

# THE CHRISTIAN TRUSTS GOD TO PROVIDE

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

August 6 & 7, 2023

## **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

God Almighty, you promise to provide for me each day my daily bread. I praise you for your providence. Though the evidence is there and your promise is there, I still can doubt your ability and even willingness to take care of me. Strike such thoughts out of my mind today with reminders of your promises and love. Show me your care especially in Jesus, who proves your willingness and power to care for me each day. 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**

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say | 338



#### INVOCATION

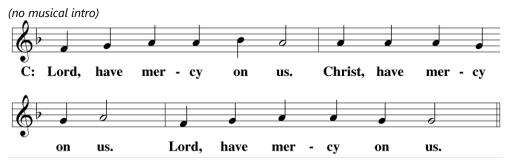
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.



## 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**

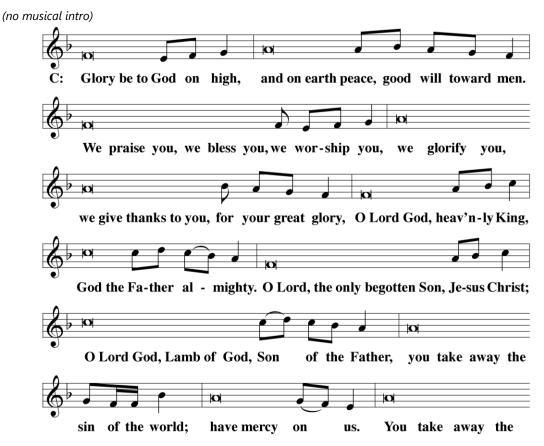
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

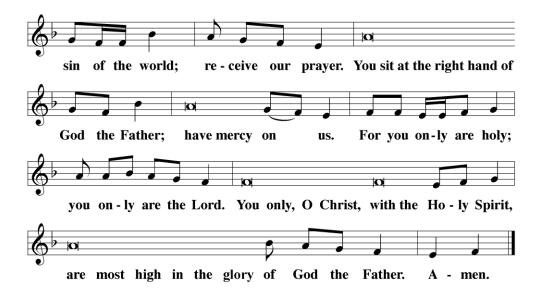


# Prayer and Praise

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

## **GLORY BE TO GOD**





## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.



M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



be seated

## The Word

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 17:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word."

<sup>2</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>3</sup>"Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup>You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there."

<sup>5</sup>So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.

**SECOND LESSON** Ephesians 1:3-10

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

<sup>4</sup>He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

<sup>7</sup>In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. <sup>9</sup>He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. <sup>10</sup>This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.



**GOSPEL** Matthew 14:13–21

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



<sup>13</sup>When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup>When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

<sup>16</sup>But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

<sup>17</sup>They told him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

<sup>18</sup>"Bring them here to me," he replied. <sup>19</sup>Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. <sup>21</sup>Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children.

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.

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# SERMON Luke 10:25-37

## **Help for the Hurting**

<sup>25</sup>Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup>"What is written in the law?" he asked him. "What do you read there?"

<sup>27</sup>He replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>28</sup>He said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?"

<sup>37</sup>"The one who showed mercy to him," he replied.

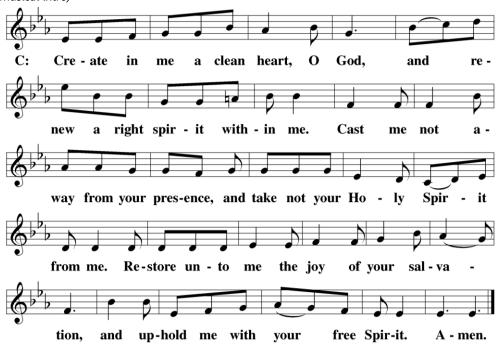
Then Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."



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## **CREATE IN ME**

(short musical intro)



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## **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

# 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.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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)





## **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."

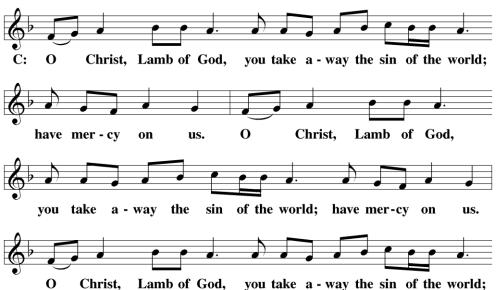
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

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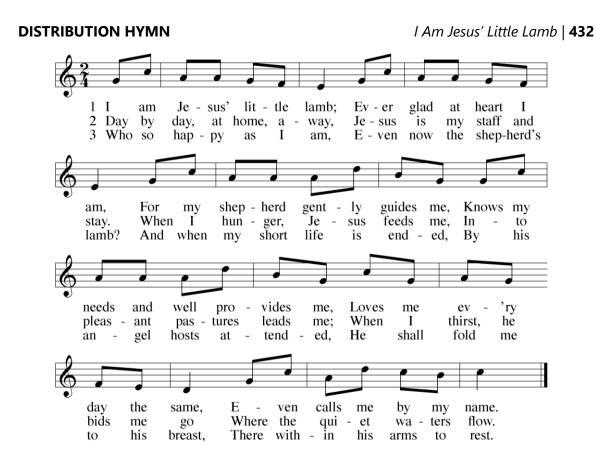


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## DISTRIBUTION

"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.





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- 6 Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me. Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me. Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
  Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
  And, truly grieving for our sins,
  May prove by our behavior
  That we are thankful for your grace
  And day by day may run our race,
  In holiness increasing.
- 8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
  Be praised throughout all ages!
  Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
  The world against it rages.
  Grant that this sacrament may be
  A blessed comfort unto me
  When living and when dying.

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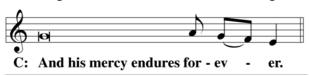
# Thanksgiving

## **SONG OF SIMEON**

(short musical intro)



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



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**



## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CHRISTIAN FAMILY SOLUTIONS PRESENTATION**

Today, August 6, between services we will have a short presentation by James Mattek, the Director of Ministry at Christian Family Solutions. CFS provides distinctly Christian mental health care, healing and helping people in need through the ministry of Jesus Christ. CFS's ministry has two main branches of service: Counseling Care & Services and Senior Services. Join us at 9:15 am to learn more.

#### **FUN DAZE PARADE**

The Bangor Fun Daze Parade is next Sunday, August 13, at noon! We're looking forward to having another fleet of St. Paul's members to hand out candy and pocket invites to our church and school. God be praised for this opportunity for our congregation to be in front of the community!

## VICTORY SERVICE FOR LUCILLE HESSELBERG

Our sister in the faith, Lucy Hesselberg, has gone to heaven to be with her Lord for all eternity. We will have a Christian victory service (funeral) for Lucy on Thursday, August 17, at 11:00 am. The committal will follow the service at the Rockland cemetery. Luncheon will follow the service as well at a separate location in Bangor due to the basement remodel. Visitation will be before the service at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. God be praised for the blessed 96 years he gave Lucy on this earth and the life eternal in paradise gifted to her through Jesus!

#### SCHOOL PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

After the 10:00 am church service on Sunday, August 20, we will be having a short service at St. Paul's school to dedicate the playground and its new equipment. Join us as we thank the Lord for his wonderful blessings and ask his continued blessings on our school facilities and grounds!

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION CHANGE THIS YEAR

School registration this year at St. Paul's will be after the playground dedication following the second service on August 20. Registration will still take place in the school gym.

#### FIRST SUNDAY WITH SCREEN

Our first Sunday utilizing a screen as a worship tool is tentatively planned for August 20, barring any changes in the installation plan. The screen is scheduled to be installed the week of August 14. We pray the Lord blesses the words of Scripture and the scriptural truths in liturgy and song that will grace the screen each week, and that he focuses our use of the screen on his glorious gospel and our connection to the forgiveness we have in Christ!

## FIRST SUNDAY WITH NEW HYMNAL COMING UP

We will be officially transitioning to our synod's new Christian Worship hymnal on Sunday, September 3. A reminder that this transition will take some time until all are comfortable—and that's ok. Unfamiliar or difficult music will be introduced in various ways, and worshipers will be encouraged to join in singing as they are comfortable. We will be using each setting (liturgy) for four weeks in a row to develop familiarity, and we will only introduce Setting 1 and Setting 3 at first. Once comfortable, we can introduce Setting 2 (a more unique setting) in the future. If you would like to purchase a new hymnal for at-home use, please message or email Pastor Groth. We pray the Lord bless our transition to this new hymnal and continue to bless our worship in Jesus' name!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY RETURNING SOON

Our Sunday morning Bible study and Sunday School will start back up the week after Labor Day on Sunday, September 10. Our first midweek studies will be September 12 and 13.

#### MIDWEEK STUDY – THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Our first midweek Bible study this fall will be on one of the most interesting books of Scripture: Revelation. Chapter by chapter the author cuts a pathway through each vision and prophecy of Revelation until he reaches the clearing where we behold a new heaven and a new earth. The 12 Lessons include: The Purpose, Outline and Interpretation of the Book; The Letters to the Seven Churches; God's Rule of the World; The Seven Seals; God's Judgment of the World; The Church Secure and Glorified; The Devil and His Helpers Appear; The Seven Bowls of Wrath; The Downfall of the Devil's Allies; The Millennium; The New Heaven and the New Earth; and Review. Join me as we dive into the imagery and meaning of Christ our Savior in the book of Revelation.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL @ ST. JOHN'S BARRE MILLS

St. John's in Barre Mills will be having their annual fellowship event that includes ice cream, supper, children's games, pies, entertainment, and music on Sunday, August 13, beginning at 4:00 pm.

## WELS CHRISTIAN AID AND RELIEF VOLUNTEER SURVEY

WELS Christian Aid and Relief is all about showing compassion to those in need. One area in which they serve is disaster relief. When appropriate, they supply funding, equipment, and trained volunteers to relieve the suffering of those who have been impacted by a flood, tornado, hurricane, or some other disaster. They have done this for many years. Now, they would like to improve and expand this ministry of compassion.

One way they can improve is by gathering a corps of trained leaders who have the experience and technical know-how that are crucial for disaster relief work. They are looking for WELS members who have both a passion for helping those in need and certain necessary skills to serve on one of our Incident Management Teams (IMTs).

A link to a brief survey has been shared in the email news (or you can email Pastor Groth for the link). They are looking for people with skills in construction, construction management, volunteer management, medical services (physicians, nurses, EMTs, etc.), and a number of other areas. Those who have served as volunteers for the American Red Cross or FEMA often have just the kind of skills they are looking for. In addition, those who have served or are currently serving as police officers, fire fighters, or members of the armed forces have much of the background, training, and experience they need. Thank you for considering.

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

2023 Weekly Budget: \$11,203.00 Budget to Date: \$347,293.00 Received Last Week: \$6,263.70 Rec'd to Date: \$248,757.22

#### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 112 Live Stream Peak: 21 10:00 am: 58 Monday: 35 Total: 226

# **CALENDAR**

**TODAY** 8:00 am Worship with Communion

9:15 am Presentation on Christian Family Solutions

10:00 am Worship with Communion

6:00 pm PACE Meeting

**MONDAY** 7:00 pm Worship with Communion

**NEXT SUNDAY** 8:00 am Worship

10:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Bangor Fun Daze Parade

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Presiding Minister Guest Preacher and Presenter Accompanist Pastor Brock Groth James Mattek, Director of Ministry for CFS Irene Bakken

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