

A CHRISTIAN'S AMBITION MIRRORS CHRIST'S

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

October 24, 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

Here we are on the final Sunday in the Pentecost season! Today we wrap up Pentecost by summarizing much of what we've learned this season: love, humility, service, gospel focus, and most of all Christ. As the world tries to instill in us ambitions that are focused on power and securing blessings for self, Jesus turns that thinking on its head once again by focusing us on service and the blessings we can bring to others. Look no further than Jesus himself for a perfect example of what that means. As followers of his, our ambition therefore is to mirror his.

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.



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

The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me | 749

1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is
2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My
3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The

more than mind can know, His
self - re - gard - ing ways; The
heav - ens held their breath, To

mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To
se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie
see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A

meet the debt I owe, He
bare be - fore his gaze, For
love that con - quers death, Pos -

came my sin - ful cause to plead; He
me the price of sin he paid; My
sess my heart that it may be Your

continued...

laid his glo - ries by, For
sins be - yond re - call Are
king - dom with - out end, O

me a home - less life to lead, A
all a - like on Je - sus laid, He
Christ who died for love of me And

shame - ful death to die.
died to bear them all.
lives to be my friend.

please stand

INVOCATION

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

C: A - men.

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

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation is written on two staves in C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the 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 \oplus and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in C major. It consists of a short melody with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Prayer and Praise

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

be seated

HYMN

O Master of the Loving Heart | 491

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in C major. It consists of a short melody with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the notes.

M: Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

FIRST LESSON

2 Chronicles 26:16-23

¹⁶But when he had grown powerful, the pride in his heart led to his destruction. He was unfaithful to the LORD his God. He entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

¹⁷Azariah the priest went in after him. He was followed by eighty priests of the LORD, brave men. ¹⁸They confronted King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, because you have been unfaithful. This action will not result in any praise for you from the LORD God."

¹⁹Uzziah became angry. He had a censer for burning incense in his hand. When he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests, beside the altar of incense in the House of the LORD.

²⁰When Azariah, the head priest, and all the other priests looked at him, they immediately realized he had leprosy on his forehead. They rushed him out of there. He himself also was in a hurry to leave because the LORD had struck him.

²¹King Uzziah remained a leper until the day of his death. He lived in a quarantined house because he was a leper. He was excluded from the House of the LORD. Jotham his son was in charge of the palace of the king and administered justice for the people of the land.

²²The rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, were recorded by Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet.

²³Uzziah rested with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the burial field that belonged to the kings, because they said, "He is a leper." His son Jotham ruled as king in his place.

DUET

Christ Is with Me

*We were buried with him into death,
That as he was raised by God's glory,
We might walk in life made new by grace.
Having died with Christ, we shall live with him.
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go. Never to leave me, this I know.*

*I have now been grafted to the vine,
Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,
Bearing fruit as I abide in him:
Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God.
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go. Never to leave me, this I know.*

*I have now been crucified with Christ.
I no longer live; Christ lives in me.
Now I live by faith in God's own Son,
One who loved me so—gave himself for me.
Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go. Never to leave me, this I know.*

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 9:7-12, 19-23

⁷What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat some of its fruit? Or who takes care of a flock and does not drink milk from the flock? ⁸Am I saying this just from a human point of view? Doesn't the law also say this? ⁹Yes, it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out grain." Is God really concerned about oxen, ¹⁰or does he say this entirely for our sake? Yes, it was written for our sake, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher ought to thresh in hope of getting a share. ¹¹If we sowed spiritual seed for your good, is it too much if we reap material benefits

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from you? ¹²If others have some right to make this claim on you, don't we even more? But we did not use this right. Instead, we endure everything so as not to cause any hindrance for the gospel of Christ.

¹⁹In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. ²⁰To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are under the law. ²¹To those who are without the law, I became like a person without the law (though I am not without God's law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. ²²To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. ²³And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Ephesians 2:10a

Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.
Alleluia.



please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, "Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"

³⁷They said to him, "Promise that we may sit, one at your right and one at your left, in your glory."

³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with?"

³⁹"We can," they replied.

Jesus told them, "You will drink the cup that I am going to drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with. ⁴⁰But to sit at my right or at my left is not for me to give; rather, these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they were angry with James and John.

⁴²Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But that is not the way it is to be among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

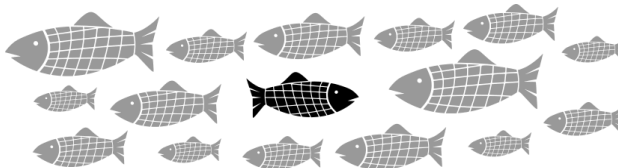
HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior | **492**

SERMON

Mark 10:35-45

Service Is Swimming against the Stream



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: O Lord God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the promised graces we have received through him.
- C: We thank you that through his perfect life and his death on the cross we have been granted cleansing and pardon for all our sins.**
- M: We thank you that in his resurrection we have the promise of life everlasting and that in his ascension to the right hand of your majesty, we have the assurance that he continually intercedes for us.
- C: Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions we may manifest his spirit.**
- M: Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence.
- C: Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.**
- M: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful.
- C: Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.**
- Special prayers of intercession may follow.*
- M: All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.
- C: 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.**

*please stand***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.

*be seated***CLOSING HYMN**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH ENCOURAGING (BIBLE STUDY) CONTINUES

Sunday School and Bible Study: *God shows who he is.*

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

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.

CALLS EXTENDED FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR

In light of Mr. Bakken's early retirement, St. Paul's council has decided to extend calls to St. Paul's members and former WELS teachers Mary Ann Larson and Teresa Richmond to split teaching duties in grades 7-8 for the rest of this school year. To honor their retirements, however, the council has also decided to extend a call to Mr. Michael Raabe to serve as 7-8 grade teacher for the rest of this school year. If Mr. Raabe is led to accept the call, his call would replace the other calls and Mary Ann and Teresa would be return to enjoying their retirements. Please pray for all three faithful servants of the Lord as they work for the good of the kingdom and glory of Christ.

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. If you'd like to contact Mr. Randall and discuss our ministry with him, you can do so at 414-350-6736 or email him at ryan.lee.randall@gmail.com.

WAYS TO SUPPORT AFGHAN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

No doubt you have heard about the refugees who have been brought into our country after 20 years of war in Afghanistan. Many of them have come with only the clothes on their backs. Imagine the stress of being suddenly removed from the only home you have ever known and entering a country whose language and culture are utterly foreign to you. WELS members who are interested in helping Afghan refugees in the United States have several ways to be of assistance. If you want to donate toward their needs (food, clothing, shelter, vocational training, language training, etc.), please designate a gift to the general fund of WELS Christian Aid and Relief. You can donate by going to wels.net/CARgift or by sending a check to N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive, Waukesha, WI 53188. If you want more information about sponsoring a family, contact your local resettlement agency.

MORE HELP NEEDED FOR PROP REPAIR NIGHTS

Prop repair nights for Live Nativity are in need of more help! We are adding on THIS Monday and Wednesday (Oct. 25th/27th) 6:30-9pm at the Rotary Building (27 Market St.-enter at center of the building.) Please come help out for any amount of time you can spare. Thank you! Questions? Call George Italiano (608-317-0271).

LIVE NATIVITY SETUP

Setup at Riverside Park is THIS Saturday, October 30th from 9am-5pm. Rotary provides lunch. Many hands make light work! Please come for any amount of time you can spare. Can't help this Saturday? Come down any of the following Saturdays. (Nov. 6 & 13) Questions? Call George Italiano (608-317-0271).

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.

MENTAL HEALTH

November 1, 6:30 pm

Caring Christians-Mental Health will meet at First Lutheran in La Crosse on Monday, November 1, at 6:30 pm. The topic will be: Isolation.

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).

CAMM MONTHLY LETTER

Copies of this month's CAMM letter can be found in the narthex next to the stairs.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

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| 2021 Weekly Budget: \$9,855.43 | Budget to Date: \$404,072.63 |
| Received 10/17: \$9,857.97 | Rec'd to Date: \$320,674.39 |

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 97 10:00 am: 132 Total: 229
Live Stream Peak Live Viewers: 15
Sunday Bible Study: 27
Sunday School: 10
Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 24

CALENDAR

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| TODAY | 8:00 am | Worship |
| | 9:10 am | Sunday School |
| | 9:15 am | Bible Study |
| | 10:00 am | Worship |
| TUESDAY | 7:00 pm | Bible Study |
| WEDNESDAY | | NO SCHOOL (Teacher's Conference) |
| | 9:00 am | Bible Study (same as Tues.) |
| | 3:30 pm | Public School Catechism Class |
| THURSDAY | | NO SCHOOL (Teacher's Conference) |
| | 2:00 pm | Ladies Aid Meeting |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| FRIDAY | | NO SCHOOL (Teacher's Conference) |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 8:00 am | Worship |
| | 9:10 am | Sunday School |
| | 9:15 am | Bible Study |
| | 10:00 am | Worship |
| | 11:15 am | Voters' Meeting |

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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| Presiding Minister | Pastor Brock Groth |
| Accompanist | Harriet Langrehr |

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THE SON OF MAN

did not come to be served

BUT TO SERVE

and to give his life as a

RANSOM FOR MANY

