



**WHAT SEEMS TO HELP IN LIFE FAILS IN DEATH;
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

September 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

Lord, forgive me for putting my trust, my time, and my efforts into things in this life over and above you. Remind me today to properly value the heavenly blessings I have in Jesus, and refocus me on that which will prepare me to be ready on the day of my death. I ask all of this in Jesus' gracious name. 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.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
Irene Bakken

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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.

SCHOOL CHOIR

Jesus Loves Me

OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening | 283



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems

continued...



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
You give peace and words of par - don.
And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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

(no musical intro)

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 \dagger 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.

GLORY BE TO GOD

(no musical intro)

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

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.

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please 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

FIRST LESSON

Amos 6:1-7

¹Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
you distinguished people of the leading nation,
to whom the house of Israel comes.

²Travel to Kalneh and look.
Go from there to Hamath Rabbah,
and go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than those kingdoms?
Are their territories greater than your territory?

³You who are trying to put off the evil day,
you bring near the session for violence!

⁴Those who lie on ivory beds,
sprawling upon their couches,
eating lambs from the flock
and calves straight from the stall,

⁵improvising tunes on the lyre,
composing music for themselves on musical instruments like David,

⁶drinking large bowls of wine—
they slather themselves with the most expensive perfumed oils,
but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

⁷That is why they will go into exile as the first of the exiles.
Those who sprawl out at their feasts for the dead will depart.



1 Fight the good fight With all your might;
 2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;
 4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.



Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
 Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
 His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life and Christ its love.
 That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

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."

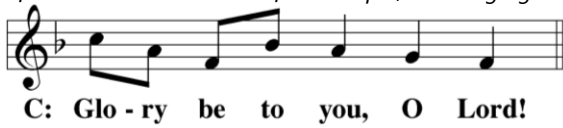
⁶So then we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?"

please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. ²⁰A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and ²¹longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. ²²Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴He called out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.'

²⁵"But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. ²⁶Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷"He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's home, ²⁸because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹"Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.'

³⁰" 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹"Abraham replied to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

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.



1 Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from
 2 Lord God, 'twas your rich boun-ty gave My bod-y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last your an-gels come; To A-bram's bos-om



me de-part; With ten-der mer-cies cheer me. Earth has no
 all I have In this poor life of la-bor. Lord, grant that
 bear me home That I may die un-fear-ing. And in its



plea-sure I would share; Heav-en it-self were void and bare
 I in ev-'ry place May glo-ri-fy your lav-ish grace
 nar-row cham-ber keep My bod-y safe in peace-ful sleep



If you, Lord, were not near me. And should my heart for
 And serve and help my neigh-bor. Let no false doc-trine
 Un-til your re-ap-pear-ing. And then from death a-

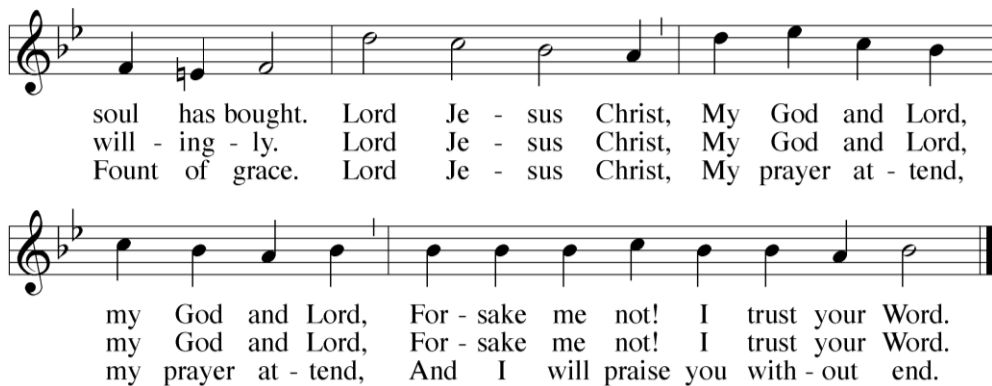


sor-row break, My trust in you no one could shake.
 me be-guile; Let Sa-tan not my soul de-file.
 wak-en me That my own eyes with joy may see,



You are the trea-sure I have sought; Your pre-cious blood my
 Give strength and pa-tience un-to me To bear my cross-es
 O Son of God, your glo-rious face, My Sav-ior and my

continued...



SERMON

Luke 16:19-31

The Vital Valuation: _____ has the greatest value.

It is not _____.

Its value will be _____.

Eternal _____ is what makes it vital.

It has set the value of _____.



please stand

CREATE IN ME

(short musical intro)

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a short musical intro. The lyrics are: "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: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son. Through him we have confidence to enter into your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions.

C: Out of the bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

M: Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works. Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need. Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

C: Strengthen our faith so that we unfailingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.

M: Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid. Help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.

C: Focus us always on Jesus our Savior as our one eternal hope.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior, who also taught us to pray...

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.



1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road
 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
 3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.
 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;
 5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet,



That leads the soul a - way from God,
 From him my life, my all, re - ceive,
 To him I look; on him I call.
 Soon shall I end my tri - als here,
 Soon walk through ev - 'ry gold - en street



This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine;
 To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,
 He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply
 Leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.
 And sing on ev - 'ry bliss - ful plain,



To live and die en - tire - ly thine.
 Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
 In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
 To live is Christ; to die is gain.
 "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

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

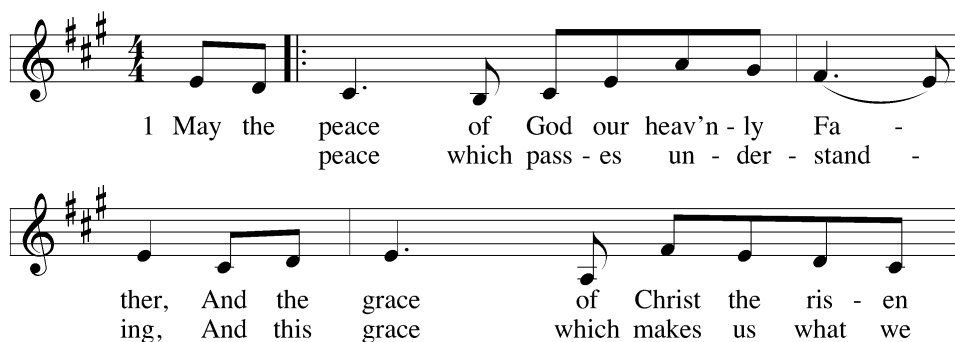
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

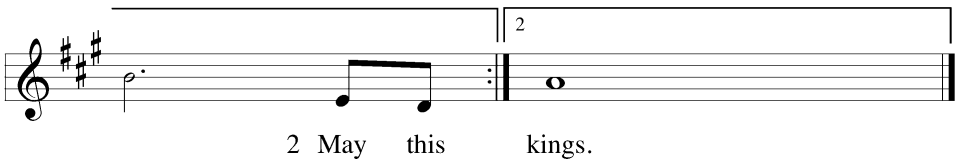
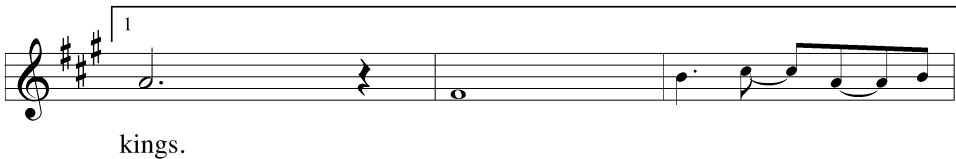
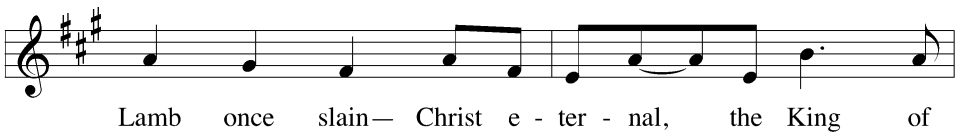


be seated

CLOSING HYMN

May the Peace of God | 745





NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School and Sunday adult Bible study take place between services, with Sunday School in the sanctuary and Bible study in the basement. It's an easy way for parents to both have their kids in the Word and get in the Word themselves at the same time. Both will cover the same portions of Scripture each week, which also allows for good application at home throughout the week. For parents with small children who aren't quite old enough for Sunday School yet, there's also the Kids Corner in the basement that the kids can use during study. *"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen"* (2 Peter 3:18).

MORNINGS WITH MOMMY

Mornings With Mommy is back! If you or someone you know is a caregiver for children ages 0-5, we'd love to have you join us! Each session features Bible time, educational activities, a craft, and a snack. Sessions take place on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 10:00am. Register at stpaulsbangor.com/mornings-with-mommy/.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church directories are in! If you had your pictures taken or if you submitted pictures to the church directory committee, your complimentary copy of the 2022 St. Paul's church directory can be found in the church basement. Once you grab your copy, please cross your name off of the list provided near the box of directories. If you did not have your pictures taken or submit a picture, please speak with Sue Gollnik or Mary Schmidt to purchase one of the extra copies.

COULEE REGION WELS YOUTH NIGHT

On Sunday, October 16, from 6:00-8:30 pm, St. Paul's Onalaska will be hosting a Coulee Region WELS Youth Night. Youth will experience an inspiring evening of games, music, prayer, Bible messages, small group discussion, and fun with high school youth (9th-12th grade) from all over the area. If any young adults (age 18-24) are interested in volunteering to lead a small discussion group, or if you have any questions, contact Pastor Ben Schmudlach at schmudbs@gmail.com.

MIDWEEK STUDY – 10 LIES ABOUT GOD

Our midweek Bible study is entitled *10 Lies About God*. The study provides Bible-based responses to common but inaccurate teachings about God to help participants defend their faith in a secular society. The lie about God that we'll cover this week is "God Has Grown Softer on Sin." Midweek Bible studies are Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm, with the same study repeated the following morning, Wednesdays at 9:00 am. The study takes place in the church basement.

LWMS FALL RALLY

The Fall Rally for the Scenic Coulee Region of the LWMS will be Saturday, October 15, at St John's in Barre Mills. Registration is at 12:30 pm and the rally begins at 1:00 pm. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to attend, but RSVP is requested. Please RSVP by October 9, 2022. The guest speaker is Pastor Luke Thompson from Martin Luther College. Pastor Thompson teaches theology, history, and philosophy and leads a "film and philosophy" club and a Great Books Club. He is author of *Your Life Has Meaning* (NPH) and co-author of *Quick to Listen* (NPH). The topic of his presentation is "A Gospel for the Loneliest Generation." Our young adults need Christian confidants and also the greatest Friend. For twenty years Pastor Thompson has worked with and helped start campus ministries.

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE

The annual Men of His Word Conference is Saturday, October 22, 2022, at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. This year's conference is entitled: "More than Conquerors." Pastor Joel Heckendorf will provide the keynote address. Registration will remain open through October 16. You can register at: <https://2022-mohw-rochester-tickets.eventbrite.com>.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73	Budget to Date: \$382,649.74
Received Last Week: \$5,807.30	Rec'd to Date: \$309,664.12

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 103 Live Stream: 19 10:00 am: 95 Total: 217
Sunday Bible Study: 38 Sunday School: 14 Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 37

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Bible Basics Class
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
THURSDAY	2:00 pm	Ladies Aid Meeting
	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
	11:15 am	PACE Meeting
	5:00 pm	Bible Basics Class

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