Class—Memorial Day



SUNDAY SCHOOL

5/18: This week's Bible story is from Philippians 2:1-11, Jesus is selfless. We will be learning that Jesus is selfless and so are we.

This will be our final week of Sunday school before we break for the summer. Watch for Sunday School to resume in September.

COME AND SEE

Topic: The CHOSEN
Led by: Karen Leonard
Day/Time: Monday's at 5:30pm (Ends on June 2)
Location: Providence Place



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

We will not meet in May due to Confirmation, Mother's Day, Graduation, and Memorial Day weekend.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Topic: Scripture in Context
Led by: Pastor Anderson
Day/Time: Wednesdays through May 28; 6:30pm
Location: Family Life Center
Can't make it in person, join us online! Each week is available via livestream and on-demand video. It's all just a click away!

Watch Live: splgraffton.org/church/livestream
(Scroll down to "Family Life Center Livestream")

Re-watch / Catch Up / Share:
vimeo.com/showcase/11690434

Sunday, June 1, 4-6pm

All 5-8 graders are invited to our final Middle School Youth group of the school year. We are going to be having a Nerf war and BBQ. Don't forget to bring your Nerf guns! Sign up here to join the fun and sign up to bring items for the BBQ: tinyurl.com/MSYJune25.

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org

LWML CARD MINISTRY

Confirmation, Graduation, and Teacher Thank You Cards are now available at the LWML Card Ministry table in the Gathering Hall



HONORING OUR GRADUATES

St. Paul will be listing names of all graduating members (from high schools, technical schools, colleges, and universities any time during 2025) in the bulletin the weekend of June 1. If you or a member in your family will be graduating during this year, please complete the form (available at the Welcome Center, or online at splgraffton.org) and return it to the school or church office by **Tuesday, May 27**.



**MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, MAY 26**

**NO MONDAY NIGHT
SERVICE**

**CHURCH & SCHOOL
OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED**



SCHOOL NEWS FROM MR. YURK

1. We are entering the last few weeks of school. On Friday, May 23, our PreK students will be finishing their year with their closing school service. On Friday, May 30 our K-8 students' school year ends with a closing chapel at 8:30am and graduation at 6:30pm.
2. We're ready to move in! Moving from the south wing to the new wing will begin on Saturday, May 31. Can you help us move? If so, click on this link and sign up for a time slot. tinyurl.com/yfv5yz97
3. As we close out this school year, please join me in thanking God for the many blessings of the year including a congregation that fully supports Christian education, teachers and staff that are dedicated to sharing the redemptive love of Jesus with their students every day and to our school families that prioritize a faith-filled education for their children. Together we live out our mission of being Focused on Excellence...Centered on Christ.

EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER—FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH



Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support as we expand our ministry and facility. We are asking for everyone's help this month to stay Faithful to the Finish for Every Generational Faithful Together. So far in May, we have received donations of over \$145,000 toward the ministry expansion building project.

Your gift before May 31, 2025, will help reduce our debt, help secure our financial future, and provide the resources needed to serve our church, school, and community for years to come.

Remember, every additional \$1 given today is worth \$1.80 over the 20-year loan.

If you have already made a pledge, it would also be helpful to receive those commitment funds early. This will also help reduce the amount we need to borrow.

Ways to Give:

- Give securely online using Vanco: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT1K/campaign/C-15F96>
- Send via Venmo: [@spl-grafton](https://venmo.com/@spl-grafton) (note: Faithful; last 4 Digits: 0360)
- Use the yellow "Building fund" envelopes in your offering envelope box (or pick one up in the narthex) and drop in the offering boxes

Together we are Faithful to the Finish for Every Generation.

Mark your calendars for the South Wing decommissioning on Sunday, June 8 following the 11am service. The South Wing will be open after each Saturday and Sunday service that weekend and all are invited to do a final walkthrough, share memories and say farewell.



**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
GOLF CLASSIC
Friday, June 6, 2025
West Bend Lakes Golf Club**

Cost: \$125 per golfer / \$500 foursome
(Includes 18-holes, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes & more)

Time: Shotgun start at 10am

Check-in begins at 8:30am

Gather near golf carts for prayer at 9:45am

**REGISTER YOUR GROUP TODAY:
tinyurl.com/SPLGolf25**

-OR-

Complete a Registration Form. Registration Forms are available in the St. Paul School Office. Please submit completed Registration Forms to the St. Paul School Office.

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE ST. PAUL GUIDEBOOK

It is time for us to update our database. Has your family had any changes in phone number, address change or adult children moving out on their own? Are adult children still under your membership record? We would like to hear about those changes so that we can clean up our records. We would like to have the most accurate information about you our members!

Please contact the Church Office by Monday, June 16

Call Martha at 262-377-4659, Ext. 332 or email martha.witt@splgrafton.org

OZAUKEE COUNTY LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Tuesday, May 20, 7pm at Providence Place

As we investigate new ways (and old) to share the life-affirming message to our neighbors, family and friends. You may even find insights from God's Word that are new to you! Lutherans for Life resources will be available for you to take for yourself and/or to share. Refreshments served. Next time we meet will be Tuesday, October 21, 7pm at Trinity Lutheran Church Freistadt in Mequon. Save the date!

Music: Ms. Valerie Bremer / Mrs. Heide Young
Leader: Rev. Timothy Maschke

Altar Guild: Marlene Hartung & Ann Mueller
Sermon: Rev. Luke Anderson

SERVICE	ELDERS / COMMUNION SERVERS	HEAD USHERS
Sat., 5pm	B. Dorn / E. Kuerschner / T. Kohlwey / M. Yurk / N. Gierach	Brian Hadler
Sun., 8am	G. Kern / R. Wellman / J. Brooks / L. Kiener	Dean Haas
Sun., 9:30am	J. Wegner / B. Eggold / V. Micha	Chris Hanley
Sun., 11am	M. Young / M. Stec / C. Haas / B. Marien	Jonathan Webster
Mon., 6:30pm	S. Natale	

PRAYER REQUESTS

Strength and Healing: *Jeremy Albers Sr.*; *Jean Dorman* (niece of Norma Prah); *Lisa Giuliani* (niece of Jan Moegenburg); *Jean Hammes* (friend of Tom Lubner family); *Beverly Kelling*; *Mari LaGrange* (daughter of Dan & Sue Hueppchen); *Kris Lindsay*; *Larry Luckjohn*; *Melissa Luckjohn* (daughter-in-law of Larry Luckjohn); *Jeffrey Mierow* (son of Steve & Kathy Mierow); *Sharon Reisner* (aunt of Wendy Zetting)

Long-Term Illness / Treatment: *Drew Bartell* (son of Mona Bartell); *Jesse Liebe* (nephew of Mona Bartell); *Samuel Becker* (grandson of Lucille Becker); *Dave Boehm* (friend of Tim & Jenny Clemens); *Delaine Bussard* (friend of Debra Kelley); *Christine Capstran* (daughter of Lyle & Terry Sperber); *Sharon Caulfield* (mother/mother-in-law of Alison & Steve Eckert); *Stacy Fairbert* (niece of Jody Reiter); *Tom Fitzgerald* (friend of Tom Lubner); *Dan Haupt* (son of Frank & Bernice Haupt); *Daniel Kekic* (nephew of Paulette Rammel); *Laurie McGraw* (friend of Brian & Shari Buske); *Dennis Muehling* (friend of John & Patty Richmond); *Sarah Reiss*, *Kay Ryder* (sister of Kevin Zirtlaff); *Pat Stifter*; *Mark Wainwright* (friend of Tom Lubner family); *Rev. Kurt Ziemann* (son of Gordy & Mary Ann Ziemann)

Baptisms: *Aubrey Judith Kinney*, *Zachary Kinney*

Please Note: If you have a Prayer Request listed in either "Strength and Healing" or "Long-Term Illness/Treatment," please notify the church office at 377-4659 x332 with any updates. At the end of each month any requests that we do not receive an update on is removed. **Deadline: Tuesday, May 26.**

FLOWERS & MEMORIALS

A Memorial has been given to the glory of God to the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund in memory of our grandson *Tim Hubacek* by Frank & Bernice Haupt.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptism: *Aubrey Judith Kinney*, born February 12, 2024 daughter of Zachary and Heather (nee Krupa) Kinney will be baptized at St. Paul during the 9:30am service on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

Baptism: *Zachary Kinney*, born April 2, 1999 son of Christian and Brandi (nee Keoler) Kinney will be baptized at St. Paul during the 9:30am service on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PAUL

Visit splgrafton.org/church and Look for the **Give Now! Button**

- **IN-PERSON:** Offerings may be placed in a collection box near the exits.
- **MAIL/DROP-OFF:** 701 Washington Street, Grafton, WI 53024. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm.
- **VENMO:** Search for: @SPL-Grafton. Please note for: Offering; Last 4 Digits: 0360
- **VANCOONLINE ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Visit splgrafton.org/church/giving (then click Online Giving).
- **VANCO MOBILE APP:** Vanco Mobile is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" to download the app.
- **TEXT-TO-GIVE:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute to 855.927.0750 (example: 25 for \$25). You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation.
- **TEXT-TO-GIVE DIRECTLY TO THE EVERY GENERATION FAITHFUL TOGETHER MINISTRY EXPANSION FUND:** Text the dollar amount you wish to contribute followed by the letters EGFT, to 855.927.0750. For example, text "25 EGFT" to contribute \$25. You will be sent a registration link. After registering, you will receive a text verification and an emailed receipt. For future giving, text the amount you wish to give, and text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Every contribution sent to this number will go directly to the Every Generation Faithful Together fund.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul. If you have questions, contact St. Paul Finance Office at 262-377-4659.

Congratulations

St. Paul Lutheran Church
2025 Confirmands



Photo by Matthew Warren

Salad Luncheon

Sponsored by St. Paul Women's Guild

Salads Galore & Desserts

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025
11AM - 1PM

St. Paul Lutheran Church
701 Washington Street
Grafton, WI

Salad Buffet Plate, Drink, Dessert
\$12.00

Tickets may be purchased in the School Office during office hours (8am to 4pm) or at the luncheon.

For groups of 6 or more, make reservations by calling Deb at 262-707-8992

Proceeds benefit the Every Generation Faithful Together Ministry Expansion Fund

CALLING ALL MOMS!

St. Paul is reintroducing MomCo (formally known as MOPS) this fall.

Before we can get started, we need to establish a leadership team to plan and coordinate. If you would be interested or have questions, contact:

Tracy Krueger

(tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org) or

Kelsey Metzger

(parish.education@splgraffton.org)

Family Park Dates!

Join for devotion, craft, fellowship and play for the whole family

Where: Centennial Park in Grafton
Dates: June 24th, July 29th & August 12th
Time: 9:30 am

All children must be accompanied by an adult the whole time. Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/394e3a4f>

Questions? Contact: Tracy Krueger (tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org) or Kelsey Metzger (parish.education@splgraffton.org)

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Get ready for the **best 5 days of the summer!**

A faith-filled adventure learning to trust Jesus in a wild world Space is limited – don't wait!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 16–20, 2025; 9am to 12pm

Who Can Attend: Children who have completed 3PK through 5th grade

Cost: \$20 per child (covers t-shirt, music, snacks, and more)

Register by May 20, 2025 to guarantee a t-shirt **Sign up here:** tinyurl.com/splvbs2025

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP: tinyurl.com/VBSVolunteer25 **NEEDED 4 MORE ADULTS!**

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED support our summer VBS!

- **Donation List:** Check the bulletin board in the carport entryway for needed items.
- **Deadline:** All donations must be returned to the church by **Sunday, June 1.**

Thank you for helping make VBS a success!

Questions? Contact Tracy Krueger at tracy.krueger@splgraffton.org or 262-377-4659 x105.

