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A CHURCH THAT REALLY KNOWS JESUS

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

August 27 & 28, 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, who you are is most important piece of information I can know. Yet I can doubt who you say you are and fail to grow in that knowledge through studying your Word. Help me see the seriousness of knowing the answer to the question "Who is Jesus?" and help me learn so that I can confess you as well as Peter did when you asked him. Continue to build your church on my faithful confession of who you are. In your name—and all that it means—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.



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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me | 389



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

please stand

INVOCATION

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



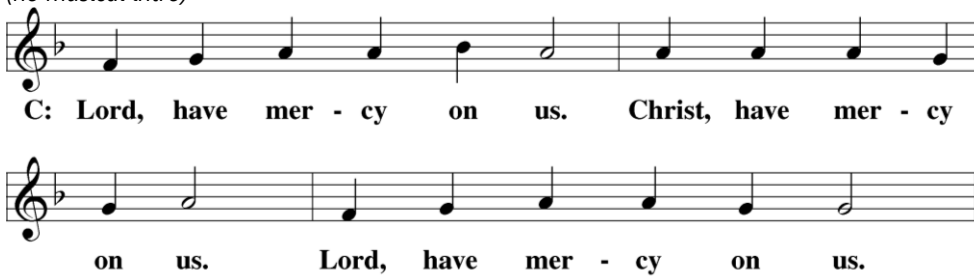
CONFESSION

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

(no musical intro)



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.

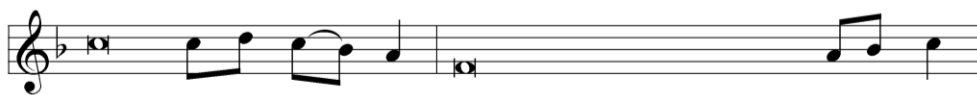


Prayer and Praise

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

(no musical intro)



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:5-9

⁵The LORD came down in the cloud. He took his stand there with Moses and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶The LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed: "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and overflowing with mercy and truth, ⁷maintaining mercy for thousands,

forgiving guilt and rebellion and sin. He will by no means clear the guilty. He calls their children and their children's children to account for the guilt of the fathers, even to the third and the fourth generation."

⁸Moses quickly bowed to the ground and worshipped. ⁹He said, "If I have now found favor in your sight, Lord, please let the Lord go along with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our guilt and our sin, and accept us as your possession."

HYMN

This Is the Threefold Truth | 406



1 This is the three - fold truth on which our
2 Made sa - cred by long use, new - mint - ed
3 On this we fix our minds as, kneel - ing
4 By this we are up - held when doubt or
5 This is the three - fold truth which, if we

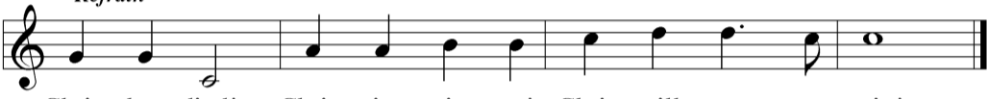


faith de - pends; And with this joy - ful
for our time, Our lit - ur - gies sum
side by side, We take the bread and
grief as - sails Our Chris - tian faith and
hold it fast, Chang - es the world and



cry wor - ship be - gins and ends:
up the hope we have in him:
wine, take him, the Cru - ci - fied:
love, and on - ly grace a - vails:
us and brings us home at last:

Refrain



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:5-13

⁵Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: "The one who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. ⁹Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

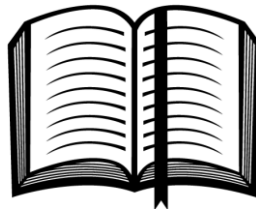
¹²So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

VERSE OF THE DAY

1 Timothy 1:10b

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

(no musical intro)



please stand

GOSPEL

Mathew 16:13–20

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

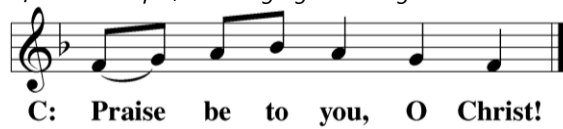
¹⁴They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

Built on the Rock | 529



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, That, when the



stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth his
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God did re - ceive us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of his won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what the sac - ra - ment gives
faith may come Where Christ his mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two his name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know my own; my own know me.



But a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,
Choos - es to live with us in love,
Yet he would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
You, not the world, my face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
With all his grace and his fa - vor.
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
My peace I leave with you al - ways."

SERMON

Mathew 16:13-20

We Confess Christ

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 G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a short instrumental introduction. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with 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

M: Almighty God, we praise and honor your holy name for your numerous acts of love and mercy on behalf of your people. We especially thank you for the gift of your one and only Son, who has ascended into heaven and sits at your right hand. We rejoice in the knowledge that he is our advocate before your throne and that he intercedes for us in all our needs.

Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds with understanding and knowledge of your heavenly truths. Give to all who serve your holy Church a full measure of your grace that Christ may be confessed, his cross uplifted, and his gospel declared as the only way to eternal life.

Bless all parents that they may be wholesome examples to their children. May they teach their children to love you, to practice virtue, to desire to pursue instruction in your Word, and to serve you Church and all people.

Hear the prayers of all who are afflicted. In the quiet hour of the night, when they are weighed down with pain, loneliness, and anxiety, bring them strength and hope by assuring them that your love endures, your power overcomes, and your presence remains constant.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: As we leave this hour of worship, we give all glory to Jesus.

C: To him be praise and honor and glory and power now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord,
 4 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees
 5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult



Christ, her Lord; She is his new cre - a - tion By
 all the earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One
 to de - fend, To guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, Is
 her op - pressed, By schisms rent a - sun - der, By
 of her war She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of



wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and
 Lord, one faith, one birth. One ho - ly name she
 with her to the end. Though there be those that
 her - e - sies dis - tressed, Yet saints their watch are
 peace for - ev - er - more Till with the vi - sion



sought her To be his ho - ly bride; With his own
 bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food, And to one
 hate her And strive to see her fail, A - gainst both
 keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the
 glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest And the great



blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
 hope she press - es, With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 foe and trai - tor She ev - er shall pre - vail.
 night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

please stand

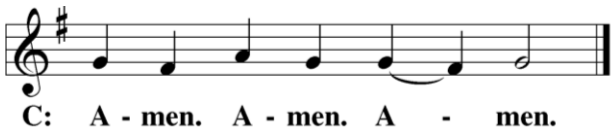
PRAYER

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.

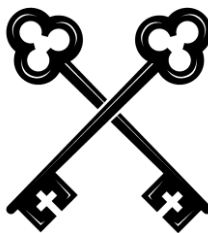


BLESSING

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | 382



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop
then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 today. Join us as we celebrate and thank Harriet for her faithful work for our congregation.

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.

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!

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!

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.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PRE-CONFIRMATION

If you have a child in the public school in grade 5 or 6, we will be having pre-confirmation studies on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm starting on September 13 (same time as confirmation class). The class will be led by Mr. Mark Larson. Please notify Pastor Groth at pastor@stpaulsbangor.com of your interest in enrolling your child.

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.

BIBLE BASICS CLASS

Our next Bible Basics class (also called Bible Information Class or the new member class) will be on Mondays at 6:00 pm starting Monday, October 2. If interested in attending, please contact Pastor Groth at pastor@stpaulsbangor.com.

SCRIP

St. Paul's gets money when you purchase gift cards through the Scrip program. The gift cards can be used for things you already purchase all the time from common stores (Hansen's, Walmart, Home Depot, etc.). The percentage of your purchases that St. Paul's receives varies depending on the store.

If you would like to purchase gift cards through Scrip, use the order forms found in the church lobby or at the school. Return the order form to the Scrip box at church by the 15th of each month. The cards will come in the mail and be distributed to you.

Or, if you're tech savvy, you can simply use the RaiseRight app and do everything from your phone. Your gift cards then are automatically added to the app and you can use the barcode that shows on your phone to make your purchases. Our school's enrollment code for the app can be found on a piece of paper next to the Scrip box at church or in the school office.

You can designate a specific family or the credit will go to the general fee assistance fund. Families will then be able to use the credit that was built up over the year (July 1 - June 30) and can choose to apply that credit towards next school year's tuition.

Thank you for considering helping out our ministry using Scrip!

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2023 Weekly Budget: \$11,203.00	Budget to Date: \$380,902.00
Received Last Week: \$5,244.60	Rec'd to Date: \$269,077.64

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 128 Live Stream Peak: 11 10:00 am: 104 Monday: 38 Total: 281

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
Irene Bakken

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CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Fellowship Hour to Honor Harriet Langrehr
	10:00 am	Worship
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Worship (Last Monday Worship of the Year)
THURSDAY	2:00 pm	Ladies Aid Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY		First Sunday with New Hymnal
	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion

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