



NOURISHMENT IN CHRIST LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

August 22 & 23, 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 4 of our look at God's providence. God gives us earthly blessings, he gives us spiritual blessings, he causes our faith in Christ to grow, and today we see the end result of all of those blessings. God nourishes us in Christ so that we can live with him forever. Thanks to our Savior we have eternal life.

Today's service will also serve as our School Opening Service as we focus on Christ and ask for his blessings upon another school year ahead. One of those blessings is our new teacher, Mrs. Clara Handy, who will be installed in the 10:00 am service. May the Lord bless our teachers as they share Christ with their students that they, too, can be nourished unto eternal life in him.

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.



THE COMMON SERVICE

The Common Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. As with all of our liturgies, its purpose is to focus us on the good news of forgiveness and to build us up in Christ.

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | **234** (1-3, 5)

please stand

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION

M: 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.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



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 \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.



Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you throughout their lives and forever in your presence in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



C: A - men.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹Wisdom has built her house.
She has carved out her seven pillars.
²She has prepared her meat.
She has mixed her wine.
She has already set her table.
³She has sent out her servant girls.
She calls from the highest point in the city,
⁴"Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here."
To someone who lacks sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat my food,
and drink the wine that I have mixed.
⁶Abandon your naïve ways and live.
Travel the road to understanding."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 1, p.64

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Consider carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise people, but as wise people. ¹⁶Make the most of your time because the days are evil. ¹⁷For this reason, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk on wine, which causes you to lose control. Instead, be filled with the Spirit ¹⁹by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord), ²⁰by always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 1:10b

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.



please stand

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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."

⁵²At that, the Jews argued among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. ⁵⁴The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like your fathers ate and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



APOSTLES' CREED

**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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness | 376

SERMON

John 6:51-58

Eat and Drink Jesus and You'll Live Forever



please stand

CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in C major (one sharp, F#) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

be seated

OFFERING

"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6,7).

RITE OF INSTALLATION

(10:00 am)

*Mrs. Clara Handy
3rd and 4th Grade Teacher*

please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray to the God of all knowledge and wisdom that our church and school may be renewed and strengthened for its mission.

Silent prayer.

M: O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

C: Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.

M: Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.

C: Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.

M: Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look with favor on the students of St. Paul's. Let them rejoice in learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them persevere in their studies, and give them the desire to learn all things well. Look with favor on our teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the words of eternal life to eager minds.

C: Holy Spirit, instill in us all a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.

M: God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

C: Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

C: **May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, who also taught us to pray...**

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.**

be seated

HYMN

Beautiful Savior | **369**



PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: 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.



CLOSING HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | 331

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF MRS. HANDY

August 22 | 10:00 am

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 today.) Please join us in both welcoming Mrs. Handy to our faculty as well as celebrating her installation during worship!

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.

40-YEAR CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

August 29 | 9:00 am

Next Sunday, August 29, during fellowship hour we will celebrate with Miss Bauer in honor of her completion of 40 years in the teaching ministry this past spring. Come thank her for faithful service to the Lord at Immanuel, Medford, WI (13 years) and to St. Paul's (27 years). Praise the Lord for such a Christ-focused servant of the gospel!

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.

BAKE SALE FOR NEW KIDS' CORNER

September 19 | 9:00 am

On Sunday, September 19, St. Paul's will be running a bake sale in between services. All proceeds will go to incorporating a "Kids' Corner" in the church basement (the basement storage/coatroom). If you would like to donate any bake sale goodies for this event please contact Tess Zebell via call or text at 608-487-4661.

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!

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 8/15 & 8/16: \$11,401.53	Rec'd to Date: \$257,927.40

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 99 10:00 am: 32 Total: 131
Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 17 (tech difficulties)
Monday: 56

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Welcome to Mrs. Handy in School Gym
	9:15 am	School Registration at the School
	10:00 am	Worship and Installation of Mrs. Handy
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Worship
THURSDAY	8:00 am	First Day of School
	2:00 pm	Ladies Aid Fall Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Fellowship Hour
		Celebration of Miss Bauer’s 40-Year Ministry
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
NEXT MONDAY	7:00 pm	Worship with Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
Irene Bakken

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