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A CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
School Opening Service (10:00 am)

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

August 20 & 21, 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 Jesus, your love for all people led you to the cross to shed your blood for every man, woman, and child. Forgive me when I fail to show the same all-encompassing compassion as you, especially as I look down on others because of who they are or the sins they've committed. Show me your grace today shown in your all-sufficient sacrifice, and strengthen me that I can rejoice with you when anyone comes to you seeking your mercy. In your 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.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Service of Word and Sacrament is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that highlights the gospel in the Scripture readings as well as in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Lord | 735



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

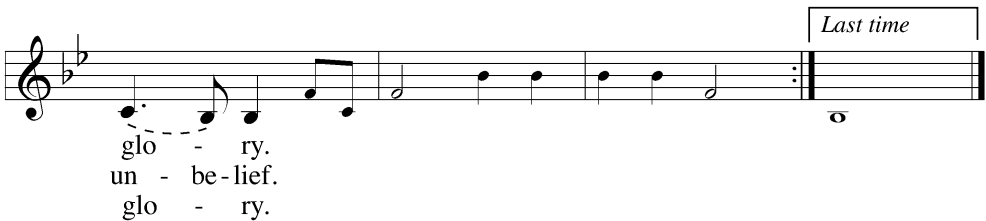
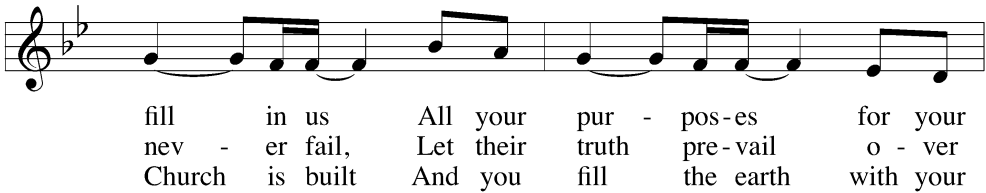


fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll

continued...



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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



be seated

BAPTISM

(8:00 am)

Jed David Caygill

(10:00 am)

Camden Henry Mlsna

p.12



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

¹This is what the LORD says.

Protect justice, and carry out righteousness,
because my salvation is coming very soon.
My righteousness is ready to be revealed.

⁶Then the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him and to love the name of the LORD
and to become his servants,
every one of them who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
those who take hold of my covenant—

⁷I will bring them to my holy mountain,
and I will make them glad in my house of prayer.
Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar.
For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples of the world.

⁸This is the declaration of God the LORD,
who gathers Israel's dispersed people:
"I will gather still more people to my house besides the ones already gathered."

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:13–22

¹³But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them ¹⁵when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. ¹⁶And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. ¹⁷He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. ²⁰You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the

Cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

²³But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

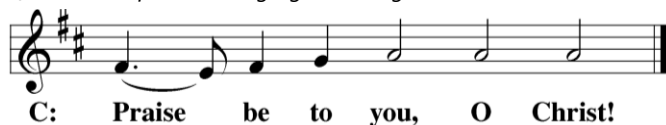
²⁵But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me."

²⁶He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs."

²⁷"Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

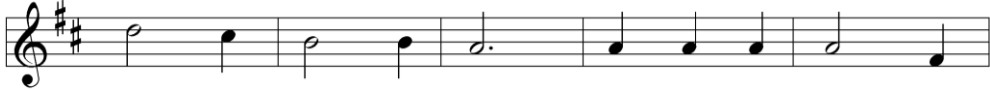
After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



be seated



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the
 5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
 Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.
 soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

God's Mercy Is for All

please stand

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.**

be seated

OFFERING

"Bring the complete tithe to the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Just test me in this, says the LORD of Armies. See whether I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour down blessing on you, until there is more than enough" (Malachi 3:10).

INSTALLATION OF MRS. SUSAN RIEDIGER

(10:00 am)

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.**

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 to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(no musical intro)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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.

C: A - men.

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.



1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to
 2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to
 3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to
 4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for
 5 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen -



me. My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened
 me, A soul in bit - ter an - guish, One need - ing
 me: To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the
 me. From door to door I wit - ness To share my
 cy! Each mo - ment souls are dy - ing; Soon comes e -



now to see That I my - self was help - less To
 to be free. The gift I have to of - fer Is
 call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who
 Sav - ior's plea; Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, No
 ter - ni - ty. And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, This



live e - ter - nal - ly, But, dy - ing, Christ did
 Christ, my Lord's de - cree That all have been for -
 share the gos - pel key We spread the gos - pel
 word on bend - ed knee, Be - yond the sim - ple
 is my hum - ble plea: Pre - pare me for my



save me, And now he calls for me!
 giv - en— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 tid - ings— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 gos - pel— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 mis - sion For you are call - ing me!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lift High the Cross | 579

Refrain



Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our cap-tain trod, Our

2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign, The

3 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: Praise



king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.

hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.

to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Salvation unto Us Has Come | 390

as needed



1 Sal-va-tion un-to us has come By God's free grace

2 What God does in his law de-mand And none to him

3 It is a false, mis-lead-ing dream That God his law

4 Yet as the law must be ful-filled Or we must die

5 Since Christ has full a-tone-ment made And brought to us



and fa-vor. Good works can-not a-vert our doom;

can ren-der Brings wrath and woe on ev-'ry hand

has giv-en That sin-ners can them-selves re-deem

de-spair-ing, Christ came and has God's an-ger stilled,

sal-va-tion, Each Chris-tian there-fore may be glad



They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to
For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has
And by their works gain heav - en. The law is
Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for
And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -



Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.
law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
venge - ance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise

To Father, Son, and Spirit,

The God who saved us by his grace—

All glory to his merit!

O Triune God in heav'n above,

You have revealed your saving love;

Your blessed name be hallowed!

PRAYER (10:00 am)

M: O God, source of all wisdom and knowledge, we pray for students and teachers. As they begin this new school year, we pray that the Holy Spirit may guide them as they gain insight through your Word.

C: Lord, bless their studies.

M: We pray specifically for teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students.

C: Lord, bless their teaching.

M: We pray specifically for all of those who seek knowledge of the things of this world, that they may always pursue your precious wisdom above all.

C: Lord, bless their learning.

M: We pray specifically for parents and caretakers, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to their children and to all of us.

C: Lord, bless their care.

M: Lord God, we pray for all of us, that we may always grow in your grace. Help us shed the sins that entangle us, and renew us in the joy of your salvation in Jesus. This school year and beyond, give us courage to share this good news with those around us, especially with those who don't yet know of your forgiveness and grace. We ask all of these things through Jesus Christ our Lord.



SCHOOL YEAR INVOCATION (10:00 am)

M: We begin this school year in the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

To God Be the Glory | 399



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

Refrain...

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Fa-ther through Je-sus the Son

And give him the glo-ry—great things he has done!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
 Harriet Langrehr

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND DEDICATION TODAY

After the 10:00 am church service today, 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 TODAY

School registration this year at St. Paul's will be after the playground dedication following the second service today (August 20). Registration will take place after a schoolwide meeting in the gym.

WELCOME SUE RIEDIGER!

We are overjoyed to welcome Mrs. Susan Riediger to our school faculty! If you would like to help welcome Mrs. Riediger and her family, we have placed a box for cards in the narthex. We will have the box up through the end of August.

COME CELEBRATE HARRIET'S 60 YEARS AS ORGANIST!

Harriet Langrehr has been blessing worship services at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church with her gift playing the organ and piano for 60 years! We will have a fellowship hour in her honor in the newly remodeled church basement between services on Sunday, August 27. Join us as we celebrate and thank Harriet for her faithful work for our congregation.

CLASSROOM GIVING TREE

Located in the church entryway is a "Giving Tree" that has some wish list items our St. Paul's teachers have requested for their classroom. If you're willing and would like to contribute to the classrooms, feel free to pick an item from the tree, purchase, and then bring the item back to the donation bin. Our students and teachers appreciate all of your support!

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. All are welcome! 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.

CAMM LETTER

Copies of the Central Africa Medical Mission letter for August are printed and ready for you in the church lobby.

THANK YOU FROM MICAH GRAY

Micah Gray would like to thank the congregation for continuing to participate in the Congregational Partner Grant Program with Martin Luther College. He immensely appreciates the encouragement and support he has received as he continues to pursue his degree.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2023 Weekly Budget: \$11,203.00	Budget to Date: \$369,699.00
Received Last Week: \$6,601.41	Rec'd to Date: \$263,833.04

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 88 Live Stream Peak: 21 10:00 am: 46 Monday: 37 Total: 192

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion
	11:15 am	School Playground Dedication & School Registration
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Worship with Communion
WEDNESDAY		First Day of School
FRIDAY	5:30 pm	Back to School Bash
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:10 am	Fellowship Hour in Honor of Harriet Langrehr
	10:00 am	Worship

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