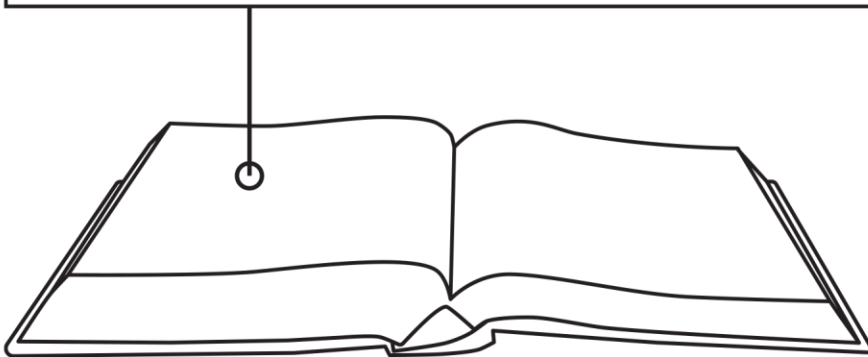


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**THE CHRISTIAN ANSWERS DOUBT WITH FAITH**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

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*August 13 & 14, 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**

Lord, there are so many worries and fears that swirl around me, and I often sink into doubting your power and grace. Speak your powerful Word to my wavering mind and heart that I can trust in your love for me. Lift my voice today to cry out for your mercy and to praise you with awe and joy for your unchanging, ever-standing grace in Christ. 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.



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

*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.*

## OPENING HYMN

*Drawn to the Cross* | 387



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing  
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -  
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my  
bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with  
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your  
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

*please stand*

## 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.**

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## *Prayer and Praise*

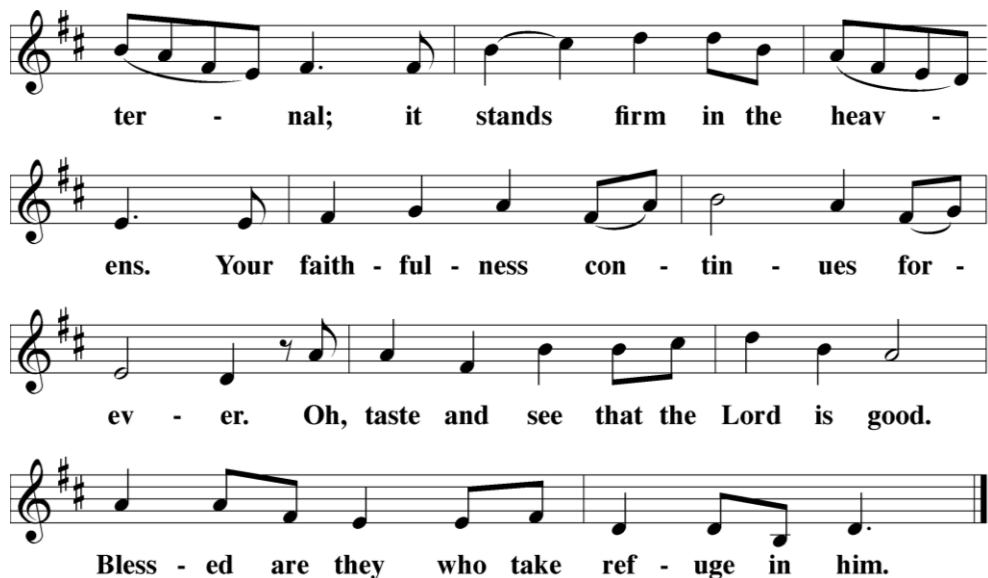
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

*(short musical intro)*

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

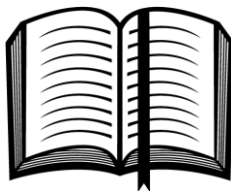
## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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**

*1 Kings 19:9-18*

<sup>9</sup>[Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

<sup>10</sup>He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life."

<sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind.

After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

<sup>12</sup>After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice.

<sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

<sup>14</sup>He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life."

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. <sup>18</sup>But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him."



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a-  
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And  
 3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in his shad-ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your  
 guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"  
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*



And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, Bear you on the



breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And



hold you in the palm of his hand.

## SECOND LESSON

*Romans 8:28-39*

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, <sup>29</sup>because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

<sup>33</sup>Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! <sup>34</sup>Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! <sup>35</sup>What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Hebrews 11:1*

**Alleluia. Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. Alleluia.**

*(short musical intro)*



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!





*please stand*

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 14:22-33*

<sup>22</sup>Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. <sup>24</sup>By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup>In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, "It's a ghost!" <sup>27</sup>But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, "Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup>Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*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

*Be Still, My Soul* | 415



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul, though dear - est friends de - part  
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;  
 To guide the fu - ture as he has the past.  
 And all is dark - ened in the vale of tears;  
 When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;  
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;  
 Then you will bet - ter know his love, his heart,  
 When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.  
 All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fears.  
 Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
His voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.  
From his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

## SERMON

*Matthew 14:22-33*

**"Take heart! It Is I!"**

*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*

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## *Thanksgiving*

### **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, heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you for the unsurpassed gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we are unworthy sinners who have transgressed your will and Word. We repent of our evil and pray for the faith that trusts utterly and completely in the righteousness of Christ Jesus for our forgiveness.

**C: Open our hearts to the mighty power of your Word.**

M: Teach us to depend on your holy sacrament for spiritual strength. Grant that our minds may be renewed in righteousness and that our consciences may be stirred to choose the good.

**C: Grant that our every thought, word, and deed may be brought into captivity to Christ.**

M: Give to your Church ministers and teachers who have the faithfulness and courage of true prophets, that your people may be built up in faith, abound in good works, rejoice in your love, and finally enter your heavenly kingdom.

**C: Give us all the courage to hold firmly to your Word in every situation.**

M: We pray for our beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the standard of all that is right is not personal advancement or private favor, not public opinion or party platform, but your holy will.

**C: Lavish your grace on all families, that each home may reflect Christian love and character.**

M: For all who are in any sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering, for all who are in any danger of body or soul, we pray. Teach them to turn to you and wait on you for mercy.

**C: Grant them hope and a joyous deliverance from all their trials.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our refuge and hope, who also taught us to pray...

## **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.**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your  
 earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that  
 bears us all a - way; We fly, for - got - ten,



storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,  
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 you are God, To end - less years the same.  
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 as a dream Dies at the op'n - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Still be our guard while troubles last  
 And our eternal home!



*please stand*

## 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*



# CLOSING HYMN

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* | 433



1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's tem -  
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush the  
 3 When at last I near the shore And the fear - ful



pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
 o - cean wild. Bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy will  
 break - ers roar 'Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,



Hid - ing rock and treach-'rous shoal. Chart and com - pass  
 When thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won-drous Sov - 'reign  
 Then, while lean - ing on thy breast, May I hear thee



come from thee: Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 say to me, "Fear not! I will pi - lot thee."



# *NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS*

## **FUN DAZE PARADE**

The Bangor Fun Daze Parade is today, 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 the Bangor Legion. 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!

## **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

Our school will once again be having a Back to School Bash on the first Friday of the school year, August 25, at 5:30 pm, at the school. We will have a potluck, a bounce house, face painting, and games. Please bring a dish to pass (nut-free please) and lawn chairs. Bottled water will be provided. Join us for another fun night of fellowship as we celebrate the new school year together!

## **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.

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

2023 Weekly Budget: \$11,203.00

Budget to Date: \$358,496.00

Received Last Week: \$8,474.41

Rec'd to Date: \$257,231.63

**LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE**

8:00 am: 97

Live Stream Peak: 23

10:00 am: 70

Monday: 40

Total: 230

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*CALENDAR*

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Worship
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Fun Daze Parade</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 pm	Worship
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:30 am	Visitation for Lucille Hesselberg
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Funeral for Lucille Hesselberg</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion & School Opening Service
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>School Playground Dedication</b>
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>School Registration</b>

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**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Presiding Minister**

**Accompanist**

Pastor Brock Groth

Harriet Langrehr

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