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Welcome to the Lord’s house as we are able to assemble together for the first time in nine weeks. Today we are privileged to hear how God wants to guide us by His Spirit through His Word.

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

### Order of Worship

*Opening Hymn* “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” LSB 794



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;  
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,  
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,  
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;  
The Fa - ther’s own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,  
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.  
To whom the heav’n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day  
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood  
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,  
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.  
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.  
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.  
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### *Invocation*

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name

of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### *Introit*

*Psalm 119*

P Your Word is a lamp to my feet  
C **and a light to my path.**  
P Forever, O LORD, Your Word  
C **is firmly fixed in the heavens.**  
P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;  
C **You have established the earth, and it stands fast.**  
P By Your appointment they stand this day,  
C **for all things are Your servants.**  
P If Your law had not been my delight,  
C **I would have perished in my affliction.**  
P I will never forget Your precepts,  
C **for by them You have given me life.**  
All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
P Your Word is a lamp to my feet  
C **and a light to my path.**

### *Kyrie*

*LSB*

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### *Gloria in Excelsis*

*LSB 187*



Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy 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,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

*Salutation and Collect of the Day*

P The Lord be with you.



■ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



■ A - men.

### *The First Reading*

*Acts 17:16-31*

<sup>16</sup> While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to debate with him. Some of them asked, “What is this babbling trying to say?” Others remarked, “He seems to be advocating foreign gods.” They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup> Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we would like to know what they mean.” <sup>21</sup> (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) <sup>22</sup> Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed

anything. Rather, He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> ‘For in Him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are His offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Holy Gospel*

*John 14:15-21*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, keep My commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who

loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love them and show Myself to them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*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 T everlasting. Amen.

*The Sermon Hymn*

LSB 498

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”



1	Come,	Ho - ly	Ghost, Cre - a -	tor blest,	And make
2	To	You, the	Coun - sel - or,	we cry,	To You,
3	In	You, with	grac - es sev - en -	fold,	We God's
4	Your	light to	ev - 'ry thought	im - part,	And shed



our hearts	Your place	of rest;	Come with	Your grace	and
the gift	of God	Most High;	The fount	of life,	the
al - might - y	hand	be - hold	While You	with tongues	of
Your love	in	ev - 'ry heart;	The weak - ness	of our	





heav'n-ly aid,      And fill the hearts which You have made.  
 fire of love,      The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 fire pro - claim      To all the world His ho - ly name.  
 mor - tal state      With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

Drive far away our wily foe,  
 And Your abiding peace bestow;  
 With You as our protecting guide,  
 No evil can with us abide.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
 And You, from both, as Three in One  
 That we Your name may ever bless  
 And in our lives the truth confess.

Praise we the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
 And may the Son on us bestow  
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow!  
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**Sermon Text**

John 14:16-17a

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth.

**Sermon**      “Who Is Your Counselor?”

I. The Counselor of whom Jesus speaks is \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 5:3-4).

A. There are two Greek words for the English word  
 “\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. There is the word “hetros” from which we get our English word “heterodoxy,” or false doctrine.

2. There is the word “allos,” which means \_\_\_\_\_.

This term “another” points to the fact that the Holy Spirit is God, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ from eternity.

B. The term “\_\_\_\_\_” speaks of one who will be \_\_\_\_\_ to sustain and strengthen us in the Christian faith (John 16:13; 14:26; Luke 12:11-12).

II. We need to hear \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ the pages of the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Matthew 24:31).

### *The Hymn of Response*

TLH 225

“Come, Holy Spirit, Come”

1. Come, Holy Spirit, come! Let Thy bright beams arise:  
Dispel the sorrow from our minds, the darkness from our eyes.
- 2 Revive our drooping faith, Our doubts and fears remove,  
and kindle in our breast the flame of never-dying love.
- 3 Convince us of our sin, Then lead to Jesus’ blood, And to  
our wond’ring view reveal the mercies of our God.
- 4 ‘Tis Thine to cleanse the heart, To sanctify the soul, To  
pour fresh life into each part, And new-create the whole.
- 5 Dwell therefore in our hearts; Our minds from bondage  
free; Then shall we know and praise and love the Father,  
Son and Thee.

## *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.

### *Salutation and Benedicamus*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### *Benediction*

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## *The Closing Hymn*

*LSB 655*

## “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Adult Choir: All members of St. Paul's choir are asked to meet in the balcony at the conclusion of today's worship service. We will discuss the possibility of the choir singing in the June 7th Easter Service.

ALTAR GUILD- May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Bethany Room.

## May Calendar of Events

**TODAY..... May 17, 2020**  
Worship Service .....9:30 am  
Choir Meeting- Balcony.....after service  
**MON: 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Board Meetings.....7:00 pm  
**TUES: 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Anniversary Committee Meeting..... 4:00 pm  
**WED: 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Ascension Eve Worship Service with Graduation.....7:00 pm  
**THUR: 21<sup>st</sup>**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation instruction..... 10:00-12:00 pm  
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting.....6:30 pm  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY.....May 24, 2020**  
Worship Service with Holy Communion.....9:30 am  
**MON: 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Memorial Day.....  
**TUES: 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Voter's Meeting.....7:00 pm  
**WEDS: 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Board of Lay Ministry- Confirmand interviews.....6:30 – 8:45 pm  
**THUR: 28<sup>th</sup>**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation instruction..... 10:00-12:00pm  
Board of Lay Ministry- Confirmand interviews..... 7:00- 8:30 pm  
**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY.....May 31, 2020**  
Worship Service.....9:30 am

## SCHOOL CORNER:

- ❖ Thank you, church and school families, for your support during the past 7 weeks of continuous learning here at St. Paul's. With your help, we have reached the end of our school year! Everyone is welcome to attend Ascension Eve Service on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, where we will recognize the graduates of our Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classes. Congratulations to our graduates, and we wish you many blessings in the years ahead!
- ❖ St. Paul's Lutheran School is looking to hire several part-time positions to assist with teaching curriculum, or function as a teacher's aide. Previous experience is preferred. We are looking for help for mornings and /or afternoons. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, or interviewing, please contact Mark Wildauer ([mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org](mailto:mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org) or call 414.698.8928), or contact Deb Burcham in the school office.
- ❖ CPR/ First Aid is being offered on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00/12:30). There is availability for up to 20 people for this free class. School staff, and additional school volunteers are asked to sign up, but there may be additional space for others. If you would desire to participate in this free class, please contact Mark Wildauer (see above) to check availability.

**Men's Bible Study Updates:** The Men's Bible study that previously met at Community Hospital of Bremen, is meeting here in the Bethany Room May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am. Depending on the Hospital's policy, information on the June meeting place will be posted as things change.

Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will resume in the church/school on July 5, 2020. This is in accordance with the State of Indiana Covid-19 five-stage program. Although we are able to worship with social distancing, our classrooms do not presently allow enough space to comply with the order. We will continue to send out Sunday School materials to our K-8 grade classes through May 31.

During the month of June . . . Children may pick up their lessons in the church Narthex (or have them mailed to their

homes). Adults will be provided with an independent Bible study that may also be picked up in the Narthex each Sunday . . .

The Bd. of Christian Ed. has also identified additional online resources and will list them in upcoming bulletins.

Until we meet again, we pray that you find hope and encouragement through God's unfailing Word! "For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth." Psalm 71:5

*St. Paul's Bd. of Christian Education*

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