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FAITH

**THE LIVING LORD COMPLETELY CHANGES
OUR VIEW OF DEATH**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

June 30 & July 1, 2024

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

Resurrected Lord, I know you have power over death. As the world tries to convince me that death is a fearful thing, remind me today that I have nothing to fear. Renew in me a confidence that death is not an end but a deliverance, and that it will not mean the end of my body because you have promised to exert your power over death on the Last Day and raise my body to life as well. Work in me your lifegiving power that others might come to know it, too. Standing in your grace I pray all these things. 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.



SETTING ONE

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The Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that highlights the Word of God and the forgiveness, life, and salvation we receive through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN

846 I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name



1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus' name, a rest from all
2 I know of a morn - ing, bright and fair when ti - dings of
3 God's Son to our graves then makes his way; his voice hear all
4 O Je - sus, draw near my dy - ing bed and take me in -



toil and sor - row; earth folds in her arms my wea - ry frame
joy shall wake us, when songs from on high shall fill the air
tribes and na - tions. The trum - pet of God will sound the day
to your keep - ing and say when my spir - it hence is fled,



and shel - ters it till the mor - row. My soul is at
and God to his glo - ry take us, when Je - sus shall
and shake all the earth's foun - da - tions. He calls out a -
"This child is not dead, but sleep - ing." And leave me not,



home with God in heav'n; my sor - rows are past and o - ver.
bid us rise from sleep; how joy - ous that hour of wak - ing!
loud, "O dead, come forth!" In glo - ry we rise to meet him.
Sav - ior, till I rise to praise you in life e - ter - nal.

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INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

DECLARATION OF GRACE

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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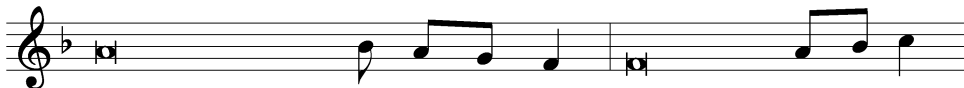
GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



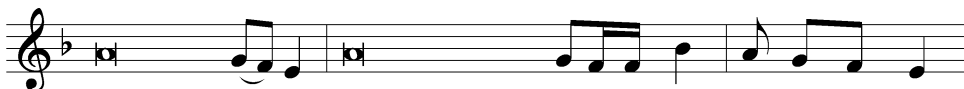
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



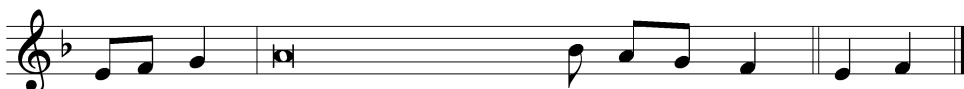
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of 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.

The Word

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Lamentations 3:22–33

²²By the mercies of the LORD we are not consumed,
for his compassions do not fail.

²³They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

²⁴My soul says, "The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for a man that he bears a yoke early in his life.

²⁸Let him sit alone and be silent, because the LORD has laid this upon him.

²⁹Let him stick his face in the dust. Perhaps there still is hope.

³⁰Let him turn his cheek toward the one who strikes him.

Let him be filled with disgrace.

³¹For the Lord will not push us away forever.

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³²Even though he brings grief, he will show compassion
on the basis of his great mercy.

³³Certainly, it is not what his heart desires when he causes affliction,
when he brings grief to the children of men.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

576 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:7–15

⁷We hold this treasure in clay jars to show that its extraordinary power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not despairing; ⁹persecuted, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹To be sure, while we are living we are continually being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. ¹²So then, death is working in us, but life is working in you.

¹³Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken," we also believe, and therefore we speak. ¹⁴For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence. ¹⁵In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

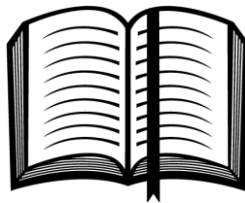
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lamentations 3:25

Alleluia!

**The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.**

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Mark 5:21–24a, 35–43

²¹When Jesus had again crossed over in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him near the sea. ²²Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³and repeatedly pleaded with him, “My little daughter is near death. Please come and place your hands on her so that she may be healed and live.” ²⁴Jesus went with him.

³⁵While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue ruler’s house arrived, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher anymore?”

³⁶But when Jesus heard this report, he told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid. Only believe.” ³⁷He did not allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸They went into the house of the synagogue ruler, and Jesus saw a commotion with people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

⁴⁰They laughed at him. But after he put everyone out, he took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Grasping the hand of the child, he said to her, “Talitha, koum!” (When translated, that means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”) ⁴²Immediately the little girl stood up and began to walk around. (She was twelve years old.) They were completely and utterly amazed. ⁴³Then he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and he told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

831 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, though their weight
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, and I will
 4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, for I am
 5 Since I know God nev - er fails me, in his voice



with his cheer; nev - er will he leave me.
 may be great, they will not de - feat me.
 trust him still when he sends me sad - ness.
 his dear lamb, he, my Shep - herd ev - er.
 I'll re - joice when grim death as - sails me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en that God's Son
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sees them; he who knows
 God is good; his love at - tends me day by day,
 I am his be - cause he gave me his own blood
 Trust - ing in my Sav - ior's mer - it, safe at last,



for me won when his life was giv - en?
 all my woes knows how best to end them.
 come what may, guides me and de - fends me.
 for my good, by his death to save me.
 trou - bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

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Extraordinary Power at Work

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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

OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Lead the citizens of our land to honor the useful foundations of society.

Care for those who are sick or have been injured. Calm those who are disappointed and depressed. Provide guidance to those who care for people in trouble or in need.

Lead us to provide help when we can and to pray at all times.

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Brief intercessory prayers may be added here.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

HYMN

835 Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, When my life is al - most gone,
near And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my



light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

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PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.**

BLESSING

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.
Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

803 Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at-tend me, bring-ing com-fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro-vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur-dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you
 wis-dom to o-bey; I will seek your lov-ing will to
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near-er to my heav'n-ly goal.
 guide me o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day.
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di-vine, be-yond all mor-tal mea-sure, brings to naught the
 I will fear no e-vil of the mor-row, I will trust in
 Day by day, no mat-ter what be-tide me, you will hold me



bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior, lead me to the home I
 your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior, help me bear life's pain and
 ev-er in your hand. Sav-ior, with your pres-ence here to



treasure, where at last I'll find e-ter-nal rest.
 sor-row till in glo-ry I be-hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY VOTERS' MEETING

Our next quarterly voters' meeting will be Sunday, July 14, at 11:15 am in the church basement. Note: In order to satisfy continuing school Accreditation requirements, there is a proposed amendment to the Bylaws which inserts the redline language into the current Bylaw concerning the Education Committee. Because this is a change to our Bylaws, it must be voted on by the voters in the July meeting and appear in the bulletin twice before the vote. If there are any questions on this, please feel free to call Congregational President Dan Arndt or Education Committee Chairman Dale Arndt.

ST. PAUL'S @ THE COUNTY FAIR

We will once again be manning the WELS fair booth on the opening night of the La Crosse County Fair, Wednesday, July 17, from 5:00-10:00 pm. If you're able to help out and tell people about Jesus while inviting them to one of our area WELS churches for eternal comfort and hope, the Lord would appreciate it. Also, if you'd like to donate some school supplies for prizes, you can place them in the box in the lobby anytime between now and the Sunday before the fair.

CROSS TO GLORY CONCERT

Faith Lutheran Church of Black River Falls and Cataract, Wisconsin, would like to invite you to a Christian concert by WELS band - Cross to Glory. This will be a part of Black River Falls' concerts in the park series at the Lunda Community Park (1400 Tyler St, Black River Falls, WI 54615). It is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, at 7 pm. There is no cost. Cross to Glory started in 2010 and the group has played throughout the Midwest as well as Arizona, Texas, and Florida and as far away as Israel. The music of Cross to Glory has been described as a mix of Christian Rock, Country, Folk and Gospel. For more information on the concert, check out Faith's website: www.faihwels.com. In addition to sponsoring the band, Faith will provide free popcorn and lemonade. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. In case of stormy weather tune to WWIS Radio (99.7) to hear if the concert will be moved to the church building.

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OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2024 Weekly Budget: \$11,826.00 Budget to Date: \$295,650.00
Received Last Week: \$6,027.63 Rec'd to Date: \$207,761.94

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 88 Online Viewers: 46 10:00 am: 88 Monday: 34 Total: 256

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:00 am Worship
9:00 am Fellowship Hour
10:00 am Worship

MONDAY

7:00 pm Worship

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am Worship with Communion
9:00 am Fellowship Hour
10:00 am Worship with Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
Irene Bakken

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