



WE TRUST IN GOD'S FOCUSED CARE

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

September 12, 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

Sometimes in the midst of hardship it can be difficult to think of God as a good God who knows who we are much less cares for us. But especially in those moments our God proves how much he loves us. He doesn't just provide us care; he provides the exact right care each of us needs. He personally comes to our aid, and he personally addresses our individual hardships. Therefore we his people trust in his focused, personal care.

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

All Depends on Our Possessing | 421

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

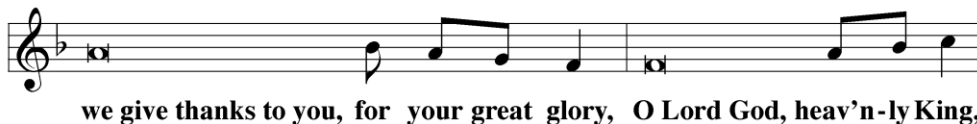
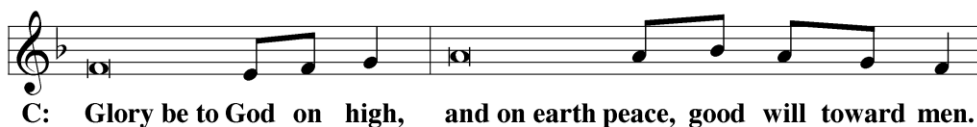
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.



Prayer and Praise

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

GLORY BE TO GOD



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: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

be seated

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

⁵Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

⁶The crippled will leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.

Waters will flow in the wilderness,
and streams in the wasteland.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.
There will be grass, reeds, and rushes where the haunts
of jackals once lay.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 146, p.120

SECOND LESSON

Acts 3:1-10

¹Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer. ²A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation.

⁴Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, "Look at us." ⁵So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

⁶But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" ⁷Peter took him by the

right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God.

⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 4:4

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.



please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



³¹Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") ³⁵Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. ³⁷They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

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, Lead Us On | 422

SERMON

Mark 7:31-37

A Story of Being Opened to Personal, Compassionate, and Powerful Care

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.

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).



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

Special prayers of intercession may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

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.

HYMN

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me | 428

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

On Eagles' Wings | 440

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK STUDIES AND CLASSES START THIS WEEK

Our *World Religions* study will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7:00 pm and Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 9:00 am. Wednesday is also the start of *Public School Confirmation Class* at 3:30 pm.

CHOIR PRACTICE

The first choir practice of the year will be Thursday, September 16.

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 on September 15 at 3:30 pm in the church basement.

DIORAMA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR LIVE NATIVITY *September 15 | 6:30 pm*

It is time again to focus our attention on this year's Diorama. There will be a meeting at First Lutheran Church in La Crosse on September 15th at 6:30 p.m. This will be our final meeting before we set up for this year's Live Nativity.

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.

BARRE PATCH CHRISTIAN CHILD CARE "HELP NEEDED"

The Barre Patch is the early childhood ministry of St. John's Lutheran in Barre Mills. Currently about 40 children are enrolled in the childcare facility. Its purpose is to reach out with the gospel to the families of the area, to teach the children God's Word, and to meet the physical and emotional needs of the children with Christian childcare. If you love spending time with children, caring for them, and teaching them about Jesus, then a teacher position at the Barre Patch

Christian Childcare may be for you. Positions are available, both full-time and part-time. Please contact the Barre Patch at 786-0460 or the church at 786-1742.

NEWBORN IN 2021?

If the Lord has blessed you with a newborn child in this 2021 calendar year, please email our church secretary at churchoffice@stpaulsbangor.com. Please share the full name and date of birth of your child in the email. This is in preparation of a gift from the congregation. Thanks!

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.

A GIFT TO THE LORD

In gratitude to God for their 42nd anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Garves have given \$420 to the General Fund.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2021 Weekly Budget: \$9,855.43	Budget to Date: \$344,940.05
Received 9/5: \$5,632.63	Rec'd to Date: \$275,632.24

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 77 10:00 am: 55 Total: 132
Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 24

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Worship
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	(First) World Religions Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	World Religions Bible Study (same as Tues.)
	3:30 pm	(First) Public School Catechism Class
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brock Groth
Accompanist	Harriet Langrehr

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He has done
ALL THINGS
well

