

LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH FAITH THAT OVERFLOWS WITH GRATITUDE

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

October 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

Jesus, you have done so much for me, from leaving your home in heaven to providing atonement for my sins with your own lifeblood. Thank you for giving me these blessings and more through your grace. Now renew in me today a grateful love for you. Remind me the depths of what you saved me from so that I can return to you the same depth of love in what I think, say, and do for you in this life. In your righteous name I thankfully 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

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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.

Now Thank We All Our God | 610 **OPENING HYMN** Now thank all God With hearts we our and Oh, God may this boun - teous Through all our 3 All praise and thanks God The Fa ther to hands and voic Who won - drous things has done, es, With life be near ev er - joy - ful hearts us, be giv The Son, and him who reigns now en, In whom his world joic Who from re es, our And bless - ed peace to cheer And keep us us The With them in high - est heav en, one e moth - er's Has blessed arms With us on our way in his grace And guide when per - plexed And us God. Whom earth nal heav'n dore! For ter and gifts And count - less of love still is to - day. ours free from all ills In this world and the us next.

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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)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 Genesis 8:15-22

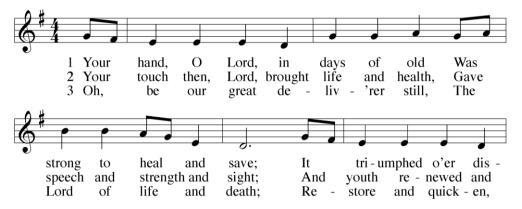
¹⁵God spoke to Noah. He said, ¹⁶"Go out of the ark—you, your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing of every sort that is with you, all flesh, including birds, livestock, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may swarm over the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

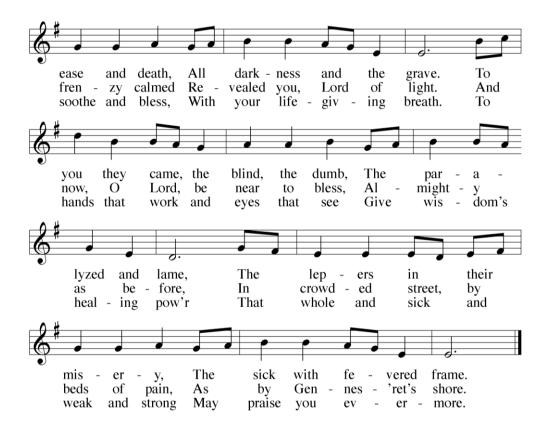
¹⁸Noah went out with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives along with him. ¹⁹Every animal, every creeping thing, every bird, and whatever swarms on the earth went out of the ship, species by species.

²⁰Noah built an altar to the LORD and took from every clean animal and every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹The LORD smelled the pleasant aroma. The LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the soil anymore because of man, for the thoughts he forms in his heart are evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike every living thing, as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

HYMN

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old | **520**





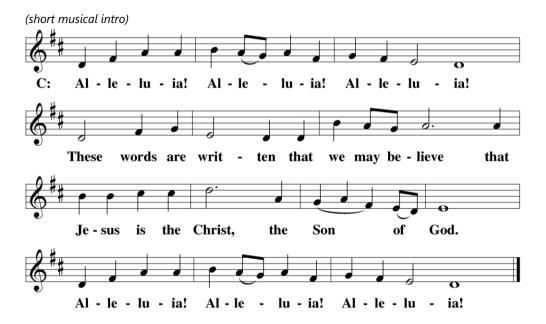
SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

¹⁰And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

¹²To be sure, the administration of this service is not only making up for what is lacking among the saints, but it is also overflowing in many prayers of thanksgiving to God. ¹³By proving yourselves in this service, many people are glorifying God, as they see the obedience shown in your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity shown in your sharing with them and all people. ¹⁴At the same time as they pray for you, they also express their longing for you, because of the extraordinary measure of God's grace given to you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

VERSE OF THE DAY Isaiah 25:9b

Alleluia! This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia!



please stand

GOSPEL Luke 17:11–19

¹¹On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²When he entered a certain village, ten men with leprosy met him. Standing at a distance, ¹³they called out loudly, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they went away they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus responded, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



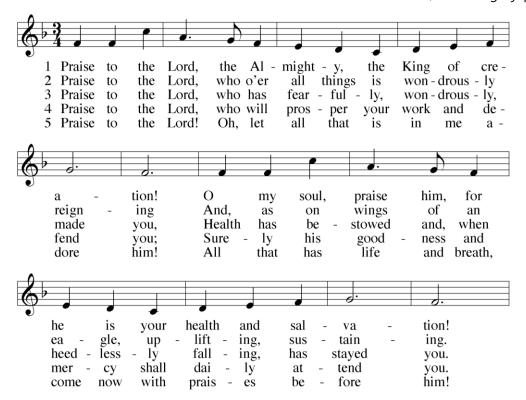
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

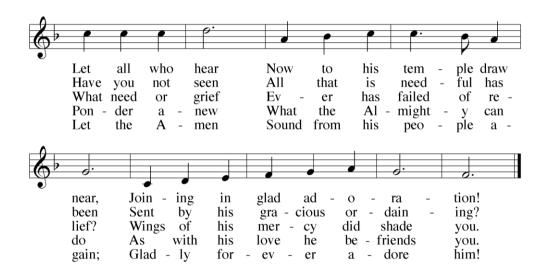
Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | 234



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SERMON Genesis 8:15-22

Grateful the LORD's Wrath Was Put to Rest

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

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: O Lord God almighty, through the greatness of your power all things in heaven and earth were created. We thank you for always crowning each year with your goodness, for spreading grain over the fields, and for adorning the valleys with bounty. You have filled the earth with riches and rewarded human labor. Above all, though, we thank you for bringing us salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Great is your name, O God, and marvelous is your mercy.

Make your Church alive with the power of the gospel. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we may serve you with fervent zeal: rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing in prayer.

Give quietness and confidence to all who may be enduring any trial or adversity of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them the rewards of faith and trust in you.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Since our salvation is nearer than when we first believed, help us, O God, to cast off the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, so that when our Lord Jesus Christ returns, he may, according to his promise, transform our lowly bodies and make them resplendent in a form like his. In his holy name, we pray, as we join together in the prayer he taught...

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.



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





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 Has Made Death a Natural Part of Life." 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.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

Our next Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be next Sunday, October 16, at 11:15 am in the church basement. God be praised for this opportunity to meet, discuss, and make decisions for the ministry of his gracious Word in and around Bangor.

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.

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.

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.

SCRAP-N-CRAFT

This year's Scrap-N-Craft Fundraiser will be held at Mt. Calvary Grace School, 1614 Park, La Crosse, on Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Registration before Nov. 14 is \$40.00. After Nov. 14 it will be \$45.00. Grab a flyer in the narthex for more information.

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: \$402,789.20 Received Last Week: \$7,642.32 Rec'd to Date: \$325,850.66

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 120 Live Stream Peak: 19 10:00 am: 91 Total: 230

Sunday Bible Study: 31 Sunday School: 12 Midweek Bible Study: 29

CALENDAR

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Accompanist Pastor Brock Groth Harriet Langrehr

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