

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
605 South Center Street  
Bremen, Indiana 46506  
574.546.2332  
[www.stpaulsbremen.church](http://www.stpaulsbremen.church)

Today's worship centers our attention on the significance of our faith life and possessing the peace of the Lord throughout our lives.

### Order of Worship

#### The Opening Hymn

LSB 904 verses 1,2,4

#### Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

*Tune and text: Public domain*

#### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### *Exhortation*

*P* If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

*C* **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### *Confession of Sins*

*P* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*C* **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

*P* Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*C* **Amen.**

### *The Prayer of the Day*

*P* Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

***The Epistle Reading***

Romans 10:14-17

<sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

<sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who <sup>[a]</sup>preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"

<sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" <sup>17</sup> So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

***The Holy Gospel***

John 20:19:31

<sup>19</sup> Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" <sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but

believing.”<sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”<sup>30</sup> And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;<sup>31</sup> but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

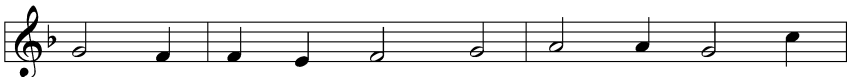
*The Sermon Hymn*

LSB 580 verses 1,4,5,6

The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther’s grace, Who sent His  
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -  
 3 It brings the Sav - ior’s righ - teous - ness To robe our  
 4 It is the pow’r of God to save From sin and



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus  
 ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with  
 souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it  
 Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.  
 guilt op-pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.  
 brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con-science peace.  
 firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad  
 And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
 The weary, burdened souls it cheers  
 And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn  
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
 May we in faith its truth confess  
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

*Tune and text: Public domain*

**The Sermon Text**

John 20:24-31

**The Sermon** “Trusting in God’s Word”

1. Our faith in the resurrected Savior \_\_\_\_\_

by what we \_\_\_\_\_.

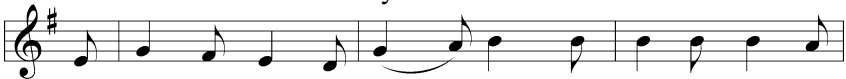
2. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ is given us \_\_\_\_\_

(John 2:18-22; Matthew 12:38-40; Luke 16:29-31; Hebrews 11:1).

**The Hymn of Response**

LSB 587 verse 1

I Know My Faith Is Founded



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let

moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -  
 fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -  
 wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and  
 all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where  
 trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

*Tune and text: Public domain*

## *The Prayers*

### *Lord's Prayer*

*LSB 196*

**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.

### *Benediction*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face  
 shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon

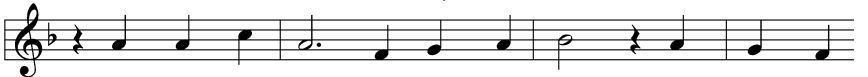
you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

### The Closing Hymn

LSB 585 verses 1,2,5,6

#### Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us  
2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear  
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of  
4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,  
Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure  
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word  
of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.  
till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.  
of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.  
Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

*Tune: Public domain*

*Text: © 1982 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: CPH  
Limited Promotional License no. 11900000*

### Acknowledgments



Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book  
Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House.