



LORD, INCREASE OUR FAITH
FAITH DEMONSTRATED THROUGH TOTAL DEPENDENCE

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

October 23, 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

Father, today help me put my trust in you. Protect me from the things in which the world puts its hope, and focus me to put my hope in you alone. Guide me to reflect on your Word and apply it to the areas of my life and heart where I put my dependence in things other than you. Especially help me today strike any dependence I put in myself for my salvation and eternal life, and point me ever to Jesus for my confidence before you. 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.



DIVINE SERVICE I

God's people gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement in Christ. Divine Service I therefore focuses us on the glory of Christ and his Word.

SCHOOL CHOIR

In Christ Alone

please stand

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

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



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: **Amen.**

Prayer and Praise

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

HYMN

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep | 436 (3,4)

(short musical intro)

By your blood our souls were bought; By your
Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with
life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our
joy will fol - low on Till the work of
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, There to live with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

be seated

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

¹²So now, Israel, what is the LORD your God asking of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³to keep the commandments of the LORD and his statutes that I am commanding you today for your own good.

¹⁴Indeed, the heavens and the heaven of heavens, the earth and everything that is on it—these belong to the LORD your God. ¹⁵Still, the LORD attached himself to your fathers, loved them, and he chose their descendants after them (that's you!) from all peoples, as it is today.

¹⁶So cut away the tough shell of your sinful nature, and do not be stubborn any longer.

¹⁷The LORD your God is God of Gods and Lord of Lords, the great God, the mighty one and the awesome one, who does not show favoritism and does not take a bribe. ¹⁸He carries out justice for the fatherless and widows. He loves the alien who dwells among you and gives him food and clothing. ¹⁹So you are to love the alien, because you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

²⁰Fear the LORD your God, serve him, cling to him, and take your oaths in his name.

²¹He is your glory. He is your God, who performed for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

²²When your fathers went down to Egypt, they numbered seventy people, but now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of the sky.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119b, p.110



then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law*
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,*
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;*
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,*
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!*
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 John 2:15–17

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, boasting about material possessions—is not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:18

Alleluia. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. Alleluia.

please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 18:18-30

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹⁸A certain ruler asked Jesus, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹Jesus asked him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one—God. ²⁰You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. Honor your father and mother.'"

²¹"I have kept all these since I was a child," he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²³But when the ruler heard these words, he became very sad, because he was very rich.

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²⁴When Jesus saw that the man became very sad, he said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this said, "Then who can be saved?"

²⁷He replied, "What is impossible for people is possible for God."

²⁸And Peter said, "Look, we have left our possessions and followed you."

²⁹He said to them, "Amen I tell you: Anyone who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will most certainly receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come, eternal life."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus | 446



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust -
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You
5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; You



ing on - ly you, Trust - ing you for
your feet I bow, For your grace and
the crim - son flood, Trust - ing you who
a - lone shall lead, Ev - 'ry day and
can nev - er fail. Words which you your -



full sal - va - tion, Free and true.
ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
made me ho - ly By your blood.
hour sup - ply - ing All my need.
self shall give me Must pre - vail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
And for all.

SERMON

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

The LORD Your God

please stand

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef. The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues with: B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The third staff continues with: B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The fourth staff continues with: B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The fifth staff continues with: B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The sixth staff continues with: B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4.

be seated

OFFERING

"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest" (Proverbs 3:9).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the promised graces we have received through him.

C: We thank you that through his perfect life and his obedience to death on the cross we have been granted cleansing and pardon for all our sins.

M: We thank you that in his resurrection we have the promise of life everlasting

C: and that in his ascension to the right hand of your majesty, we have the assurance that he continually intercedes for us.

M: Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions we may manifest his spirit. Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our self-indulgence.

C: Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.

M: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful.

C: Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

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.

HYMN

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink | 405



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though
 2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -
 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When
 4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor
 5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble
 neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of
 tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,
 heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean
 life's last spark is fled And with a pure and



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,
 grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,
 knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,
 can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,
 heav'n - ly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
 And then, whate'er may come,
 We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
 Of an eternal home.

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.

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.

be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Day by Day | 765



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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 "*It Doesn't Matter How God Made the World*." 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.

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

Our Live Nativity Prop Repair is wrapping up soon. Help out THIS Monday and Wednesday (Oct. 24th/26th) anytime between 6:30-9:00 pm at the Rotary Building (27 Market St.-enter at center of the building) to help out. Live Nativity setup will be at Riverside Park is THIS Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Rotary provides lunch. Many hands make light work! Please help for any amount of time you can spare. Can't help this Saturday? Come down any of the following Saturdays (Nov. 5th & 12th and possibly the 19th). Questions? Call George Italiano (608-317-0271).

CHRISTMAS TREE

The group that has been putting up tree in years past has decided to hand off that responsibility to any interested group. If interested, contact congregational chairman Dan Arndt at 608-343-4662.

CAMM LETTER FOR OCTOBER

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

8TH 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.

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.

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: \$422,928.66
Received Last Week: \$7,080.30	Rec'd to Date: \$339,909.34

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 119 Live Stream Peak: 24 10:00 am: 93 Total: 236
Sunday Bible Study: 33 Sunday School: 11 Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 38

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
	6:30 pm	PACE Meeting
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
	9:10 am	Sunday School
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship
	5:00 pm	Bible Basics Class

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brock Groth
Accompanist	Irene Bakken

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