

We are glad you could join us as we focus in on the grace of God.

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  
CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

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**O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire**



1	O	Christ,	our	hope,	our	hearts'	de -	sire,	Cre -
2	How	vast	Your	mer -	cy	to	ac -	cept	The
3	But	now	the	bonds	of	death	are	burst,	The
4	O	let	Your	might	-	y	love	pre -	vail
									To



a -	tion's	might	-	y	Lord,	Re -	deem -	er	of	the
bur -	den	of	our	sin	And	bow	Your	head	in	
ran -	som	has	been	paid;	You	now	as -	pend	the	
purge	us	of	our	pride	That	we	may	stand	be -	



fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:  
cru - el death To make us clean with - in.  
Fa - ther's throne In robes of light ar - rayed.  
fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.

Christ Jesus, be our present joy,  
Our future great reward;  
Our only glory, may it be  
To glory in the Lord!

All praise to You, ascended Lord;  
All glory ever be  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Through all eternity!

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*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* I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

*C* **and call on the name of the LORD.**

*P* What shall I render to the LORD

*C* **for all his benefits to me?**

*P* I will lift up the cup of salvation

*C* **and call on the name of the LORD.**

*P* Precious in the sight of the LORD

*C* **is the death of his saints.**

*P* O LORD, I am your servant;

*C* **I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.**



### Kyrie

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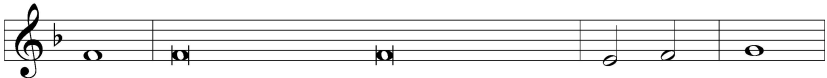
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

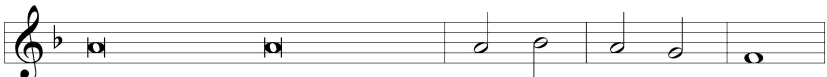
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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



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;



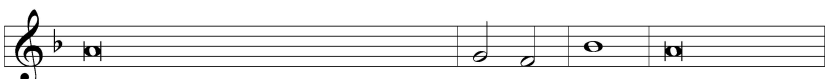
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



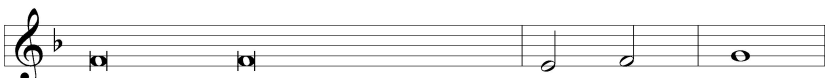
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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.



*C* And with thy spir - it.

*P* Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*C* A - men.

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:9–11

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

*P* This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## Adult Choir (9:30)

In Thee Is Gladness

In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest; Who trusts Thee surely  
Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living  
To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a  
breath.

Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices;  
All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia!

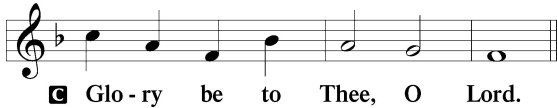
We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise  
Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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## Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

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



20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' <sup>5</sup> So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' <sup>7</sup> 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' <sup>9</sup> The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of

the day.’<sup>13</sup> But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’<sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.<sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’<sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*P* This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, 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 everlasting. Amen.**

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### Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could  
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened  
△ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy  
heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall'd me, To Thy  
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and



grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;  
King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this  
For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,  
Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.  
if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.  
ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

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## Sermon

## "It's All About Grace"

1. It is God who \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ephesians 2:1; 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 15:16; 1 Corinthians 1:24-30).
2. It is God who \_\_\_\_\_  
(John 3:16).
3. It is God who \_\_\_\_\_ it is to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. It is God who is to \_\_\_\_\_.

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## What Wondrous Love Is This



- 1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
- 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And





won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

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**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.



☐ Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

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### God Loves Me Dearly



1	God	loves	me	dear	-	ly,	Grants	me	sal -
2	I	was	in	slav	-	'ry,	Sin,	death,	and
3	He	sent	forth	Je	-	sus,	My	dear	Re -
4	Je -	sus,	my	Sav	-	ior,	Him -	self	did
5	Now	I	will	praise	You,	O	Love	E -	



va -	tion,	God	loves	me	dear	-	ly,	Loves	e -	ven	me.
dark -	ness;	God's	love	was	work	-	ing	To	make	me	free.
deem -	er,	He	sent	forth	Je -	sus	And	set	me	free.	
of -	fer;	Je -	sus,	my	Sav -	ior,	Paid	all	I	owed.	
ter -	nal;	Now	I	will	praise	You	All	my	life	long.	

*Refrain*



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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**BUDGET INFO:**

Operating budget fund balance as of September 17, 2020 - \$87,900

**This amount represents almost 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.**

July preliminary operating budget fund donations – \$42,450  
July preliminary operating budget fund spend – <\$48,261>

**Calendar of Events**

**THIS SUNDAY.....September 20, 2020**

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....8:30 am  
Worship Service.....9:30 am  
Worship Service.....11:15 am  
Bell Choir.....5:00 pm  
Adult Choir.....6:00 pm

**MON:**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation.....4:30 pm  
Board Meetings.....7:00 pm

**TUES:**

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation.....4:30 pm

**WED:**

Men’s Bible Study.....6:30 am  
Day School Chapel.....8:05 am  
LifeLight.....6:45 pm  
Youth Night.....7:00 pm

**THUR:**

Preschool Chapel.....9:30 am  
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting.....6:30 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY.....September 27, 2020**

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....8:30 am  
Worship Service with Communion.....9:30 am  
Worship Service with Communion.....11:15 am

Bell Choir.....5:00 pm  
 Adult Choir..... 6:00 pm

**LWML** South Bend Zone Fall Rally, HERE, Sunday, October 4, begins at 2:00 p.m., with Registration 1:30 p.m. Speaker: Charlotte Campbell, of Kentucky, for M.O.S.T Ministries. Light supper afterward (prepared in individual servings, with appropriate safety precautions), freewill donation. All ladies are encouraged to attend for a time of mission education and fellowship with ladies of our Zone.

**YOUTH NEWS**

For Grade 4 through High School: We have 2 Game Nights left on Wednesday evenings (9/23 and 9/30) from 7-8 pm and will continue to meet here at the soccer field/gym. We'd love to see you there and encourage you to bring a friend. Parents / Guardians will need to sign waivers if their child(ren) has not attended a Game Night yet in September.



**End-of-the-Year Rummage Sale**

PTL is hosting an end-of-the-season rummage sale on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**, 8:00am- 4:00pm, in the gym. We are currently accepting donations of gently used clothing, shoes, books, toys, décor, small furniture, and the like. All donations can be placed on the gym stage until October 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30. We will also need volunteers on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, to set up and supervise the sale. If you are interested in helping or need help with donating items, please contact Jennifer Harman or Heidi Wildauer. All money collected will be taken as donations to assist the PTL.

**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

*Ushers:* Todd Haug

*Acolyte:* Kila Foster

*Elder:* 1<sup>st</sup>- Terry Miller; 2<sup>nd</sup>- Hank Kiefer



## **School and Youth Group Car Wash**

*When: Saturday, September 26th from 10:00AM - 1:00PM*

*Where: St. Paul's Church and School Parking Lot*

*Free Will Donations Benefiting Camp Lutherhaven*

The school theme this year is “Sent to Serve.” It is based on Matthew 20:28 which states, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” One of the many ways that we can “serve” is by helping a friend in need. Each quarter throughout the 2020-2021 school year, our school will be participating in an activity to benefit various ministries. Our St. Paul’s Lutheran School and Youth Group have teamed up to help the ministry at Camp Lutherhaven for the 1st quarter.

Like so many other ministries, businesses, and families, Camp Lutherhaven has been, and continues to be significantly impacted by COVID-19. Lutherhaven has already lost over \$30,000 because of retreat and school group cancellations this spring and summer. However, an even larger effect is the loss of over half our summer camp programs. This is significant because 65% of Lutherhaven’s annual income comes from Summer Camp, so any lost weeks take an enormous financial toll. In all, Lutherhaven projects to be \$150,000 to \$250,000 below budget this year.

Lutherhaven has received a generous Matching Grant of \$50,000 from The Lutheran Foundation to help with the financial challenges associated with COVID-19. This means any gift YOU give to Lutherhaven between July 1st and December 31st will be matched 100% up to \$50,000!

SCHOOL NEWS St. Paul's PTL would like to thank the school and church families for their participation at our first "Sunday Sundaes" event last month. We thank you all for the generous donations to PTL and look forward to planning more fellowship opportunities together in the future. We are grateful for your support of our PTL Board and events, and the ministry provided to students here at our school. THANK YOU!

**Next Scrip Sunday is October 4th**

Next PTL meeting is set for Oct 6th at 3:30pm

Harman Family Restaurant Fundraiser night is Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE the retirement of Rev. Ronald Brauer at a special worship service to be held today at 3:00 p.m., South Bend time. The service will be held at St. John's Church, LaPorte, In. with a reception following.