

NOURISHMENT IN CHRIST GROWS OUR FAITH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

August 15 & 16, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

This is week 3 of 4 as we look at God's providence. We've seen that God provides us with earthly blessings and that he desires to bless us spiritually most of all. Today we find that the spiritual nourishment God provides in Christ and Christ alone causes our faith to grow.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



HOLY COMMUNION

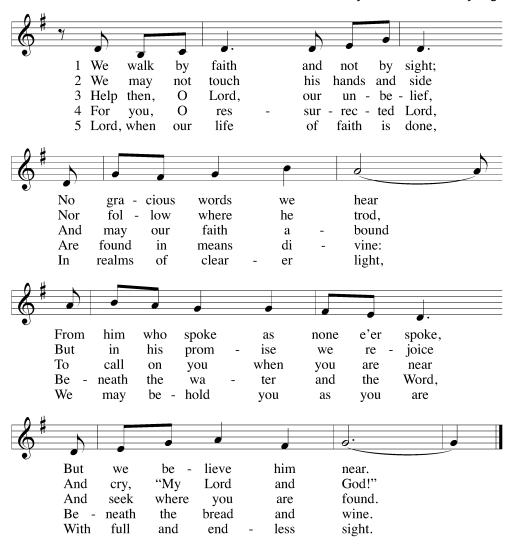
Today St. Paul's will be celebrating Holy Communion. The Bible tells us that those who take the Lord's Supper together are to recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29), examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), and be united in faith with their fellow communicants (1 Cor. 10:17). For these reasons, it is our practice that only those who are members of St. Paul's or of a congregation within our fellowship join us at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning how you can partake of Holy Communion with us in the future, the pastor would be pleased to speak with you after the service.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

"Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that highlights the gospel in the Scripture readings as well as in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

OPENING HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight | 756



INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION

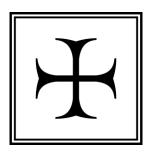
M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: 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.

ABSOLUTION

M: 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.

C: Amen.



Prayer and Praise

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



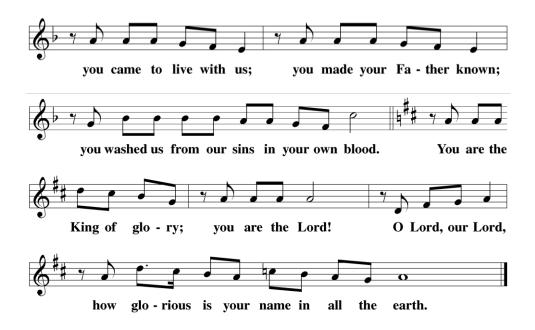
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



be seated



The Word

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 19:3-8

³Elijah was afraid, and he ran for his life. He went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. There he sat down under a broom tree, where he prayed that he would die. He said, "I've had enough, Lord. Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵Then he lay down and went to sleep under the broom tree.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."

⁶Then he looked around, and near his head there was a loaf of bread baking on coals and a jar of water, so he ate and drank, and then he lay down again.

⁷Then the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, because the journey is too much for you."

⁸So he got up and ate and drank. Then, with the strength gained from that food, he walked for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34, CW p.80

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5:11-6:3

^{5:11}We have much to say about this, and it is difficult to explain, because you have become too lazy to listen. ¹²In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the beginning principles of God's word all over again. You have become people who need milk, not solid food. ¹³For everyone who lives on milk is not acquainted with the word of righteousness, because he is still an infant. ¹⁴But solid food is for mature people, who have their senses trained by practice to distinguish between good and evil.

^{6:1}Therefore, leaving the beginning discussion of Christ, let us press on toward matters that require greater maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, of faith in God, ²of the teaching about baptisms, of the laying on of hands, of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³And we will do this, if God permits.

GOSPEL John 6:41-51

⁴¹So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³Jesus answered them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

⁴⁸"I am the Bread of Life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

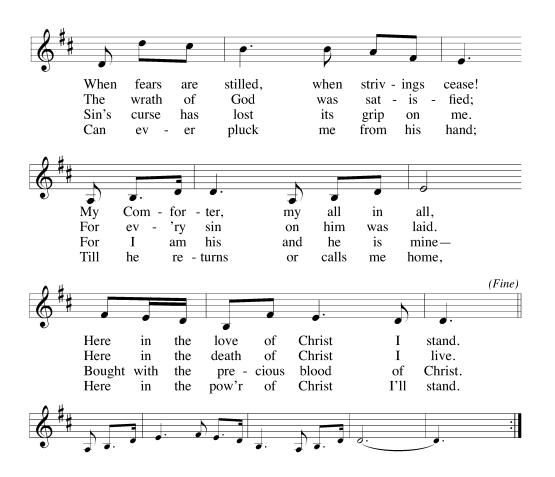
After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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SERMON John 6:41-51

He Isn't Ordinary Bread



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

be seated

OFFERING

"Bring the complete tithe to the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Just test me in this, says the LORD of Armies. See whether I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour down blessing on you, until there is more than enough" (Malachi 3:10).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The presiding minister will speak the Prayer of the Church on behalf of the congregation.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

please stand



The Sacrament

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



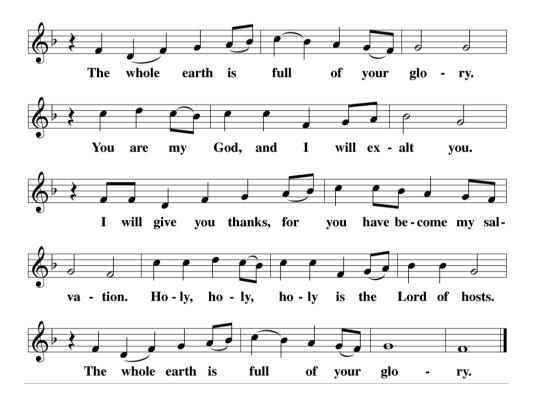
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

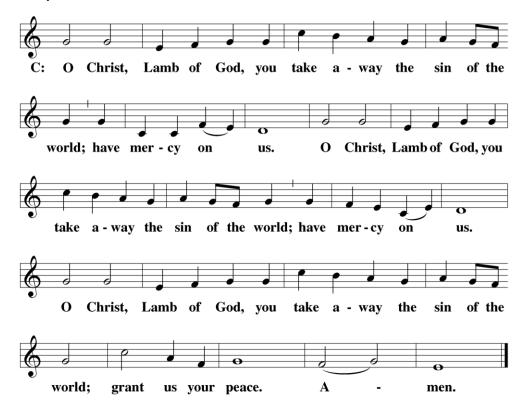
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



be seated

DISTRIBUTION

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16,17).

Please follow the directions of the ushers during distribution.

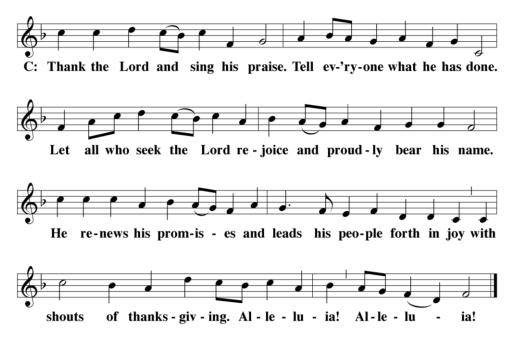
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table | 310

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Thanksgiving

THANK THE LORD



PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Almighty Father, Bless the Word | 323

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. PAUL'S @ FUN DAZE PARADE - HELP NEEDED!

Today, August 15

The Bangor Fun Daze Parade is officially on for this year, and St. Paul's will get to be a part of it. The parade is today, August 15, at 12:00 pm. We could really use some assistance with volunteers to set up and decorate the parade float and volunteers to walk along with or ride the parade float. If you and your family would be able to help out this year, please contact Pastor Groth or Dale Arndt.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL @ ST. JOHN'S BARRE MILLS

Today, August 15 | Noon

If you're not able to help with the Fun Daze Parade, you can attend an Ice Cream Social at St. John's in Barre Mills today, August 15, beginning about noon. There will be fellowship, ice cream and great pies, as well as entertainment by the "Berg Family Singers." An added bonus is that this event will also welcome their new vicar to St. John's, as Vicar Roecker will be installed in the services that morning.

INSTALLATION OF MRS. HANDY

August 22 | 10:00 am

Next week in the second service (10:00 am), we will be installing our new teacher for her service to the Lord at St. Paul's. We will be celebrating her installation with the school parents in the school gym beforehand at 9:00 am during school registration. (That means Fellowship Hour will be moved to the school gym that day.) Please join us in both welcoming Mrs. Handy to our faculty as well as celebrating her installation during worship!

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS

Is your child in 7th or 8th grade in the public school? Please contact Pastor Groth at pastor@stpaulsbangor.com with your child's name and contact info. Public school confirmation class will begin after Labor Day on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm in the church basement. There will also be a signup sheet in the church lobby.

LADIES AID August 26 | 2:00 pm

Ladies Aid will meet on August 26, 2021 at 2 pm. Serving will be Harriet Langrehr & Ardice Urbanek.

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION HELP

Do any of the following describe you: Parent of a St. Paul's school student, former student of St. Paul's, board member, council member, public school teacher, business person, school or business admin, church member, community-minded resident, or something similar? Our school accreditation committee needs your help. St. Paul's is seeking accreditation via WELSSA in order to improve the school, its enrollment, its outreach, and its sustainability. A document detailing the type of help needed can be shared with you. If you're able to help, please contact Dan Arndt or Pastor Groth.

VISITATION TEAM

Interested in helping to build up some St. Paul's members? Many members are not able to make it to worship or fellowship events at church. But like all Christians, they still need encouragement from and a connection to their brothers and sisters in the faith. St. Paul's will be putting together a visitation team for just that purpose. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Pastor Groth or Stewardship-Evangelism chairman Dale Arndt. Families are welcome, too!

NEW USHER SCHEDULE AVAILABLE

St. Paul's usher schedule is set for August through November 2021. The schedule has been emailed to those who provided email addresses, and printed copies are also available on the table in the narthex. *If you cannot usher for your scheduled service, please switch with another who can do so.* It's important that we have enough ushers for each worship service.

CAMM MONTHLY LETTER

Copies of the CAMM August 2021 Monthly Letter are available in the narthex. The letter is written this month by Gary Evans, CAMM Field Director and Malawi Clinic Administrator. Gary shares with us some of the experiences occurring in Malawi and Zambia with the impact COVID is having for the CAMM clinics and staff. Please keep them all in your prayers and pray for those who face the trials of dealing with the pandemic.

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE

October 23

The 6th Annual Men of His Word Conference will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in Downtown Rochester MN on Saturday, October 23rd. The theme for this year is *God's Vision for Your Future*. Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2021 Weekly Budget: \$9,855.43 Budget to Date: \$315,373.76 Received 8/8 & 8/9: \$5,959.26 Rec'd to Date: \$246,525.87

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 90 10:00 am: 79 Total: 169

Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 28

Monday: 30

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth Harriet Langrehr

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CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship with Communion Fellowship Hour Worship with Communion St. Paul's @ the Fun Daze Parade
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Worship with Communion
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	School Accreditation Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am	Worship Fellowship Hour in the School Gym School Registration at the School Worship Installation of Mrs. Handy
NEXT MONDAY	7:00 pm	Worship

