

FOCUSED PRAYER CLAIMS WHAT GOD WANTS

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

July 24 & 25, 2022

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.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Father in heaven, I am often quick to pray for the things I want and in a way that fails to focus on who I am before you. Teach me to pray today, that I may bring my will into conformity with yours and not the other way around. Give me boldness and confidence to reflect on who you are, who that means I am to you, and what that means I can pray about as I approach you in prayer. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright | 412



1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, With
2 We suf - fer if we cease from prayer; Oh,
3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense Of
4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice That
5 Give these, and then your will be done; Thus



rev - 'rence and with fear. Though dust and ash - es
grant us pow'r to pray. And when to meet you
god - ly sor - row give; A strong de - sire, with
can for sin a - tone, To cast our hopes, to
strength-ened with your might We, through your Spir - it



in your sight, We may, we must draw near.
we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on the way.
con - fi - dence, To hear your voice and live;
fix our eyes On Christ, on Christ a - lone.
and your Son, Shall pray, and pray a - right.

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

(short musical intro)



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

be seated



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰So the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, ²¹I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know."

²²The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Abraham approached him and said, "Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn't he?"

²⁶The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered, "See now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. ²⁸What if there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?" He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

²⁹He spoke to him yet again and said, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "I will not do it for the sake of the forty."

³⁰He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?"

He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹He said, "See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty."

³²He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten."



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care; Je - sus loves
 2 You are com - ing to a king— Large pe - ti -
 3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move
 4 Lord, your rest to me im - part; Take pos - ses -
 5 While I am a pil - grim here, Let your love



to an - swer prayer. He him - self bids you to
 tions with you bring, For his grace and pow'r are
 this load of sin; Let your blood, for sin - ners
 sion of my heart. There your blood - bought right main -
 my spir - it cheer. As my guide, my guard, my



pray And will nev - er turn a - way.
 such, None can ev - er ask too much.
 spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
 tain And with - out a ri - val reign.
 friend, Lead me to my jour - ney's end.

6 Show me what I am to do;
 Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
 Let me live a life of faith;
 Let me die your people's death.

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 2:1–7

¹First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I speak the truth; I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 65:24

Alleluia. Even before they call, I will answer. While they are still speaking, I will hear. Alleluia.

(short musical intro)



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

Luke 11:1–13

¹On another occasion, Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples."

²He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.' "

⁵He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before

him.' ⁷And the one inside replies, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give it to you.' ⁸I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹"I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

¹¹"What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.



HYMN OF THE DAY

With the Lord Begin Your Task | 478



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di -
 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise and ad - o -
 3 With your Sav - ior at your side Foes need not a -
 4 If your task is thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's



rect it. For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus
 ra - tion. On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is
 harm you; In his prom - is - es con - fide And no
 bless - ing, Safe - ly then your course will run, Naught your



will per - fect it. Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise,
 your sal - va - tion. Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night
 ill can harm you. All your trust and hope re - pose
 soul dis - tress - ing. Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where



And, when day is end - ed, In his name then
 Je - sus will be near you, Save you from the
 In the might - y Mas - ter, Who in wis - dom
 While you here must wan - der; You at last the



close your eyes; Be to him com - mend - ed.
 temp - ter's might, With his pres - ence cheer you.
 tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
 joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.

SERMON

Genesis 18:20-32

In Your Prayers, Hold God to Who He Is

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: *Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that we may worship him in peace and tranquility:*

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your Word, and bring salvation to people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: *Let us pray for our pastors and teachers and all leaders of the Church, and for all the people of God:*

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold all who serve you and your people. Help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: *Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation:*

Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the gospel. Help us, your Church, to grow in love for you and for one another, so that we become more perfect witnesses of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: *Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom:*

Almighty and eternal God, graciously direct those who have been set in positions of authority among us, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: *Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, and free those unjustly deprived of liberty:*

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. In your mercy hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ, our 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.

HYMN

When in the Hour of Utmost Need | 413



1	When	in	the	hour	of	ut -	most	need	We	know	not
2	Then	is	our	com -	fort	this	a -	lone	That	we	may
3	For	you	have	prom -	ised,	Lord,	to	heed	Your	chil-dren's	
4	And	so	we	come,	O	God,	to -	day	And	all	our
5	So	that	with	all	our	hearts	we	may	To	you	our



where	to	look	for	aid,	When	days	and	nights	of
meet	be -	fore	your	throne;	To	you,	O	faith -	ful
cries	in	time	of	need	Through	him	whose	name	a -
woes	be -	fore	you	lay.	Be	with	us	in	our
glad	thanks -	giv -	ing	pay,	Then	walk	o -	be -	dient



anx -	ious	thought	Nor	help	nor	coun -	sel	yet	have	brought,
God,	we	cry	For	res -	cue	in	our	mis -	er -	y.
lone	is	great,	Our	Sav -	ior	and	our	ad -	vo -	cate.
an -	guish	still;	Free	us	at	last	from	ev -	'ry	ill,
to	your	Word	And	now	and	ev -	er	praise	you,	Lord.

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.

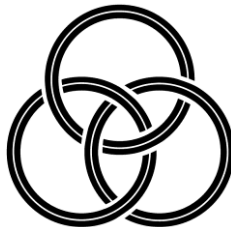
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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





1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
 load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
 faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIFT CARD SHOWER FOR THE LINDEMANNS

We praise God for leading Mr. Jon Lindemann to accept our call to teach 7th and 8th grades and serve as vice principal and athletic director. We're collecting cards and gift cards to welcome the Lindemanns and aid in their transition to Bangor. Please place your cards in the designated spot in the narthex.

COUNTY FAIR THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped man the booth at the county fair! We had a blast hanging out and talking to people. We pray that God will bless our interactions for the sake of all of the area WELS churches.

HELP THE HANDYS MOVE

Quinn and Clara Handy have purchased a home in Onalaska and will be moving in on July 30 at 2:00 pm. They would appreciate any help any of us are able to give them. If you have any questions, you can contact Quinn at 608-615-0559. God be praised for opportunities to help our called workers!

THAILAND PRESENTATION

Lydia Schultz, the daughter of Pastor Schultz at St. John's Barre Mills, will be visiting St. Paul's on August 7 to give us a presentation on her ministry in Thailand. The presentation will take place in the church basement in between services.

BANGOR FUN DAZE PARADE

St. Paul's will be manning a float in the Bangor Fun Daze Parade at noon on Sunday, August 14. If you're able to help set up and/or walk in the parade and hand out candy and church info, please let Bart Horstman or Pastor Groth know. Kids of course are welcome to join us, too!

CAMM MONTHLY LETTER

You can find the July letter for the Central Africa Medical Mission printed and placed in the lobby.

HELP ST. PAUL'S FINANCIALLY WITH SCRIP

Purchase gift cards to pay for everyday (and not-so-everyday) expenses. Anyone can purchase the cards and then you designate who gets the scrip credit. You can designate a specific family or the credit will go to the general fee assistance fund (75% of the profit that our school receives from the sale of each card will be directly applied to any student's tuition, with the other 25% to our school's Discretionary Fund to help cover general school needs as well as fund to be able to have gas/grocery cards on hand). Families will then be able to use the credit that was built up over the year (July 1 - June 30) and can choose to apply that credit towards next school year's tuition.

Paper order forms are located in the church entryway and the scrip box is located in the basement. There is also a scrip box at school outside the office. Orders are due the 15th of each month. You can also order through the RaiseRight app. You would need to contact Janel to get our school enrollment code to get connected.

Any questions please contact Janel Lochen 608-386-4243 or scrip@stpaulsbangor.com

OUTDOOR CONCERT WITH KOINE

St. Paul's-Tomah (525 Superior Ave) will be hosting a free outdoor concert featuring the well-known WELS-originating music group KOINE on Sunday, July 31, 2022, at 6:00 pm. A free meal will be served starting at 5:00 pm in the church parking lot. The entire community is invited to attend. Brats and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If the weather is bad, we'll move everything inside.

LUTHER STUDENT TEACHER HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Two Martin Luther College student teachers will serve at Luther High School from October through December. Principal Punzel is looking for two area families that would be willing to host our student teachers. Host families will need to provide a bedroom and meals for the student teacher. Host families are reimbursed through Martin Luther College for their expenses. If you are interested in serving as a host family, please contact Principal Phil Punzel at punzphil@luther.k12.wi.us.

WELS 2022 SINGLES RETREAT

Did you know that November 11 is International Singles Day? We invite you to join us at the 2022 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat on November 11-13 at Camp Phillip, Wisconsin for a weekend of fun and fellowship. For more information about the event and to register check out our webpage: wels-els-singles.com/2022-retreat.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73

Budget to Date: \$292,022.17

Received Last Week: \$7,125.13

Rec'd to Date: \$250,023.38

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 116

Livestream Peak: 24

10:00 am: 61

Monday: 44

Total: 245

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:00 am

Worship

10:00 am

Worship

MONDAY

7:00 pm

Worship

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am

Worship

10:00 am

Worship

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Accompanist


Pastor Brock Groth

Carol Stuebs

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When I called
You answered me
You greatly emboldened me

A decorative flourish consisting of several overlapping loops and swirls, positioned below the text.



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