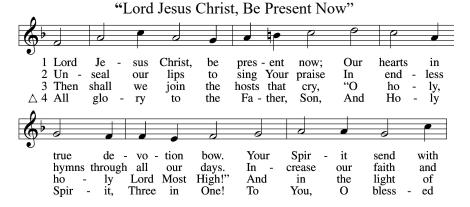
As we gather for worship this morning despite being engaged in a society that isolates and separates, may we know that God loves us and is ever present with us.

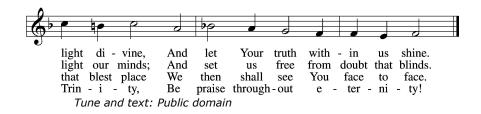
There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary. Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your 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 902





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

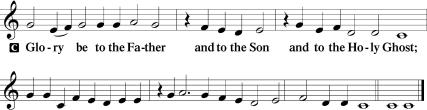
of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

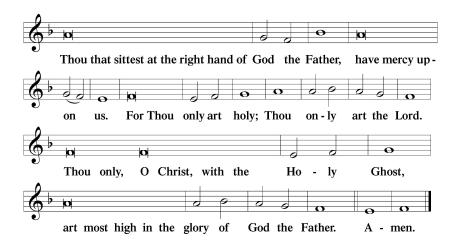
Introit

- P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
- C make known His deeds among the peoples!
- P Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
- C tell of all His wondrous works!
- P Glory in His holy name;
- C let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- P Seek the LORD and His strength;
- C seek His presence continually!
- P Remember the wondrous works that He has done,
- C His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,
- P O offspring of Abraham, His servant,
- C children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
- P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
- C make known his deeds among the peoples!



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

"You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you

were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations."

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

Epistle

Romans 8:28-39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor

height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.



Jesus said "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes." And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn LSB 713



Praise God with acclamation
And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing
That will forever last!

Yet even though I suffer
The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.

For thus the Father willed it,
Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

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Sermon Text

Romans 8:28-39

Sermon

"You Are Not Alone"

- 1. So often when we cry, ______.
- 2. When we suffer, we can know that God has a way of
- 3. Because of the cross of Christ, nothing can separate us from

Hymn LSB 746

"Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"

1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.
2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;

3 For nei - ther life's temp-ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour 4 Nor an - y crea-ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



Prayers

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

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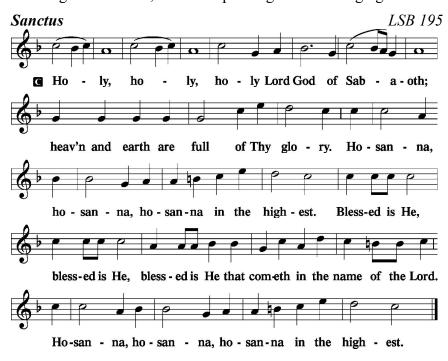
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



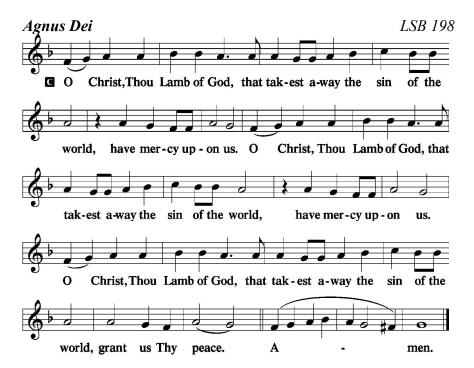
LSB 196

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.

Pax Domini LSB 197

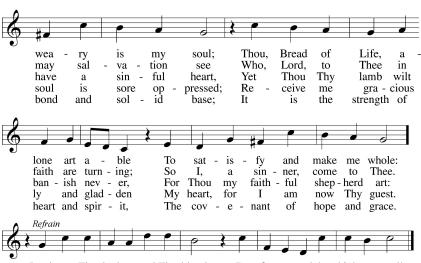
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





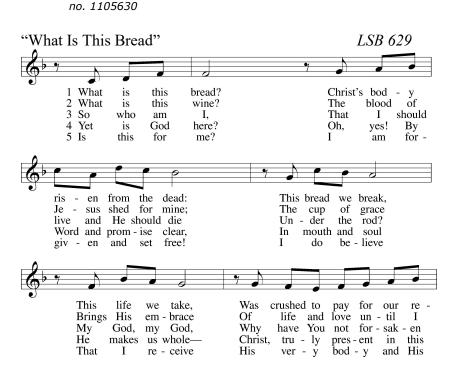
The Communion Hymns





Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good! Tune: Public domain

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Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places.

I leave to You how this can be;

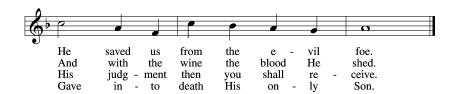
Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessèd comfort unto me When living and when dying. Tune and text: Public domain





Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.
Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God's high favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him who died and rose.

Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor: Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.

"For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying? And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"

If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, You will be your Savior's guest, Be at His banquet truly blest.

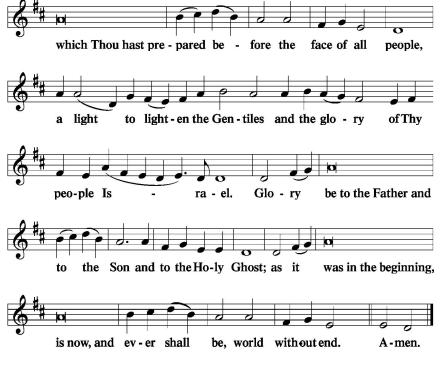
Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.
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"O Living Bread from Heaven"

LSB 642







Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.



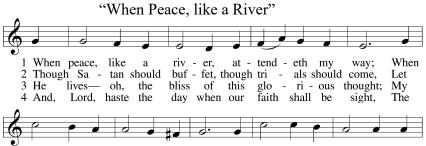
Benediction LSB 202

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.



Closing Hymn

LSB 763





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<u>TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS</u> are presented to the glory of God by Larry and Beth Enders in remembrance of those who have gone ahead of us.

VACATION: Pastor Rohde is on vacation July 20 – July 27

<u>LWML</u> **Monday, August 3**, 7:00 pm, Bethany Room.

Inspirational speaker, Laurie Hayn, will be here telling how her faith has upheld her since suffering a horrific farm accident! All ladies welcome! Refreshments served afterward.

Please note: the Epistle calendar has this event on Tuesday, the 4th- Monday, the 3rd is the correct day.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING: July 28, 6:30 pm

Calendar of Events

THIS SUNDAY	July 26, 2020
Sunday School and Bible Classes	•
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 am
TUES:	
Altar Guild Meeting	6:30 pm
Summer Bible Study at Joanna Fox's	7:00 pm
WED:	_
Men's Bible Study Breakfast	6:30 pm
NEXT SUNDAY	August 2, 2020
Sunday School and Bible Classes	8:30 am
Worship Service	9:30 am

<u>POSITION AVAILABLE</u>: After Alice retires as custodian, we will need to fill this position. The hours average 13 hours per week depending on the time of year. If anyone is interested in the job, contact Todd Haug or a member of the Board of Church Properties.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast will continue to meet here at the church at 6:30 am on the following Wednesdays in August: August 12th and 26th. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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: Ellen Augustine

Elder: Terry Miller

Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham

Ushers: Todd Haug & Eric Thornton

Special Need for School Reading Curriculum

St. Paul's School had planned an Auction Fundraiser this summer to fund the next step in updating the School's Reading Curriculum. The goal was to complete the entire remainder of the school's need of \$14,000. As we couldn't hold an auction this year due to State of Indiana Coronavirus restrictions, we are holding a "Non-Auction Fund Drive" to obtain the funding needed. If we do not receive the entire amount this summer, we will move forward with 2nd and 3rd grade updates for \$7,000. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Reading Program" and place it in the Offering Box or in the Church Secretary's box in the Narthex. Thank you for helping to update our school's curriculum.

St. Paul's School Board

HAITIAN LUTHERAN MISSION PROJECT: Recently we were able to send a gift of \$1200 for the benefit of the Haitian Children as they begin a new school year. Children are being fed and teachers are being supported. Thank you for your gifts!

YOUTH NEWS

KICKBALL EXTRAVAGANZA: Youth going into Grades 4 through High School are invited to "Kick Off" the new youth year with a fun evening of kickball. The Youth Board is hosting this socially distant approved event here at the soccer field on **Sunday, August 9th, from 6:30-8:00 pm**. We will play as many games as we can and close with a devotion. As with any youth events on church property, parents/guardians will need to sign a waiver for their child(ren).

For more information, please see our Youth bulletin board in the hallway. If there are any questions, please contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399.



School Registration for 2020-2021
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 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.