

Today, in the parables of the growing seed and the mustard seed, we find that the scattered seed is the kingdom of God, and we hear only the positive outcomes that occur as a result of their planting: a bountiful harvest and a place of refuge. Thus, it is good to give thanks to the Lord, for in Him, we are part of the great harvest of the kingdom 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.

Prelude

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymn 652

Father, We Thank Thee

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.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

P It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

C **The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

P They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

C **They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the LORD is upright;**

P He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

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 It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.**

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.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: "I Myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I Myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1–17

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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 4:26–34

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



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁶Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And He said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables He spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 892

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Sermon Text

Mark 4:26-34

Sermon

"Ignorance Is Bless?"

I. Sometimes not knowing what makes a thing great

_____.

II. The growth of the kingdom of God _____

_____.

Hymn 894

For the Fruits of His Creation

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Musical notation for 'Agnus Dei'. It consists of four staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. A square box containing the letter 'C' is positioned below the first staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 618

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Hymn 622

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

Hymn 627

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Hymn 634

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Musical notation for 'Thank the Lord'. It consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. A square box containing the letter 'C' is positioned below the first staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

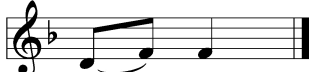


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

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.



A - men.

Installation of Church Boards Members

Recognition of our Graduates

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.



A - men.

Hymn 921

On What Has Now Been Sown

Acknowledgments

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Dear St. Paul’s Family: Thank you for allowing me to work as school secretary and for the many cards, gifts, kind words, prayers, and the wonderful party on June 6th for my retirement. You have been and are a blessing to me and my family and I look forward to what God has in store for all of us. To Him be glory!

~Deb Burcham

Dear Members of St. Paul’s,

Thank you very much for the lovely retirement celebration, many kind words, cards, and generous gifts. I have truly enjoyed my time at the school and appreciate all of the support you have given me. I look forward to new opportunities to serve here at St. Paul’s.

~ Yours in Christ, Wendy Coxey

The Wednesday morning Men’s Bible Study returned to the

Bremen Hospital Cafeteria Conference room for our Bible Study. Please enter the Cafeteria area from the outside through the side door at the cafeteria, which is on the south side of the hospital (to the left of the parking lot, near the outdoor fountain). The hospital still requires a face mask to enter, but it can be removed when we are in the conference room. If you are a male age 18 or older, please join us for Bible study, fellowship and a meal from the cafeteria...one of the best breakfasts in Bremen...feed your spiritual hunger as well as your physical! Dates we meet for the balance of 2021 are: June 16, 30; July 14, 28; August 11, 25; September 8, 22; October 6, 20; November 3, 17; December 1, 15, 29.

Calendar of Events

Third Sunday After Pentecost..... June 13, 2021

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

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

Worship Service with Communion (mask required)..... 11:15 am

TUES:

Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 pm

THUR:

Board of Lay Ministry meeting..... 6:30 pm

NEXT SUNDAY-Father’s Day..... June 20, 2021

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Public School Confirmation.....	9:30 am
Worship Service (mask required).....	11:15 am

THE FIREMAN’S FESTIVAL is coming *June 15-19*, and PTL needs your help! We will be working in the ticket booths at the carnival as part of a PTL fundraiser and service to the community. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Harman, 574.210.2103.

Meeting Change: Board of Lay Ministries Meeting has changed to June 17th, at 6:30 pm, with a Call Committee Meeting to follow.

BUDGET

Operating budget fund balance as of June 10, 2021: \$81,300

This amount represents just under 6 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

Vacation Bible School-Get ready for **Rainforest Explorers** VBS where Jesus leads the way to the treasure of eternal life with Him! VBS will be held June 21st- 25th from 9-11:30 AM. All children age 3 through those completing 5th grade are encouraged to attend this community-wide, church-sponsored event. Most activities will be held outside on the church grounds. Invite your grandchildren and neighbors! Preregistration forms are available on the table in the narthex or online at www.stpaulsbremen.church. Make plans now to be a part of this exciting program!

Volunteer forms are also available in the narthex. If you have been asked to help, it is not necessary to add your name to the list. We need people to help with registration, crafts, snacks, and serve as group leaders.

Phyllis Brown and Patsy Schlemmer would like to thank everyone who sent them cards. The ladies greatly appreciate your love and care.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP would like to announce that starting June 20th they will be serving coffee and hot chocolate for Bible Study hour.

JUNE 20th – Confirmation for the public-school confirmands will occur in the 9:30 am service. Our confirmands are Carly Dietl and Bradin Schmitt. Please pray for their spiritual growth to continue in the years to come.

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

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Monday, June 7 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Recording Secretary Ken Eichinger. If you would rather have an electronic copy, contact him at: keneichinger@gmail.com

YOUTH NEWS

Attention Parents of incoming 8th Grade through High School Youth:

We will be holding a meeting on Sunday, June 13th, after the second service (approximately 12:30 pm) in the School to discuss Summer 2022 (and beyond) events, including the possibility of attending the National Youth Gathering and other opportunities, such as a mission trip. If your son or daughter might be interested, it is important to attend this information session so our Youth Board can plan accordingly.

Upcoming Summer Activities:

- **June 23rd** (Meeting at church, 6:00 pm): **Ninja Golf** in Granger. For incoming 6th Graders through HS Youth. **Cost to attend is \$5.** Youth Board will cover additional costs. If you bring a friend, there is no cost to you or your friend. Bring money for ice cream.
- **July 13th** (Meet at church, 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 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 all of these activities are on the Youth bulletin board in the hallway. Please indicate interest so we can properly plan. Any questions- please contact Andy Wildauer at (801)707-3399.

Servants for Today's Worship

Pastor Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Usher: Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: 1st Molly Harman 2nd Molly Harman

Elder: 1st Jon Rettinger 2nd Dennis Sienicki

Communion Assistant: 1st Jim Kaiser 2nd Terry Miller