

KEEP A LIFE FREE FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

October 17, 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

Last week we looked at love in our closest attachments: family. Sadly after family our next closest attachments can be to our money and possessions. Christ confronts our idolatrous love for riches and "things" today, and he points us instead to the One who can do the impossible (save us).

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.



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.

DIVINE SERVICE I

God's people gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement in Christ. Divine Service I therefore focuses us on the glory of Christ and his Word.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

(10:00 am)

Jesus Loves Me

Pre-K to 2nd Grade

OPENING HYMN

From All that Dwell below the Skies | 250

please stand

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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

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

GLORY TO GOD



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

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you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

be seated

The Word

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 5:14-27

¹⁴So he went down and dipped in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. Then his flesh was restored like the flesh of a small child, and he was clean. ¹⁵Then he and his whole escort went back to the man of God. He stood in front of Elisha and said, "To be sure, now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now accept a gift from your servant."

¹⁶But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives, in whose presence I stand, I will not take anything." Even though Na'aman urged him to accept something, he refused.

¹⁷Then Na'aman said, "If you do not want anything, please give me, your servant, as much dirt as two donkeys can carry, for your servant will never again burn incense or sacrifice to other gods, but only to the Lord. ¹⁸But may the Lord forgive your servant this one thing: When my master goes into the house of Rimmon to bow down there and he supports himself on my arm, then I too have to bow down in the house of Rimmon. When I bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord forgive your servant this one thing."

¹⁹Then Elisha said to him, "Go in peace."

When Na'aman had gone some distance from him, ²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "My master was too easy on this Aramean, Na'aman, when he did not accept anything that he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

²¹So Gehazi chased after Na'aman. When Na'aman saw him running after him, he got down from his chariot to meet him. He said, "Is everything all right?"

²²Then Gehazi said, "Yes, everything is all right. My master sent me to say, 'Look, just now two young men from the hill country of Ephraim, from the sons of the prophets, have come to me. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.'"

²³Na'aman said, "Certainly! Take two talents!" He urged Gehazi and tied up the two talents of silver in two bags with the two sets of clothing. Then Na'aman gave

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them to his two servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴When he came to the hill, he took the gifts from them. Then he hid them in the house and sent the men back, so they left. ²⁵Then he went in and attended his master.

Elisha said to him, "Where were you, Gehazi?"

Gehazi said, "Your servant didn't go anywhere."

²⁶Then Elisha said to him, "Didn't my heart go along when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take silver, or to accept clothing or olive groves or vineyards or sheep or cattle or male and female servants?

²⁷Na'aman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went out from his presence, leprous like snow.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-6

¹Continue to show brotherly love. ²Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it. ³Remember those in prison, as if you were fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were also suffering bodily.

⁴Marriage is to be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed is to be kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers. ⁵Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said:

I will never leave you,
and I will never forsake you.

⁶So then we say with confidence:

The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid.
What will man do to me?

VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 25:9b

Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-27

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. ¹⁹You know the commandments. 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' "

²⁰The man replied, "Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child."

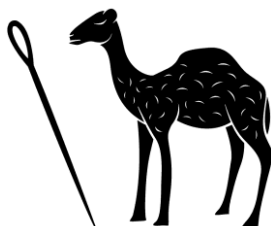
²¹Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²²When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶They were even more astonished and said to one another, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God."



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,
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

SERMON

Mark 10:17-27

Our Good Teacher Certainly Is Good*please stand***CREATE IN ME**

Cre - ate in me a
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

be seated

OFFERING

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest" (Proverbs 3:9).

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.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

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na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

C: **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



O Christ, Lamb of



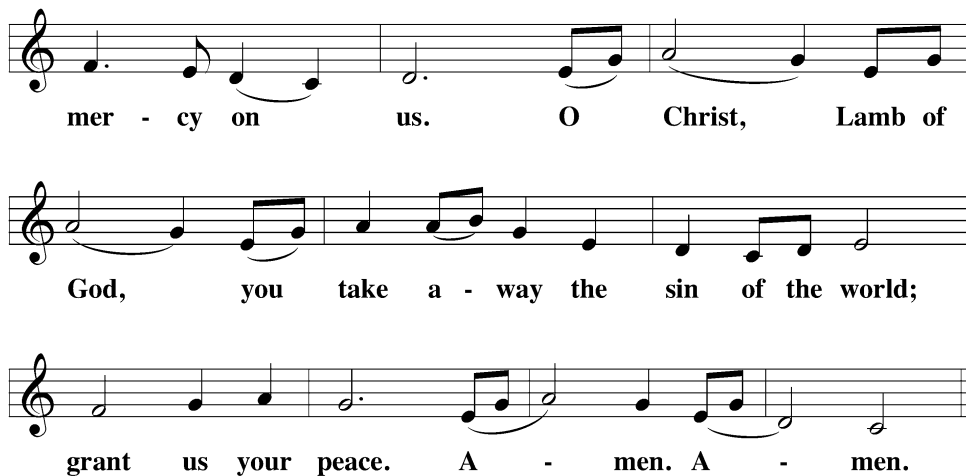
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared | 312



please stand

SONG OF SIMEON



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

C: Amen.

be seated

CLOSING HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Your Image | 319

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Pastor Brock Groth

Accompanist

Harriet Langrehr

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH BUILDING (BIBLE STUDY) CONTINUES

Sunday School and Bible Study: *Hope in Hardship*

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.

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY FOR MR. BAKKEN

Dear friends in Christ, we invite you to join us in a worship service on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 10:00 am, as we mark Mr. Richard Bakken's retirement from the public ministry due to health concerns. We will gather together to thank the Lord of the Church for blessing and allowing Mr. Bakken to begin his 45 years of service. There will be a reception and meal in the school gym following the worship service. Those wishing to bring greetings, recall memories, or any other special words may do so. A card box will be available or greetings may be emailed to Dick at rebakkenjr@gmail.com. If you have questions, you are welcome to contact Pastor Groth by calling 608-486-2754 or emailing him at pastor@stpaulsbangor.com. RSVPs are kindly requested to 608-486-2754.

PRINCIPAL CALL EXTENDED TO MR. RYAN RANDALL

St. Paul's has extended a divine call to Mr. Ryan Randall to serve as principal and 7-8 grade teacher beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Randall currently serves as principal and teacher at Salem Lutheran School in Greenfield, MN. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where he can best use his God-given gifts to Christ's glory.

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.

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).

GIFT FOR KIDS' CORNER

Ken and Diane Thompson have given a \$500 donation for the Kids' Corner in gratitude to the Lord for their 30th wedding anniversary.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2021 Weekly Budget: \$9,855.43	Budget to Date: \$394,217.20
Received 10/10: \$5,837.86	Rec'd to Date: \$310,816.42

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 96 10:00 am: 89 Total: 185
Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 24
Sunday Bible Study: 41
Sunday School: 10
Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 22

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
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
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship

The LORD
HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS
FOR US

