

Good morning and the Lord be with you! As we gather around God's Word may we see and live as baptized children of God who actively rejoice in Christ's forgiveness with a faith that actively yields fruits of love and mercy in abundance for all.

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

Hymn 848

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

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

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

P The LORD is the strength of His people;

C **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

P To you, O LORD, I call; my Rock, be not deaf to me,

C **lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,

C **when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.**

P Blessèd be the LORD!

C **For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

P The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

C **my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to 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 The LORD is the strength of His people;

C **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

Kyrie

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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.



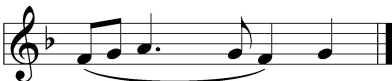
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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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.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

P Fear the LORD, you His saints,

C **for those who fear Him lack nothing!**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

Epistle

James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my

feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable Name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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 7:24–37

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁴From there Jesus arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet He could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of Him and came and fell down at His feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered Him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹And He said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then He returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, 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 τ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 797

Praise the Almighty

Sermon Text

James 2:1-10, 14-18

Sermon

“What Good Is It?”

1. Such a “faith” as this—faith without good works, operating chiefly within the realm of your interior— is not _____

_____.

2. In the end, such a dead, good-works-absent “faith” will be of _____ (vv 14, 17; Mt 7:21; 25:41–46).

3. The faith of Christ (His faithfulness to His goal, His faithful fulfillment of the Law on your behalf) and your genuine faith in Him triumph over sin and death and bring forth fruit God desires

_____.

Hymn 524

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Prayers

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.**

Installation of Bible Class, Sunday School, Life Light Teachers & Helpers

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 769

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

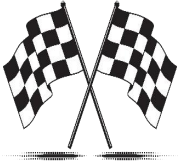
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Calendar of Events

TODAY	September 5, 2021
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
SCRIP DAY	after Sunday School and after service
TUES:	
Prayer meeting.....	7:00 pm
WED:	
Day School Chapel.....	11:00 am
6-7 grade confirmation	6:00 pm
8 th grade confirmation.....	7:00 pm
THUR:	
Preschool Chapel.....	9:30 am
PTL Meeting.....	3:30 pm
FRI:	
Anniversary Committee Meeting.....	10:00 am
NEXT SUNDAY	September 12, 2021
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice.....	6:00 pm



START CLEANING YOUR CLOSETS!!!

The Rummage Sale is coming September 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 2, 2021: \$99,800
This amount represents over 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

NAOMI LADIES: The date of the Naomi Luncheon is September 11th from 11:30 to 1:15 pm. The Board of Lay Ministry wishes to recognize women of St. Paul’s who are not represented in the Voters Assembly. Ladies, please make sure to RSVP to the church office, Lewis Haug (574-633-4477), or one of the Board of Lay Ministers.

Voters’ Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the August 23 regular Voters’ Assembly meeting are available on the tables 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.

YOUTH NEWS:

ALL YOUTH Grades 4 through HS: Wednesday, September 8th marks the return of Youth Nights! 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.

Lifelight 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.

Euchre Parties will begin in the month of September. Save the date of September 10th from 7 to 9pm. Join us in the Bethany Room and bring a snack to share!

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!

HAITI DONATIONS: 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
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Fall Quarter Sunday School and Bible class opportunities:

Preschool-Grade 1 Mrs. Coxey/Mrs. Middaugh	OT Lessons	Preschool classroom
Grades 2-6 Jeanette Rettinger/Chad Schmeltz	Pilgrim's Progress	Mrs. Rogers classroom
Grades 7/8 Kelly Sienicki/Joanna Fox	Pilgrim's Progress	Mr. Wildauer's room
High School	Pilgrim's Progress	With Adult Class
Adult Class (A) Tom Coxey	Pilgrim's Progress	TBD
Adult Class (B) Dave Burcham	Hebrews continuation	TBD

Pilgrim's Progress began today in Sunday School. Christian began his journey by leaving the City of Destruction enroute to the Celestial City. His story is also our story for all those who trust in Jesus Christ as our Savior. Children who are in the Grade 2-6 class have two take home papers, **On the Go** and **On the Go Plus**. There is a Parents' Message each week. If your child did not finish these activity sheets during class, you can work on them together at home and review the information provided. The **Walking in Wisdom** page includes the Scriptures used in the lesson and the Main Truths.

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 Coxe 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 full-time substitute for K-1, to cover maternity leave. **Therefore, we are still actively searching for a full-time 2nd and 3rd Grade teacher, part-time 1st Grade teacher, an Extended Care Assistant, and a full-time maternity substitute for K- 1st.** 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.

Liturgical Corner

Worship Component: Pre-service Music

Scriptural Basis: 1 Samuel 16:23

Meaning: This is a good time to review the readings for the day and reflect upon your relationship with God and others. Separate yourself from the clutter of everyday life and focus on God with a prayer. Sample pre-service prayers are on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

Application for Daily Living: You can take brief moments throughout each day to refocus on your life with God.

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.

Servants for Today’s Worship

Pastor: Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Usher: Eric Thornton & Kurt Nielsen

Acolyte: Rebecca & Jessica Rogers

Greeter: Lewis & Ellen Haug

Elder: Bill Rogers