



**LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH**  
**FAITH DEMONSTRATED THROUGH PERSISTENT PRAYER**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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*October 16, 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**

Gracious Father, increase my faith. Help me see today all the more that through prayer I have a wonderful blessing from the almighty God himself. Open my heart to hear the messages of your heart for me, that I may always treasure the privilege of bringing my every request before you. Most of all, increase my faith in the One through whom these prayers are even possible, Jesus Christ our Lord. In his 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.



## **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.

# 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.*

## OPENING HYMN

*Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care* | 232 (1,2)



1 Lord of my life, whose ten - der care Has led me  
2 Oh, may I dai - ly, hour - ly, strive In heav'n - ly  
3 To you my hum - ble praise I bring For mer - cies

on till now, Here low - ly, at the hour of prayer, Be -  
grace to grow, To you and to your glo - ry live, Dead  
day by day. Lord, teach my heart your love to sing; Lord,

fore your throne I bow. I bless your gra - cious  
to all else be - low! Tread in the path my  
teach me how to pray. All that I have and

hand and pray For - give - ness for an - oth - er day.  
Sav - ior trod, Though thorn - y, yet the path of God.  
e'er can do I'll use to serve and hon - or you.

*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.

## 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  $\oplus$  and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

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## Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## HYMN

*Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care* | 232 (3)

*(short musical intro)*

**To you my humble praise I bring For mercies day by day.  
Lord, teach my heart your love to sing; Lord, teach me how to pray.  
All that I have and e'er can do I'll use to serve and honor you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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*

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## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 32:22-30*

<sup>22</sup>He got up that night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and he also sent his possessions across. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled. <sup>26</sup>The man said, "Let me go. It's daybreak."

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Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

<sup>27</sup>Then he said to him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Jacob."

<sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won."

<sup>29</sup>Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

He said, "Why do you ask what my name is?" Then he blessed him there.

<sup>30</sup>Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, "I have seen God face-to-face, and my life has been spared."

## LADIES GROUP

*Reformation Song*

## SECOND LESSON

*1 John 5:13–15*

<sup>13</sup>I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

<sup>14</sup>This is the confidence that we have before him: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we also know that we receive the things we have asked from him.

*please stand*

## GOSPEL

*Luke 18:1-8*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



<sup>1</sup>Jesus told them a parable about the need to always pray and not lose heart:  
<sup>2</sup>"There was a judge in a certain town who did not fear God and did not care about people. <sup>3</sup>There was a widow in that town, and she kept going to him, saying, 'Give me justice from my adversary!' <sup>4</sup>For some time he refused, but after a while he said

to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God or care about people, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice so that she will not wear me out with her endless pleading.' "

<sup>6</sup>The Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>Will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who are crying out to him day and night? Will he put off helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you that he will give them justice quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## 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.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* | 411



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.

## SERMON

*Luke 18:1-8*

### Persevere in Prayer



*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 a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'C:' is on the first staff, 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -' on the second, 'new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -' on the third, 'way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it' on the fourth, 'from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -' on the fifth, and 'tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.' on the sixth. The final note of the sixth staff is a double bar line.

*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

*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.**

*please stand*

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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.**



**C: And al - so with you.**

**M: Lift up your hearts.**



**C: We lift them up un - 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(no musical intro)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

*"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).*

*Please follow the directions of the ushers during distribution.*

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Our Father, Who from Heaven Above* | 410



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove  
 2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,  
 3 Your king - dom come, we hum - bly pray,  
 4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done,  
 5 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,



Bids all of us to live in love  
 In pu - ri - ty to keep your Word,  
 That Christ may rule in us to - day  
 Just as in heav'n a - round your throne,  
 And let us all be clothed and fed.



As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly  
 That to the glo - ry of your name  
 And that your Ho - ly Spir - it bring  
 That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey  
 From hard - ship, war, and earth - ly strife,



And pray to you in un - i - ty,  
 We walk be - fore you free from blame.  
 Still more to wor - ship Christ as King.  
 Through - out our lives all that you say.  
 From sick - ness, fam - ine, spare our life.



Teach us no thought - less words to say,  
 Let no false doc - trine us per - vert;  
 Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his rage;  
 Curb sin - ful flesh and ev - 'ry ill  
 Let self - ish - ness and wor - ry cease

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But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
 All poor, de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
 Pre - serve your Church from age to age.  
 That sets it - self a - gainst your will.  
 That we may live in god - ly peace.

- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,  
 That they may trouble us no more;  
 We, too, will gladly those forgive  
 Who hurt us by the way they live.  
 Help us in our community  
 To serve each other willingly.
- 7 Into temptation lead us not.  
 When evil foes against us plot  
 And vex our souls on ev'ry hand,  
 Oh, give us strength that we may stand  
 Firm in the faith, a mighty host,  
 Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.
- 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;  
 The times and days are perilous.  
 Redeem us from eternal death,  
 And, when we yield our dying breath,  
 Console us, grant us calm release,  
 And take our souls to you in peace.
- 9 Amen, that is, it shall be so.  
 Make strong our faith that we may know  
 That we may doubt not but believe  
 What here we ask we shall receive.  
 Thus in your name and at your Word  
 We say, "Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord!"

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray | 472

*as needed*



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a -  
 2 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de -  
 3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you  
 4 But while watch - ing al - so pray To the Lord un -



wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a -  
 feat you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be -  
 tri - fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's  
 ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and



wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 tray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
 faith in - creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
 nite to serve him And for - ev - er love him.



# Thanksgiving

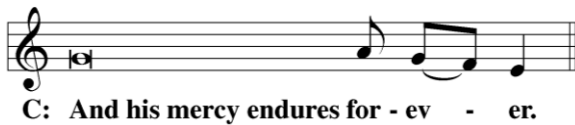
## SONG OF SIMEON

(short musical intro)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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

*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name* | 321 (1,4)



4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **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 "*A God of Love Wouldn't Send People to Hell*." 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**

We have a Quarterly Voters' Meeting today, 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.

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE**

St. Paul's school will have a slight change to the calendar around Christmas break. We will now have school on Thursday, December 22, but we will not have school on Monday, January 2. So we are basically trading the one day just after Christmas break for the one day just before Christmas break. You can find the updated school calendar on our website.

## **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).

## **COULEE REGION WELS YOUTH NIGHT**

Today, 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 you have any questions, contact Pastor Ben Schmudlach at [schmudbs@gmail.com](mailto: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>.

## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WELCOME KNIGHT**

All 8th grade students & their parents are invited to Luther High School for 8th Grade Welcome Knight on Monday, October 24, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Students are invited for food, soda, games, and more! Parents are invited to the chapel/auditorium for a variety of information designed to ease the transition from 8th grade to high school. Light refreshments will be available as well.

## **CAMM LETTER FOR OCTOBER**

This month's CAMM letter can be found printed in the lobby.

## **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.

## **PASTOR?**

Have you ever asked your son if he's interested in being a pastor? That particular question from my parents planted a seed that always kept the ministry on my mind. If you have a son in grades 10-12, you have an even better opportunity to explore the possibility with a *Focus on Ministry* at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. This WLS *Focus on Ministry* is intended to bring high school boys onto the WLS campus, give them a taste of seminary life, a chance to speak with current students, and lead them to think more about the pastoral ministry. If your son has interest, please contact me (Pastor Groth) and I can connect them with Pastor Joel Thomford to further discuss the pre-seminary program at Martin Luther College.

## **OFFERING SUMMARY** (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$10,069.73	Budget to Date: \$412,858.93
Received Last Week: \$6,978.38	Rec'd to Date: \$332,829.04

## **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

8:00 am: 99	Live Stream Peak: 18	10:00 am: 60	Total: 177
Sunday Bible Study: 34	Sunday School: 5	Midweek Bible Study: 32	

# CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Quarterly Voters' Meeting</b>
	5:00 pm	Bible Basics Class
TUESDAY	10:00 am	Mornings with Mommy
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
FRIDAY	1:00 pm	Grandparents Day at St. Paul's School
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Bible Basics Class
	6:30 pm	PACE Meeting

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Presiding Minister**  
**Accompanist**

Pastor Brock Groth  
Harriet Langrehr

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I WAITED PATIENTLY  
FOR THE LORD



HE TURNED TO ME AND  
HEARD MY CRY





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