

LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH FAITH THAT DELIGHTS IN DUTY

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

October 2, 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

Holy Spirit, you have gifted me with faith in my Savior and changed my heart. Now increase my faith as I live out of thanks to you. Today help me see the privilege and delight I have to serve you in the world and in your kingdom, and add to my faith in the only One who makes this dutiful, God-pleasing life possible. In Jesus 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.

DIVINE SERVICE II

Divine Service II is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that serves to praise God for his glory and highlight the celebration of Holy Communion.



INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven | **404** (4,5)

(short musical intro)

We thank you, then, O God of heav'n, That you to us this faith have giv'n Through mighty Word and sacrament To trust the one whom you have sent.

As you have promised, grant each soul Its holy faith's true end and goal: The blessedness no foes destroy, Eternal love and light and joy.

The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

¹My son Solomon, the one God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The work is great because this citadel is not for a man. It is for the LORD God. ²According to all my strength, I have provided these things for the house of my God: gold for the gold items, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron, wood for the wooden, onyx stones and settings, antimony, stones of many different colors, every kind of precious stone, and alabaster in abundance.

¹⁰David blessed the LORD in the presence of the entire assembly. He said:

Blessed are you, LORD, the God of Israel, our father, from eternity to eternity. ¹¹To you, O LORD, belong greatness, power, glory, victory, and majesty, because everything in the heavens and on the earth belongs to you. You, LORD, are exalted as head above everything. The kingdom belongs to you. ¹²Riches and honor come from you. You are ruling over everything. In your hand are power and strength. It is in your power to make anyone great and strong. ¹³Now, our God, we are thanking you and praising your glorious name.

¹⁴Who am I? Who are my people that we are able to offer willingly like this? For everything comes from you. What we have given to you came from your hand. ¹⁵We are aliens and temporary residents before you, as were all our fathers. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope of staying.

¹⁶LORD, our God, all this abundance, which we have provided for building a house for you, for your holy name, is from your hand. This abundance belongs to you.

¹⁷I 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.

¹⁸LORD, the God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, preserve forever this purpose and way of thinking in the heart of your people. Direct their heart to you.

SECOND LESSON

¹Paul, Silas, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, as is fitting, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love that each and every one of you has for one another is increasing. ⁴So we ourselves boast about you in God's churches in regard to your patient endurance and faith in all your persecutions and in the trials that you are enduring. ⁵This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer.

¹¹For this reason, we are always praying for you, that our God will make you worthy of your calling and use his power to fulfill every good desire and work of your faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and you in him, in keeping with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

please stand

GOSPEL Luke 17:1-10

¹Jesus said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for that person if a millstone would be hung around his neck and he would be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Watch yourselves.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. ⁴Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

⁶The Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷Which one of you who has a servant plowing or taking care of sheep will say to him when he comes in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at the table'? ⁸Won't the master tell him instead, 'Prepare my supper, and after you are properly dressed, serve me while I eat and drink. After that you may eat and drink'? ⁹He does not thank the servant because he did what he was commanded to do, does he? ¹⁰So also you, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants. We have only done what we were supposed to do.'"

HYMN OF THE DAY



SERMON Luke 17:1-10

How Can We Dutifully Serve?

please stand

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

OFFERING

"Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. Because where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The presiding minister will speak the Prayer of the Church on behalf of the congregation.

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 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.

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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(short musical intro)

O holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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.

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.

LAMB OF GOD



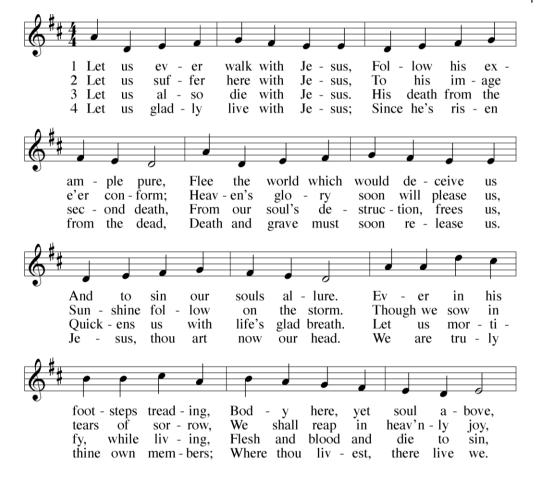
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"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread"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

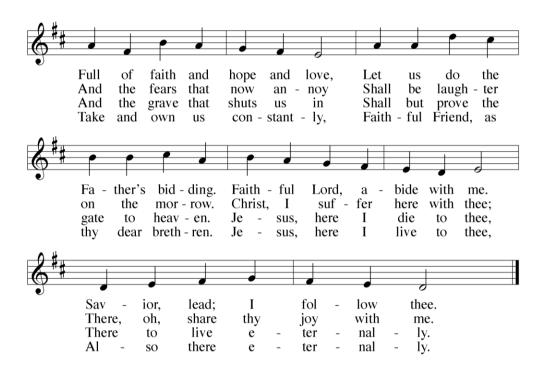
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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus | 452



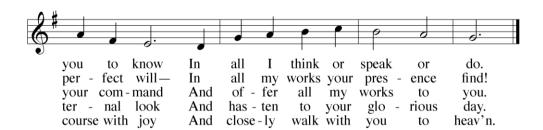
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Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go | 456





DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit | 181

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- 1 Come, oh, come, life giv ing Spir it, God from all e -
- 2 Show us, Lord, the path of bless-ing; When we tres-pass 3 With our spir-it, Lord, bear wit-ness That we are the
- 4 Prompt us. Lord, to come be fore him With a child-like
- 5 Grant our hearts in full est mea sure Wis dom, coun sel,





Dwell with - in con - stant - lv. Then shall truth us and And be with us day by day. Should we stray, 0 When we're chas - tened For by the rod: we know, as When we know not what Then our is to say. prayer Work - ing for you will - ing - ly. Let the gos - pel



Lord, re - call; chil - dren should, not in vain, spread and grow, Work fall. re - pent - ance when we That the cross is for our good. And our faith new strength shall gain. Bring - ing Sa - tan's o - ver - throw. please stand

SONG OF SIMEON

(short musical intro)

O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

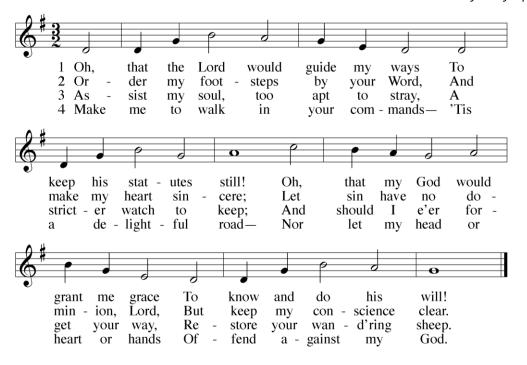
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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/.

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 Helps Those Who Help Themselves." 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.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT

The next Grief Support get-together will be Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 pm at St. John's in Barre Mills. The topic for discussion will be "Dealing with Loneliness." If you or someone you know is grieving, please attend for encouragement from fellow Christians and for comfort from God's Word

SILENT AUCTION IN CHASEBURG

St. Peter's in Chaseburg is having their annual silent auction to support the New Life Resource Center on October 8, 2022. The bidding will start at 11:30am, with lunch at noon. Coulee Region Giving Hearts Choir will again be providing the entertainment. All are welcome.

LIVE NATIVITY PROP REPAIR

The prep for Live Nativity has begun. Many hands make light work. Prop repair nights are Mondays and Wednesdays in October from 6:30-9:00 pm at the Rotary Building (27 Market St.-enter at center of the building.) Help out for any amount of time you can spare. Thank you! Questions? Call George Italiano (608-317-0271).

OWLS MEETING

The Coulee Region OWLS (Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors) will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 13, at noon at First Lutheran in La Crosse. Pastor Andrew Schultz from St. John's Barre Mills will share highlights of his trip to the Holy Land. Potluck Luncheon: Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee will be provided. There will be a free will offering. All WELS members aged 55 and older and their spouses are welcome. Please come for a visit, enjoy the friends you meet, a good lunch, and an excellent program. Bring a friend!

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.

CHILI COOKOFF

First Light Early Learning Center in La Crosse will be having its first annual Chili Cookoff on Saturday, October 8, from 12:30-3:30 pm. Admission is free. There will be chili tasting and contest, brats and hotdogs, music, inflatables, a cake walk, and more. If you'd like to enter a chili for the contest or a baked good for the cake walk, contact Courtney in the office at 608-784-1050 or school@firstlacrosse.org. All proceeds are benefiting the First Light Early Learning Center.

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.

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.

GOOD STEWARD JOB OPENING AND VOLUNTEERING

Good Steward Resale Shop has an employment opportunity for store coordinator. Those interested may obtain a job description and an application form at Good Steward or by calling 608-784-5035. The store is also looking for volunteers. If you can help by giving 2 or 20 hours per week for Christ-centered Lutheran education, call Lisa at 608-779-9763.

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT THANK OFFERING

The past few years the WELS Western Wisconsin District Mission Board has encouraged churches to unite in a thank offering to support a mission. This fall's offering has been designated for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Beloit, WI, and the new Little Lambs Childcare Center set to open soon. The offering will be collected from now through the Thanksgiving holiday. The goal for the thank offering is \$40,000. Check should be made payable to Little Lambs Childcare Center and mailed to 2245 Park Ave., Beloit, WI 53511.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73 Budget to Date: \$392,719.47 Received Last Week: \$8,544.22 Rec'd to Date: \$318,208.34

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 182 Live Stream Peak: 27 10:00 am: 55 Total: 264

Sunday Bible Study: 70 Sunday School: 22 Midweek Bible Study: 35

CALENDAR

| TODAY | 8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm | Worship with Communion Sunday School Bible Study Worship with Communion PACE Meeting Bible Basics Class |
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| TUESDAY | 10:00 am 7:00 pm | Mornings with Mommy Bible Study |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Bible Study (same as Tues.) Education Committee Meeting Council Meeting |
| THURSDAY | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 8:00 am 9:10 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm | Worship Sunday School Bible Study Worship Bible Basics Class |

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Accompanist Pastor Brock Groth Harriet Langrehr

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