The Epistle of James offers the Spirit's wisdom and practical counsel in response to a question that has faced Christians and Christ's congregation in every age: "How are we to live?" Answer: with perseverance in the faith, a genuine faith that is inevitably accompanied by good works. Welcome to everyone here this morning.

<u>There is a Cry Room</u> 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.

<u>The Lord's Supper</u> 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

Hymn 901

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- ${\cal P}$ In the name of the Father and of the \top Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathcal{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.
- \mathcal{C} Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

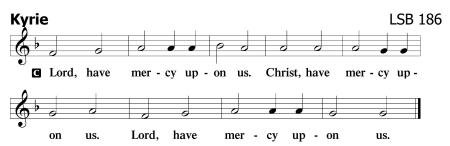
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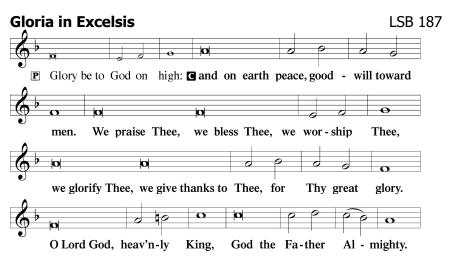
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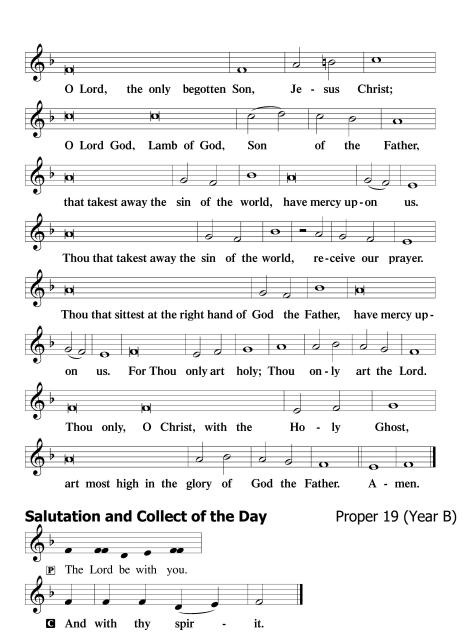
- P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
- C all you who wait for the LORD!
- P But I trust in You, O LORD;
- C I say, "You are my God."
- P My times are in Your hand;

- \mathcal{C} rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- P Make Your face shine on Your servant;
- C save me in Your steadfast love!
- P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
- C all you who wait for the LORD!











P Let us pray.

P Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GoD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. 8He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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

Epistle James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very

small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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



Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14-29

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



¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Jesus and greeted Him. ¹⁶And He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus

asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And He said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

 ${\cal C}$ 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 \top of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 849

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Sermon Text

James 3:1-12

Hymn 545

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Prayers

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



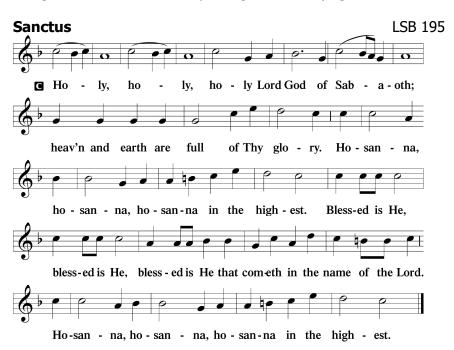
P Lift up your hearts.



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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini LSB 197

 ${\cal P}$ The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Communion Hymns

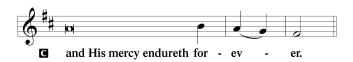
Hymn 618 Hymn 625 Hymn 637 Hymn 634 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



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.



P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus

LSB 202

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 to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Hymn 783

Take My Life and Let It Be

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SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK PATSY SCHLEMMER

Contact information for our honored shut-in this week is: 303 East Maple St., Bremen, IN 46506.

Calendar of Events

TODAYSeptember 12, 202	1
Sunday School & Bible Classes	
Worship Service with Communion9:30 an	
Bell Choir Practice5:00 pm	
Adult Choir Practice	
MON:	
Life Light Leaders' Meeting9:00 an	n
TUES:	
Pastors' Winkel – Knox9:00 an	n
Prayer Meeting7:00 pm	n
WED:	
Day School Chapel	n
6-7 grade confirmation 6:00 pm	n
Life Light Bible Study6:45 pm	n
8 th grade confirmation7:00 pm	n
THUR:	
Life Light Bible Study9:00 an	n
FRI:	
Preschool Chapel 9:30 an	n
SAT:	
Rummage Sale	
NEXT SUNDAY September 19, 202	
Sunday School & Bible Classes8:30 an	n
Worship Service9:30 an	n
Bell Choir Practice5:00 pm	n
Adult Choir Practice	n



START CLEANING YOUR CLOSETS!!!

The Rummage Sale is coming <u>September</u> 18th, 8:00-4:00, to the school gym.

Donations of gently used clothing, books, household goods, furniture, etc. will be accepted through September 16th. You may place your donations on the stage area of the gym. Please see Jennifer Harman or Heidi Wildauer if you have a large item to donate. All monetary donations raised will benefit the PTL and help provide the school with busing, field trips, special activities, and more.

BUDGET

Operating budget fund balance as of September 9, 2021: \$105,900 This amount represents over 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

YOUTH NEWS

ALL YOUTH Grades 4 through HS: Youth Nights continue next Wednesday, September 15th! Join us for a fun outdoor or gym activity each Wednesday evening throughout the month from 7-8 pm. Bring a friend. We'll end each evening with a snack and devotion. Contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399 with any questions. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the Car Wash on August 28th. We are so blessed with the tremendous support shown for our Youth. Praise be to God!

The "Momentos" table will be left up for viewing. Anyone who has historical documents, photos, etc., is welcome to add them to the table. Please clearly mark your items, so they may be returned. If you want sheet protectors for photos, some are on the table across from Pastor Wonnacott's office. Thank you.

<u>Lifelight</u> begins Wednesday evening, September 15 at 6:15 and continues through November 10. A Thursday morning session is also available beginning September 16 at 9:00 am for

both men and women. This year's topic is *The Bible, An Overview*. This study is designed to help participants gain a better understanding of the accuracy and reliability of the text we use today as the inspired Word of God. A great topic for study whether you're new to the Lifelight format or a seasoned veteran.

Church and School Picnic

You are invited and asked to bring a friend or two for our Church/School Picnic on September 26th after church. *Parish Fellowship* will provide the hot dogs and fixings along with the drinks. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. *PTL* will be providing activities for the youth and adults alike. We will also be playing bingo in the gym so we ask that you bring a wrapped white elephant or two. *Church Properties* will have a bonfire to roast the hot dogs so please bring your roasting sticks, and also chairs or blankets to sit on. Come join us for fun and fellowship with each other and anyone you invite!

<u>HAITI DONATIONS</u>: If you would like to donate to our efforts to help the people of Jeremie, HAITI, you can make checks payable to the Haitian Lutheran Mission Project. There is a box in the Narthex for your donations.

We make sure every penny goes to the people of Haiti that are in need. We do not go through government agencies and your donations are tax deductible.

Haitian Lutheran Mission Project
Christ Lutheran Church
14700 S 94th Ave
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Fall Quarter Sunday School and Bible class opportunities:

Preschool-Grade 1 OT Lessons
Mrs. Coxey/Mrs. Middaugh

Preschool classroom

Grades 2-6 Pilgrim's Progress Mrs. Rogers classroom

Jeanette Rettinger/Chad Schmeltz

Grades 7/8 Pilgrim's Progress Mr. Wildauer's room

Kelly Sienicki/Joanna Fox

High School Pilgrim's Progress With Adult Class

Adult Class (A) Pilgrim's Progress TBD

Tom Coxey

Adult Class (B) Hebrews continuation TBD

Dave Burcham

Right to Life Banquet - Monday, September 17, on the college of Grace Campus in Winona Lake. Did you know that Right to Life of North Central Indiana includes Marshall county? Consider attending the banquet to learn about the life-saving work of RTL of NCI. Tickets available until Friday, September 18th. Please contact Jim and Linda Tinkey for more information.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

One of the changes brought about due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak was using an "offering box" in the narthex of the church in front of the water fountains instead of passing an offering plate during the worship service. Please remember to give back to the Lord from the many blessings He gives us by placing your offering in the offering box or "e-tithing" by having a weekly deposit to St Paul's from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

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: September 8, 22; October 6, 20; November 3, 17; December 1, 15, 29.

SEARCH FOR TEACHERS

St. Paul's has been blessed to have three church members step in to fill needs within our school: Heidi Wildauer (with an Emergency Teacher Certificate) as 2nd and 3rd Grade teacher, Wendy Coxey as a half-day First Grade teacher, and Barb Middaugh as an Extended Care assistant. It is not intended that they fulfill these roles long-term. We also are in need of a <u>full-time substitute for K-1</u>, to cover maternity leave. Therefore, we are still actively searching for a <u>full-time 2nd and 3rd Grade teacher</u>, part-time 1st Grade teacher, an <u>Extended Care Assistant</u>, and a <u>full-time maternity</u> <u>substitute for K-1st</u>. Please refer our needed positions to any qualified candidates you may know. Interested applicants can send their resume to Principal Mark Wildauer at mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org.

LWML: Monday, October 4th, 7:00 p.m., in the Jerusalem Room. Program: "Book Club: Shadow Among Sheaves" study by Joanna Fox. Books are available in the narthex, on top of the "mailboxes." If you have one, and are done reading, please return. Thank you.

Liturgical Corner

Worship Component: Invocation

Scriptural Basis: Matt. 28:19, Col. 3:17, Matt. 18:20

Meaning: We invoke the name of the Trinity to signify our worship as exclusively Christian and to remember that we are God's baptized people. Gathered in His name, we are sure of his presence and His blessing.

Application for Daily Living: Beginning each day yourself with the invocation is a great reminder that your life and day are sanctified by the Holy Baptism.

Servants for Today's Worship

Pastor: Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Usher: Larry Winterboer & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Hunter Cannon Greeter: Beth Enders Elder: Jon Rettinger

Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham