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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

August 8 & 9, 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

Lord, I often forget what your promises of heavenly treasure mean not just for my eternity but also for my present. Comfort me today with the knowledge of what your eternal love means for me always, and conquer my fears, doubts, and worries about this life. Show me Jesus today and focus me on the immense value of the treasure I have through him. In him 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.



#### 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.

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Service of Word and Sacrament is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that highlights the gospel in the Scripture readings as well as in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- 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.

#### **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**

# **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

#### **HYMN**

What Is the World to Me | **477** (3,4)

(short musical intro)

The world seeks after wealth And all that money offers, Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers. I have a higher good; Content with it I'll be; My Jesus is my wealth—What is the world to me!

What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.
Once more then I declare: What is the world to me!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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# The Word

FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward." <sup>2</sup>Abram said, "LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>Abram also said, "Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup>Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, "This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir." <sup>5</sup>The LORD then brought him outside and said, "Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." He said to Abram, "This is what your descendants will be like." <sup>6</sup>Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.



#### SECOND LESSON

<sup>1</sup>Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. <sup>2</sup>For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going.

<sup>9</sup>By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup>By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. <sup>15</sup>And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

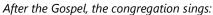
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GOSPEL Luke 12:22–34

<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to his disciples, "For that reason I tell you, stop worrying about your life, about what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>Certainly life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no warehouse or barn; and yet God feeds them. How

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much more valuable are you than birds! <sup>25</sup>And who of you by worrying can add a single moment to his lifespan? <sup>26</sup>Since you are not able to do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? <sup>29</sup>Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. <sup>30</sup>To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>32</sup>Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

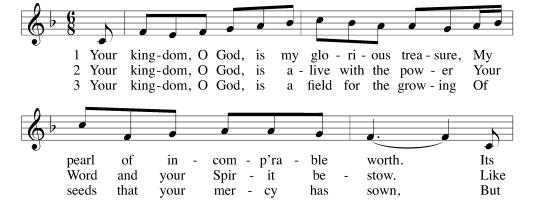




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#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## Your Kingdom, O God | 755





# SERMON Genesis 15:6

#### **Amen Your Shield and Reward**

#### 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,

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.

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#### **OFFERING**

"Bring the complete tithe to the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Just test me in this, says the LORD of Armies. See whether I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour down blessing on you, until there is more than enough" (Malachi 3:10).

#### 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.

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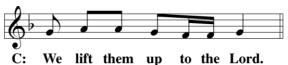
# The Sacrament

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 also bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns. See p.156 in the hymnal for preparation.

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### 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."

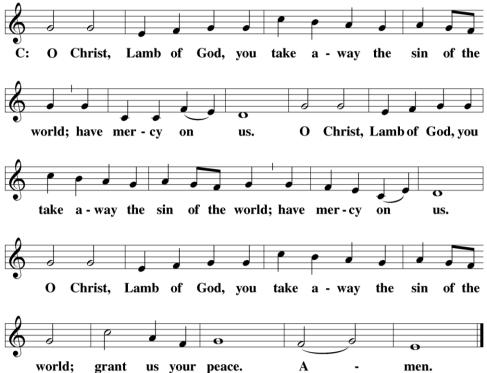
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

(no musical intro)



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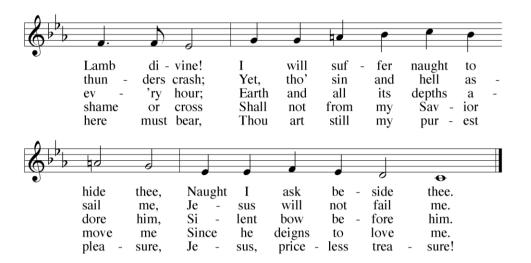
"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Corinthians 10:16,17).

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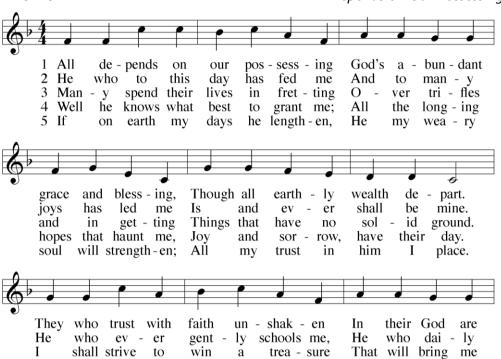
#### Jesus, Priceless Treasure | 349





#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

# All Depends on Our Possessing | 421



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#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#### Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | 311

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- 2 Has ten as a bride to meet him, And with lov ing 3 He who craves a pre-cious trea sure Nei ther cost nor
- 4 Now I kneel be fore you low ly, Filled with joy most
- 5 Hu man rea son, though it pon ders, Can not fath om



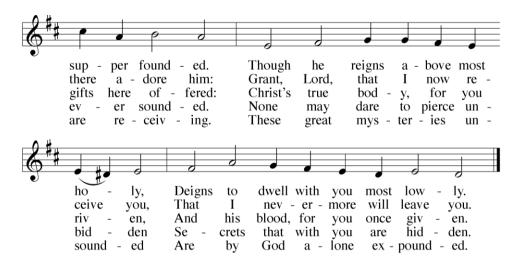
day-light's splen-dor; gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the rev - 'rence greet him, For with words of life im - mor - tal mea - sure, But the price - less of pain will gifts heav - en with trem-bling awe and won-der ho - ly, Asand these great won - ders, That Christ's bod - v must be bound-less





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- 6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
  You have left your throne in heaven
  On the cross for me to languish
  And to die in bitter anguish,
  To forgo all joy and gladness
  And to shed your blood in sadness.
  By this blood redeemed and living,
  Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.
- 7 Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
   Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
   Jesus, Joy of me desiring,
   Fount of life, my soul inspiring—
   At your feet I cry, my Maker:
   Let me be a fit partaker
   Of this blessed food from heaven
   For our good, your glory, given.
- 8 Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,
  Let me gladly here obey you.
  By your love I am invited;
  Be your love with love requited.
  By this supper let me measure,
  Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
  Through the gift of grace you give me
  As your guest in heav'n receive me.



# Thanksgiving

#### THANK THE LORD

(short musical intro)









#### **PRAYER**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.

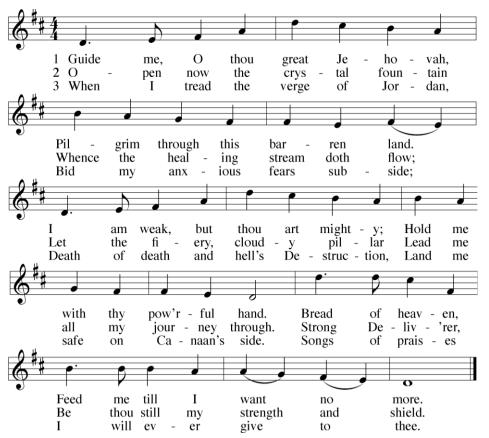
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | 331



# **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GIFT CARD SHOWER FOR THE LINDEMANNS**

We praise God for leading Mr. Jon Lindemann to accept our call to teach 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### THAILAND PRESENATION TODAY

Lydia Schultz is an evangelist who is serving the people in Thailand. She will present on the work of Friends Network, while focusing on the ministry happening in Chiang Mai, Thailand. You will learn more about who she is, what she enjoys, and the friends she has made. She will share the ways she has worked to bring the Gospel into these relationships. You will see in this presentation on Friends Network's utilizes the method: meaningfully engage in culture and community, establish authentic relationships, and share the gospel.

#### **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!

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

St. John's in Barre Mills will be having its annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 14, starting at 4:00 pm. There will be ice cream, supper food, children's games, pies, entertainment, music, and fellowship.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

Save the Date! On Friday, August 26, at 5:30 pm, our PACE committee will be hosting a "Back to School Bash" at our school to help welcome the new school year for our students, families, and congregation members. Activities will include a variety of games, a bounce house, and face painting. We will have a potluck at the event, so we request you bring a dish to pass. Utensils will be provided, please bring a beverage of choice. **We request that this be a nut-free event**. Sunday School students and families also encouraged to join in on the fun!

#### **GIVING BOARD**

As the new school year approaches, our newly formed PACE (Partners Active in Christian Education) committee has created a Giving Board as a way to help support some of our teachers' additional needs in the classroom. We welcome you to check out the board in the church lobby and see if there is a way to support our teachers and students as they prepare to enter the classroom.

#### **BIBLE BASICS CLASS**

Our next Bible Basics class (also called the new member class or Bible Information Class) will be coming up this fall. Pastor Groth is looking to schedule the class, so if you or anyone you know is interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby and mark whether you'd prefer to meet on Sunday evening or Monday evening. Long-time members are also invited, as it's always a good refresher of the foundations of our faith. www.stpaulsbangor.com/new/bic

#### **OWLS CONVENTION**

The Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) cordially invites you to join them for their annual convention. This year's convention will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Convention Center, 3060 South Kinney Coulee Road, Onalaska, WI 54650, from October 10-13, 2022. Area church members, age 55 and up, may wish to attend the daytime and early evening events and commute from home each day instead of staying at the hotel. Full details can be found by going to www.csm.welsrc.net/download-csm/owls-convention/. Scroll down to DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES, including the Schedule, Workshops and Presentations, and Registration. Discounts are available before September 10, 2022.

#### **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: \$312,161.63 Received Last Week: \$6,248.75 Rec'd to Date: \$262,289.50

#### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 87 Live Stream Peak: 17 10:00 am: 62 Monday: 54 Total: 220

# **CALENDAR**

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Presentation on Friends Network in Thailand
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Worship with Communion
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Stewardship-Evangelism Meeting
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	Bangor Fun Daze Parade

#### **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Presiding MinisterPastor Brock GrothAccompanistIrene Bakken

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