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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

July 14 & 15, 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

God over all, you yourself have called me into your kingdom and have therefore also called me to be your ambassador to the world. Today open my eyes to the ways I show a lack of confidence in this ministry you've given me. Open my heart to the message of Christ fulfilling your Word for me. Send me out from this place leaning on your authority as I share your Word with others. I ask this in the name of Christ my Savior. 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

Christian Worship '93

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

898 Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit



1 Send, O Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it on your ser - vants
2 You, O Lord, your - self have called them for your pre - cious
3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help them nour - ish our dear chil - dren



now, we pray; let them all be faith - ful shep - herds
lambs to care; but to pros - per in their call - ing,
with your Word, that in con - stant love they serve you



that no lamb is led a - stray. Your pure teach - ing to pro -
they the Spir - it's gifts must share. Grant them wis - dom from a -
till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less bless - ings, Lord, be -



claim, to a - dore your ho - ly name, and to feed your
bove, fill their hearts with ho - ly love; in their weak - ness,
stow on your ser - vants' work be - low till by grace to



lambs, dear Sav - ior, make their aim and sole en - deav - or.
Lord, be near them, in their prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear them.
them is giv - en their re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

Text: tr. Frederick W. Herzberger, 1859–1930, alt.; Lieder-Perlen, St. Louis, 1905

Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667

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Stand

INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION

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.

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

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.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

(short musical intro)

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.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It begins with a short instrumental introduction consisting of four measures. The lyrics are aligned with the notes below the staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the final line.

The Word

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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

Amos 7:10–15

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words. ¹¹This is what Amos says: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil."

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, "You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. ¹³But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple."

¹⁴Then Amos responded to Amaziah:

I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



HYMN745 *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying*

1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
 2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
 3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are ripe and har - vests wait - ing; who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, you can say he died for all.
 point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,
 while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing, and the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; rich re - ward he of - fers thee.
 If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
 with your prayers and with your of - f'nings you can do what God de - mands;
 Take the task he gives you glad - ly, let his work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
 you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
 you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
 an - swer quick - ly when he call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Text: (st. 3) unknown, alt.; (sts. 1-2, 4): Daniel March, 1816-1909, sts. 1,2,4, abr., alt

Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

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SECOND READING*Titus 1:5-9*

⁵The reason I left you in Crete was so that you would set in order the things that were left unfinished and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you. ⁶Such a man is to be blameless, the husband of only one wife, and to have believing children who are not open to a charge of wild living or disobedience. ⁷Indeed an overseer, since he is God's steward, must be blameless, not arrogant, not quick-tempered, not a

drunkard, not violent, not eager for dishonest gain. ⁸Instead, he must be hospitable, loving what is good, self-controlled, upright, devout, and disciplined. ⁹He must cling to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he will be able both to encourage people by the sound teaching and also to correct those who oppose him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Timothy 1:7

Alleluia!

**For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid,
but gives us power, love and self-discipline.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:7–13

⁷Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. ⁹They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. ¹¹Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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

897 *Lord Jesus, You Have Come*



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come a teach - er sent from heav - en
2 O bless - ed min - is - try of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,
3 Pre - serve this min - is - try while har - vest days are keep - ing;
4 The ser - vants you have called and to your Church are giv - ing
5 Bring those in - to your fold who still to you are stran - gers;



and by both word and deed God's truth to us have giv - en.
that shows the way to God and brings to us sal - va - tion!
and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reap - ing,
pre - serve in doc - trine pure and ho - li - ness of liv - ing.
guard those who are with - in a - gainst of - fense and dan - gers.



You wise - ly have or - dained the ho - ly min - is - try
Lord, by your gos - pel pure you bless and keep your fold,
send work - ers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gath - er in
Your Spir - it fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;
Press on - ward with your Word till pas - tor and his fold



that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.
you call, en - light - en, keep, you com - fort and up - hold.
that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.
what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!
through faith in you, O Christ, your glo - ry shall be - hold.

*Text: tr. composite; Eberhard L. Fischer, 1695–1773, abr.
Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693
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The Lord Ensures Ministry Success

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

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

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Brief intercessory prayers may be added here.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let

nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

HYMN

742 On Galilee's High Mountain



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun - tain Christ gave the great com -
2 The Lord, who, born of Mar - y, came down as man and
3 His strength with - in my weak - ness will make me bold to
4 And not a - lone to na - tions in far - a - way re -
5 Lord, gath - er all your chil - dren, wher - ev - er they may



mand in words of strength and prom - ise which
died, who preached to all who lis - tened, for
say how his re - deem - ing pow - er trans -
treats, but ev - 'ry - where I broad - cast his
be, and lead them on to heav - en to



all can un - der - stand: "All pow'r to me is
us was cru - ci - fied. This Lord, our liv - ing
forms my stub - born clay. His touch of fire ig -
love through crowd - ed streets. The lives that my life
live e - ter - nal - ly with you, our lov - ing



giv - en to do what I shall choose; there -
broth - er, in pow'r at God's right hand has
nites me, with cour - age I am sent, my
touch - es, how - ev - er great or small— let
Fa - ther, and Christ, our broth - er dear, whose



fore I send my chil - dren, their wit - ness I will use.”
cho - sen us to car - ry his truth to ev - 'ry land.
tongue-tied si - lence bro - ken, with grace made el - o - quent.
them through me see Je - sus, who served and saved us all.
Spir - it guards and gives us the joy to per - se - vere.

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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

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.

Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

640 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -
ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its
teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: tr. Ole G. Belsheim, alt.; Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872

Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTERS' MEETING TODAY

Our quarterly voters' meeting is today at 11:15 am in the church basement.

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.

LUTHER HIGH JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Luther High School is seeking applicants for a part-time study hall supervisor. Hours are from 7:30 AM-12:00 PM. Workdays follow the school year calendar. Candidates need to possess strong interpersonal and communication skills and be able to work with high school students. This is an hourly position and compensation is based on experience. Interested candidates should contact Principal Phil Punzel at punzphil@luther.k12.wi.us.

Luther is also seeking a full-time, 2nd-shift custodian. If you have any questions, please contact Don Johnson at johndona@luther.k12.wi.us.

TRAVEL WITH WELS GROUPS

Interested in traveling with other members of our WELS/ELS faith family where daily devotion and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer several trips in the coming months. Spend some time in Duluth and along the amazing Lake Superior shore in September. Embark on a 2-week trip to Texas via America's Heartland in November. Or ring in the New Year on a Caribbean cruise to visit and encourage our WELS missions in St Lucia, Grenada, and Antigua. All trips originate in MN (New Ulm or Twin Cities), have options to fly-in and meet the group, and are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza (steve@fathersworldtours.com or 507-217-1731).

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OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2024 Weekly Budget: \$11,826.00	Budget to Date: \$319,302.00
Received Last Week: \$8,234.68	Rec'd to Date: \$221,748.05

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 108 Online Viewers: 48 10:00 am: 65 Monday: 47 Total: 268

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Worship
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm	St. Paul's @ County Fair Booth
THURSDAY	6:00 pm	Bible Information Class
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	10:00 am	Worship with Communion

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Accompanist

Pastor Brock Groth
Micah Gray

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