

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Bangor, Wisconsin

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday 'Repeat' Service: 7:00 p.m. (June Through August)

(Sunday School & Sunday Bible Hour Begin October 4)

11th Sunday After Pentecost COMMUNION August 16, 2020

Personal Preparation For Communion: Pages 10-11 & 156 (front of hymnal)

Opening Hymn - 387

Liturgy – Page 15 (abbreviated Communion Liturgy – front of hymnal)

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 53:4-6 Psalm 49:7-9,15

2 Corinthians 5:17-21; John 11:45-57

The Nicene Creed – Pages 18-19 (front of hymnal)

Hymn – 389

SERMON – John 11:45-57 – ONE FOR ALL

Offertory – *THE OFFERING WILL BE BROUGHT FORWARD*

Prayers – Lord's Prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER – Page 23 (front of hymnal)

Distribution Hymn – 377

Closing Prayer – Benediction (Pages 24-25)

Closing Hymn - 316

THANKS FOR RESPECTING OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

The Bible teaches that partaking of the body and blood of Christ is *a special assurance of forgiveness to penitent believers in Christ*. It is also *an expression of our oneness in the doctrines we teach and believe*. Christ wants us to administer this blessed sacrament responsibly. **For that reason, we practice "close" communion. If you are not a communicant member of St. Paul's or another WELS congregation we ask that you speak with our pastor to learn more about our Biblical teachings before partaking of communion with us.** Pamphlets explaining our communion practice according to Holy Scripture are available in the narthex. Communicant members will please fill out a card in the pew and hand it to an usher on the way up.

A REMINDER ABOUT OUR CURRENT COMMUNION PROCEDURES

Following the Lord's Prayer, **the Pastor will stand behind the table** at the foot of the altar steps for the "Words of Institution" (page 23) and "O Christ, Lamb of God." The ushers will line up communicants **from both sides of the church** in the center aisle (**ONLY 3 ON EACH SIDE – PLEASE NOTE MARKINGS ON THE FLOOR FOR DISTANCING**) directing one side to the right to stand in front of the front pew and the other side to the left. **When the pastor says "Take eat," take a disposable cup with the wafer from the table in front of you. When the pastor says "Take drink," take the wine in the disposable cup from the table in front of you.** When the pastor says, "Depart in peace," return to your pew using the outside aisles,

depositing the disposable cups in the receptacles provided. When communion is completed, the Pastor will return to the altar for the closing prayer and benediction.

OUR SUBSTITUTE

Our old teachers spoke often about "**the vicarious atonement**." We got it, because they explained it. Churchy words such as, "**justification**" (to declare not guilty), or "**redemption**" (to be ransomed by the blood of Christ when we were held hostage by sin, death and hell), or "**reconciliation**" (that God made friends of us when we were His declared enemies) – these and countless other rich Bible words do not need to be dummed down to a vanilla vocabulary. They need to be treasured, and embraced, and explained, and passed on.

The "**vicarious atonement**" means Christ's substitutionary satisfaction for our sins. It is the beating heart of the Bible, that Jesus is our Substitute.

All of these rich Bible words have pictures behind them. Behind the word "**grace**" (God's undeserved love), is our Savior's story of the prodigal son falling into the arms of his father. Behind the phrase "**vicarious atonement**" (this substitutionary satisfaction for our sins) we see basic Bible lessons.

In *Genesis*, the utterly contrite Judah proposes a great exchange, a substitution – himself for his brother Benjamin. Facing what he believes will be lifelong bondage and separation from his father Jacob, Judah says: "So please let your servant stay as a slave to my lord *instead of* the boy."

When the children of Israel have defiled themselves, cavorting about the golden calf, Moses ascends the heights of Sinai to plead their case. Acknowledging their great sin, Moses begs God to forgive, and then offers himself *in trade* – "Please erase me from Your book which you have written." God refuses the offer saying, "Whoever has sinned against Me is the one I will erase from My book."

After the defeat of his rebellious son, Absalom, King David cries out to God: "Absalom, my son, my son! Would to God I had died *for thee*! Oh Absalom, my son, my son!" But he could not.

St. Paul grieved over his fellow Israelites' rejection of the gospel: "I almost wish that I myself could be cursed and separated from Christ *in place of* my brothers," he said. But he knew he couldn't pay their penalty for them.

For so it stands written in the 49th psalm: "No one can by any means redeem himself – he cannot give God a ransom for himself..." No man can redeem himself, much less another...no *mere* man that is.

But there is One who is both God and Man in one Person, One who became our Brother, who did for us what Judah could not do for his brother Benjamin, what Moses could not do for the rebellious sons of Israel, what David could not do for his son Absalom, what Paul could not do for his unbelieving

countrymen. In the One whom Scripture calls the Lion of the tribe of Judah, we meet the One who says: "Take Me instead!", our Substitute of whom Paul spoke: "God made Him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

THIS WEEK:

Today - Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
 Mon. - 'Repeat' Worship Service: 7:00 p.m.
 Sat. - Volunteers Return Items To Classrooms Starting at 8 a.m.
 Next Sun. Installation of Mrs. Penny Adickes at start of both services
 Volunteers continue to reload classrooms *if still needed*

WITH THE LORD – Minnie Bolcereck passed away yesterday, August 15, at the age of 91. Arrangements are incomplete.

WELCOME! into our communicant fellowship: Sherman Olson

IN GRATITUDE TO GOD for her 96th birthday, Laurine Solberg has given \$100.00 to the General Fund.

CALL RETURNED After prayerful deliberation, Pastor Jacob Haag of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, MI has declined our Call.
 The next Call meeting of the voters will be **Tues. Sept. 1, 7 p.m.**

VOLUNTEERS! We have been told by the contractor that we can bring things back into the classrooms on Sat. Aug. 22 starting at 8:00 a.m. & Sun. Aug. 23 starting at 12:30 p.m. (if still needed) Able-bodied help will be very much appreciated! Many hands make light work.

MRS. PENNY ADICKES will be installed as our 1st & 2nd Grade Teacher at the start of both services on August 23rd.

A box for welcoming cards will be available.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION is available online again, and also at **AN OPEN HOUSE** for our renovated school on **Sun. Aug. 30, 9:15 – 11:30 a.m.** at which any and all in our community are welcome.

FALL SCHEDULE

[Please note certain delays as we ease into the new school year schedule with an abundance of caution and loving concern for all.]

Installation of Mrs. Penny Adickes	Sun. Aug. 23	8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Ladies Aid	Delayed Until Further Notice	
Choir Rehearsal	Delayed Until Further Notice	
Registration & Open House at School	Sun. Aug. 30	9:15 – 11:30 a.m.
Final Mon. Evening 'Repeat' Service	Mon. Aug. 31	7:00 p.m.
First Day of School at St. Paul's	Tues. Sept. 8	8:00 a.m.
Opening Service at the Church	Tues. Sept. 8	8:30 a.m.

To enroll in Grades 5-6 Public School Bible History starting OCTOBER 7, call Mr. Larson: 486-4192

Public School 7 th & 8 th Gr. Confirmation	Wed. Sept. 9	3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Sun. School Staff Brief Meeting Downstairs	Sun. Sept, 27	9:15 – 9:45
Sunday School (Delayed Until Oct.)	Sun. Oct. 4	9:10 – 9:50 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study (Delayed Until Oct.)	Sun. Oct. 4	9:15 – 9:40 a.m.

Midweek Bible Hour (Delayed Until Oct.)	Tues. Oct. 6	7:00 p.m.
Midweek Bible Hour (Delayed Until Oct.)	Wed. Oct. 7	9:00 a.m.

2020 Weekly Budget:	\$9,948.43	Budget To Date:	\$308,401.33
Received Last Week:	\$6,863.92	Received To Date:	\$281,986.00
(Offerings Received include online and memorial donations to General Fund)			
Attendance Last Week:	1st – 77	2nd – 35	Mon. 40
		Total:	152

8/16/20 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost