

We thank the Holy Spirit for guiding you to be here this Fourth of July to celebrate the freedom to worship the one True God. Today we will hear from Ezekiel that God deals with us, a rebellious people, in His grace, mercy and love.

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.

Prelude

Baptismal Hymn 592

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

The Baptism of William Eric Sarber, son of Matthew and Erin

Hymn 966

Before You, Lord, We Bow

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Christian Flag Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands; one Savior, God's Son eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

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; He has desired it for His dwelling place:

C **"This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

P I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

C **Her priests I will clothe with salvation, 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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



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.



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.

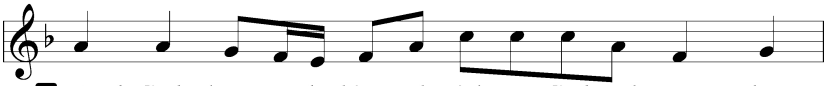


C A - men.

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,

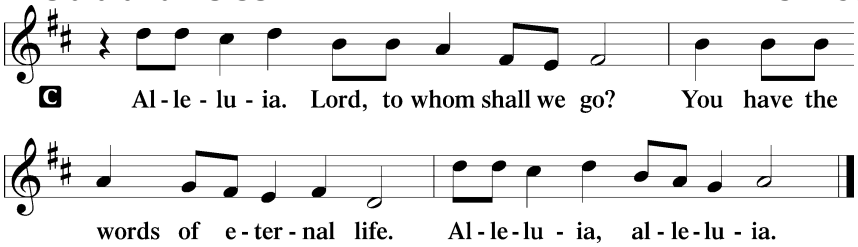
¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though 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. ⁷So 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. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰For 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.

¹ Jesus went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in His hometown and among His relatives and in His own household." ⁵ And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ 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." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ 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.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn 580

The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

Sermon Text

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Sermon

"God and a Rebellious People"

I. In His grace, mercy, and love, God _____
a rebellious people.

II. In His grace, mercy, and love, God _____
a rebellious people.

Prayer of the Church

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.



Hymn 965

God Bless Our Native Land

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Voters’ Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the June 28 special Voters’ Assembly meeting (Call Meeting) are available on the table in the narthex. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken at keneichinger@gmail.com. **These minutes contain information regarding the call of Pastor Curtis.**

Calendar of Events

TODAY.....July 4, 2021
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....8:30 am
Worship Service.....9:30 am
SCRIP DAY.....Before and After Service

TUES:

Prayer Meeting.....7:00 pm

WED:

Parish Fellowship meeting..... 10:30 am

NEXT SUNDAY-..... July 11, 2021

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion.....9:30 am

SCHOOL NEWS: St. Paul's Lutheran School, Bremen is conducting searches for the following positions for the school year, beginning in August 2021: Full time teacher, part time teacher, short-term and long-term substitute teachers. Please send your resume to Principal Mark Wildauer at mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org

The congregation is invited to a special ribbon cutting to celebrate another multi-generational St. Paul’s family at the old church on Sunday, July 11th at 2pm.

A presentation, before and after projects of the work completed, tour, and refreshments will follow.

The event will be held in the former sanctuary – enter through the steeple doors. Park on any side street or in nearby town parking lots. The building is not yet ADA compliant.

DAILY READINGS

July 4: Joshua 10:1-25; Acts 11:19-30; **5th:** Joshua 23:1-16; Acts 12:1-25; **6th:** Joshua 24:1-31; Acts 13:1-12; **7th :** Judges 2:6-23; Acts 13:13-41; **8th:** Judges 3:7-31; Acts 13:42-52; **9th:** Judges 4:1-24; Acts 14:1-18; **10th:** Judges 6:1-24; Acts 14:19-15:5.

A Note From the Board of Christian Education: In 2021 our Sunday School continues to send \$75.00 each month to a mission. ***July Mission of the Month:*** Bremen Holy Walk.

According to the Bremen Holy Walk Facebook page, the Holy Walk is set for December 3 and 4, 2021. It also states the Bremen Holy Walk will be both in-person and online.

“Come take a Journey of Lasting Love with us...Back to Bethlehem...back to the first Christmas.”

Watch for more information on Facebook and in local news outlets.

Servants for Today's Worship

Pastor Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Usher: Curt Nielsen & Joe Hughes

Acolyte: Jack Wildauer

Elder: Lewis Haug

BUDGET

Operating budget fund balance as of June 30, 2021 - \$71,600
This amount represents just over 5 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

Update Regarding K-5 Reading Program

The Language Arts Curriculum update for grade K-5 is now complete. Thank you to all of you who have donated towards the updating of our curriculum. Please know that the school is continually reviewing curriculum, and looking for ways to improve instruction here at St. Paul's. If you would like to continue to donate towards curriculum development or other school related projects please contact Mr. Wildauer at mwilduaer@stpaulsbremen.org or donate to "School Special Needs Fund." Thank you, Mr. Mark Wildauer

TODAY IS SCRIP DAY!- Heidi Wildauer will be available today if you need to stock up on SCRIP cards. The next date to buy cards will be August 1st.

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Summer Activities:

- July 13th (meet at church at 6:00 pm): **SB Cubs Game**. For incoming 6th Graders through HS Youth. **Cost to attend is \$6**, which includes ticket, hot dog, and a drink. Youth

Board will cover additional ticket costs. Bring extra money if you want other food or souvenirs.

- August 13th (meet time TBD): **Newsboys Concert**. For incoming HS Youth. **Cost to attend is \$20** - Youth Board will cover additional costs.

Sign up sheets for these activities are on the Youth bulletin board in the hallway. Please indicate interest so we can properly plan.

Sign up for the SB Cubs game is due today – July 4th. Any questions - please contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399.