

As we gather, guided by the Holy Spirit, may we see the weaknesses in our lives, and then see Christ’s power that brings us redemption and the power to serve others. We welcome all to the house of the Lord!

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


#### *The Opening Hymn*

LSB 575


“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”



- 1 My hope is built on nothing 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 righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.  
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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*P* In the name of the Father and of the  $\tau$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*C* **Amen.**

*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.**

*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.**

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### *Introit*

*P* Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

*C* **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

*P* For the LORD has chosen Zion;

*C* **He has desired it for His dwelling place:**

*P* “This is My resting place forever;

*C* **here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

*P* I will abundantly bless her provisions;

*C* **I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

*P* Her priests I will clothe with salvation,

*C* **and her saints will shout for joy.”**

*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* Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

*C* **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

*Kyrie*

*LSB 152*

*P* In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*P* 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.



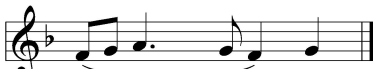
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

### *Gloria in Excelsis*

*LSB 154*

*P* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### *Salutation and Collect of the Day*

*P* The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 2:1–5*

He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” And as He spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. And He said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house, they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own

behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

*P* This is the Word of the Lord.

*C* **Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia and Verse*

*LSB 156*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel*

*Mark 6:1-13*

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Jesus went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this Man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by

His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among His relatives and in His own household.” And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went about among the villages teaching. And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And He said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

*P* This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### *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.**

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

*LSB 839*



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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***Sermon Text***

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

***Sermon***

“Rejoice in Weakness?”

I. Paul could have boasted in his accomplishments, but instead

\_\_\_\_\_.

II. Sin is the ultimate sign \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Christ used “weakness” to conquer \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. With Christ’s power on and in us, we are

“By Grace I’m Saved”

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must  
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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*Prayers*

*Lord's Prayer*

**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*

*LSB 166*

**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.



*“Jesus Loves Me”*

*LSB 588*



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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**Calendar of Events**

**THIS SUNDAY .....July 19, 2020**  
 Sunday School and Bible Classes .....8:30 am  
 Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am  
**MON:**  
 Board Meetings..... 7:00 pm  
**TUES:**  
 Summer Bible Study at Joanna Fox’s..... 7:00 pm  
**THUR:**  
 Board of Lay Ministry..... 6:30 pm  
**NEXT SUNDAY..... July 26, 2020**  
 Sunday School and Bible Classes .....8:30 am  
 Worship Service.....9:30 am

**VACATION:**

**Pastor Rohde is on vacation July 20 – July 27**

ALTAR GUILD MEETING: July 28, 6:30 pm

CHURCH CUSTODIAN: after many years of faithful service, Alice Shepherd is retiring as church custodian. Thank you, Alice, for your dedication service to St. Paul’s.

POSITION AVAILABLE: After Alice retires as custodian, we will need to fill this position. If anyone is interested in the job, contact Todd Haug or a member of the Board of Church Properties.

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. However, we ask that everyone would observe the following guidelines:

1. Please use hand sanitizers located in the church Narthex and School Entrance.
2. Face Masks are encouraged, but optional.
3. Children, Grades Pre-K through Grade 7, are to be dropped off and picked up in their assigned classrooms by parents (guardians).
4. Individuals or family units (including Grade 8 Confirmands) who attend Adult Bible Class are asked to social distance in the Bethany Room, similarly to what we do during church services.

We apologize for inconveniences this may cause, but we want to be respectful of the health concerns of all who are attending. Hopefully, things will get back to "normal" soon!

Classroom Locations:

- Pre-K through Grade 1 . . . . . Nazareth Room  
(Pre-School hallway)
- Grades 2-4 . . . . . Gd. 4/5 Classroom in the school
- Grades 5-7 . . . . . Gd. 6-8 Classroom in the school
- Adult Bible Class . . . . . Bethany Room  
(Dennis Sienicki will continue Bible Study on Apologetics.)

**Servants for Today's worship**

*Administrative Pastor:* Roger Rohde 546-2332 or 574-209-0306

*Assistant Pastor:* Neil Wonnacott 546-2332 or 574-301-9291

*Organist:* Anita Eichinger

*Elder:* Dave Burcham

*Ushers:* Tyler Schmeltz & Larry Britt

## School Corner

Final registration dates have been set for the 2020-2021 school year. They are Monday, July 27 from 3:00pm-5:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm, and Tuesday July 28, 9:00am-11:30am. If you are unable to attend either of these dates, please contact the school office at (574) 546-2790 or Mark Wildauer at [mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org](mailto:mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org) or (414) 698-8928.

The School Theme this year will be “Sent to Serve” based on the scripture verse: “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” Matthew 20:28.

