



FAMILIES MIRROR THE LOVE OF GOD

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

October 10, 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

A Father who is patient, compassionate, and focused on our good? A Son who is obedient to his Father, who is selfless, and who does everything to save and preserve others? A Holy Spirit who points to the Savior, who gives wisdom and strength, and who works tirelessly to make and keep us as part of God's family? Our God has brought us into close relationship with him out of love and has modeled that love in many ways. Now we get to share that same love in all of its aspects with those in our closest relationships: our family members.

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 along with a Kids' Corner 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.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Service of the Word offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN

Bless Our Loved Ones, Holy Father | 504

please stand

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

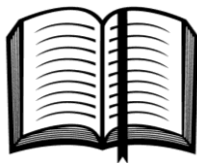
Prayer and Praise

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



be seated

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him." ¹⁹Out of the soil the Lord God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. ²¹The Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the Lord God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. ²²The Lord God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

Now this one is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh.

She will be called "woman,"

because she was taken out of man.

²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will remain united with his wife, and they will become one flesh.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:18b-6:4

^{5:18b}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, ²¹and by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ.

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. ²⁴Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. ²⁷He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. ³¹"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh." ³²This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband.

^{6:1}Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise: ³"that it may go well with you and that you may live a long life on the earth." ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.



VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 2:12

Alleluia. **I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.** Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³He replied, "What did Moses command you?"

⁴They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

⁵But Jesus told them, "He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. ⁷For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

continued...

¹⁰In the house his disciples asked him about this again. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹²If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, "Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray | 500

SERMON

Mark 10:2-16

Suitable

please stand

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

Thanksgiving

OFFERING

"I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you" (1 Chronicles 29:17).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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

Love Is the Gracious Gift | 505

please stand

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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

Shepherd of Tender Youth | 515 (1, 4, 5)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRINCIPAL CALL MEETING – TODAY @ 11:15 AM

We will be having a very important call meeting after the 10:00 am service to extend a call for a new principal beginning next school year due to Mr. Bakken's planned retirement.

FAITH BUILDING (BIBLE STUDY) CONTINUES

Sunday School and Bible Study: *God is with us.*

Midweek Bible Study (Tues., 7pm; Wed. 9am): *Right Questions, Wrong Answers: World Religions*

KID'S CORNER UP AND RUNNING

There's still lots to come, but the Kids' Corner is ready to be used by your young children during Bible study! Check it out in the church basement.

REMINDER: SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGE

Just a reminder that the location of Sunday School and Bible study has been changed. Sunday School is in the sanctuary, while Bible study is in the church basement. Note: Teens are welcome to attend Bible study, too! The portion of Scripture covered in each is the same, and the Sunday School material is different from what is used in St. Paul's School (so treat this like Bible study for your kids, not a repeat of school).

IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN THE PUBLIC MINISTRY?

Did you know there was a Western Wisconsin District Ministerial Scholarship Fund? The Scholarship is open to any student who is a member of a congregation in the Western WI District who is planning to enter the public ministry of the WELS. The student can be enrolled in the following schools: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Martin Luther College, Luther Preparatory School, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Lakeside Lutheran High School, Luther High School or Northland Lutheran High School. Applications for the scholarship will be accepted until October 31. Grants will be determined in November and sent to the student's school at the beginning of second semester.

DIORAMA LIVE NATIVITY HELP

The Live Nativity event is planned, and preparation is already underway. If you're able to help with prepping the area and helping with prop repairs, there are work nights scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-9:00 pm (through Oct. 18) at the Rotary Building. Setup dates are Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, and Nov. 20. St. Paul's will be participating in the Live Nativity on December 18 and 19 (the final two days). If you're interested in participating or able to help, please contact Karen Bauer or George Italiano at 608-317-0271.

MLC CHOIR TOUR CONCERT

October 15

The Martin Luther College Choir of New Ulm, MN, will present a sacred concert at 7:30 pm on Friday, October 15, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Onalaska. The concert, entitled "Let It Shine," will feature a selection of choral music representing various composers and styles. The public is invited to attend. A door offering will be gathered to assist with travel expenses for the choir. Martin Luther College is part of the worker training program of our Wisconsin Synod. The college prepares teachers and staff ministers who are ready to accept positions in our congregations and it prepares men to enter the seminary to complete their training to serve as pastors.

SCRAP AND CRAFT

October 16

The Fall Scrap and Craft Fundraiser is Saturday, October 16, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, at Mt Calvary School in La Crosse. There are registration forms in the narthex and ready for you to mail in with your payment. You will also find copies of the food menu.

DRAMA PRODUCTION AT LUTHER HIGH

October 17 & 18

Luther High School Drama proudly presents *The Phantom Tollbooth* on October 17 at 2:00 pm and October 18 at 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door and online at lutherhigh.org/arts/box-office. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

LWMS FALL RALLY

October 21

The Scenic Coulee LWMS Rally will be Thursday, Oct. 21, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendall. Registration begins at 12:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 1:00. "So, You Bought a School." Missionary Daniel Lewig will explain how converting a former elementary school into Bethlehem's first, full-time ministry center has created a new door for the gospel. This new facility is helping the mission congregation build a bridge in the Richland Center community. Come and learn about Bethlehem's ALL Center and the mission work taking place in our regional backyard of Southwest Wisconsin.

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.

FALL CONCERT AT LUTHER HIGH

October 24

On Sunday, October 24, at 2:00 pm, the Luther High School Music Department will be presenting their Fall Concert. The concert will feature all of Luther's vocal and instrumental ensembles, as well as the Lancer and Sabre bands. Choirs from area Lutheran Elementary Schools will sing and join the Concert and Cantate Choirs on a special selection. The concert is free and open to the public.

AREA REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE

October 31

The La Crosse Area Reformation Rally will be held in the chapel at Luther High School on Sunday, October 31, at 2:00 pm. A fellowship hour will follow the service.

PASTOR RIMMERT RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

November 21

Pastor Jonathan Rimmert is retiring from the ministry with his final service on December 31, 2021. The members of Grace Lutheran Church of La Crosse are going to have a Thank You celebration for him on Sunday, November 21, with a 9:30 am service and a dinner following. All are invited to attend. Anyone planning to stay for the dinner should RSVP in advance to Larry Gilbertson (788-0263).

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2021 Weekly Budget: \$9,855.43 Budget to Date: \$384,361.77
Received 10/3: \$6,993.58 Rec'd to Date: \$304,978.56

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 90 10:00 am: 77 Total: 167
Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 34
Sunday Bible Study: N/A
Sunday School: 10
Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 22

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Principal Call Meeting
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
	3:30 pm	Public School Catechism Class
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
Irene Bakken

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