

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

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

BELL CHOIR

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Our Hearts in HIS Hand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

LSB 913

CONFESSIOIN AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

ADULT CHOIR

Go Into The World

Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations,
Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!
Go ye, go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people,
Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!
I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear;
I am the light, you, the reflection everywhere.
Go ye, go ye into the world and tell the story to all believers.
Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!
(Repeated)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PSALM

Psalm 86:5–12

- P* For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
C **abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**
- P* Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.
C **In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.**
- P* There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
C **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**
- P* For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.
C **Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**
- P* I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.
C **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.**

KYRIE

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 36:22–27*

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter

1:18–22

¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart...

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:28 - 31

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that He answered them well, asked Him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

L 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 everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Renew Me, O Eternal Light” LSB 70

SERMON. “Love One Another from Pure Hearts”¹ Peter 1:

“What motivated you to come to church today?”

DAY SCHOOL CHOIR

“Create in Me”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, O Lord,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built, on nothing less

Thank Jesus' blood, and righteousness
I dare not trust, the sweetest frame.
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

My hope is built, on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood, and righteousness
I dare not trust, the sweetest frame.
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all.

When darkness seems, to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high, and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

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Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all.

He is Lord, Lord of all.

With Congregation (Sing twice)

Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all.

Then He shall come with trumpets sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, stand before the throne.

LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in

the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You search our hearts and have seen our sin, and yet in Your love have reconciled us to Yourself through Your Son. Give us Your Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, that our lives may grow in devotion to You for the salvation You have so graciously given us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Guide, we pray, our congregation in life and witness. Give us Your grace, so that in a land where strife is too common, we will be a place of peace. In our divided nation, make this Your congregation a gathering place of hearts united in You who extend Your welcome to all. Inspire all the members of Your congregation to love this place where Your name is invoked and Your grace proclaimed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that every heart will beat with Your love and all hearts extend Your hand of service to others. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost and erring. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For the daily bread that sustains us in life: For food and health, for housing and clothing, for employment, for moderate weather, for justice and peace in our community and nation, that in every time of abundance and time of need, we may know Your peace in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For... (*additional intercessions of the congregation*). Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Duet by Ellia & Kila Foster "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands;
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand

Refrain:

Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.
I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame;

I'd rather be true to His holy name
He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs;
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Tune: LSB 662

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name.

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

--Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

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SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK **CAROL SEEGERS**

Contact information for our honored shut-in this week is:

Golden Living Center, 1001 W. Hively Ave. Elkhart, IN 46517
Room 418-A

South Bend Zone FALL RALLY, Sunday, October 3, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 30888 CR 6, Elkhart. 1:30 pm Registration. 2:00 pm Service/Meeting. Meal following: \$5/suggested donation, if staying. We will pool rides at Church parking lot; leave at 1:05 pm.

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.

BUDGET

Operating budget fund balance as of September 30, 2021: \$93,100

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

PTL FUNDRAISER: The Parent Teacher League is sponsoring a Fundraiser in conjunction with Bourbon Street Pizza and Subway in downtown Bourbon Monday, October 11th. See the insert for a coupon!

MEN'S GROUP IS STARTING UP AGAIN- Today, men may gather in the gym for basketball from 3:00-5:00pm. The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Come and get some exercise, fellowship and feel free to bring a friend!

FROM BOARD OF EVANGELISM:

Calling all knitters and crocheters. The Evangelism Board needs your help! Small gift bags are being assembled to give to residents of Bremen who have recently moved in. Would you be willing to knit or crochet a dish cloth or scrubby to go in these bags? Stitch some up and bring to church or call Deb Burcham (220-5745) for pick

up. First delivery is scheduled for October 26th. This could become an ongoing ministry to Bremen. Need yarn and/or a pattern? Call Deb! Happy stitching!

Parish Fellowship Meeting on October 6th at 9:30 am.

Thank you to the youth participants today!

Calendar of Events

TODAY October 3, 2021

SCRIP DAY

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service.....9:30 am
Men’s Group.....3:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice..... 5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice..... 6:00 pm

TUES:

Prayer Meeting..... 7:00 pm

WED:

Anniversary Committee Meeting..... 9:30 am
Parish Fellowship Meeting..... 9:30 am
Preschool Chapel..... 10:30 am
Day School Chapel..... 11:00 am
6-7 grade Confirmation 6:00 pm
Life Light Bible Study.....6:45 pm
8th grade Confirmation..... 7:00 pm

THUR:

Life Light Bible Study..... 9:00 am
PTL Meeting..... 7:00 pm

SAT:

Youth Campfire Night..... 6:00-8:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAYOctober 10, 2021

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
National Youth Gathering Parent meeting..... after service
Bell Choir Practice..... 5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice..... 6:00 pm

Liturgical Corner

Worship Component: Introit, Psalm, or Processional Hymn

Scriptural Basis: Psalm 100, 1 Cor. 15:3-4, Psalm 40:3, Psalm 150

Meaning: *Introit* means *to enter*. Reminding us that salvation comes to us through Christ crucified, we sing the story of God’s love by singing verses

from the Bible's hymnbook, the Psalms, or a parallel hymn sounding forth the theme of the day.

Application for Daily Living: Keep your eyes fixed on the cross of Christ, and you will find strength as you live through each day.

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.

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.** Interested applicants send resume to Principal Mark Wildauer at mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org.

SGO Funds Needed!

Our school year is off to a good start and eight families have received a SGO scholarship to assist with tuition costs. Another three families are anticipated to participate. That means that we are in need of donations in our SGO fund!

Donating to the SGO does not just benefit our school families! It benefits you, the donor! You may claim a 50% tax credit for your donation, and your donation is also tax-deductible, as the Lutheran SGO is a 501C- 3 charity. Our school account in the Lutheran SGO depends entirely on donations; it is not government subsidized.

Additional information can be found at LutheranSGO.org and from the school 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: October 6, 20; November 3, 17; December 1, 15, 29.

ALL YOUTH GRADES 4 THROUGH 8: Our annual Campfire Night will be on Saturday, October 9th from 6-8 pm here at school. Join us for food, activities, devotion ...and of course, a campfire. Bring a friend for this evening of fellowship.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: Attention parents of Youth attending the NYG – we will be holding our next Parent Meeting on Sunday, October 10th after church. Please join us as we continue to plan for this important event. Contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399 with any questions.

LIFE CHAIN- Right to Life of North Central Indiana is sponsoring the annual Life Chain on Sunday afternoon, October 3, from 1:45 to 3:00 pm (rain or shine). Participants will stand along Michigan and Jefferson Streets in Plymouth holding non-graphic signs provided at no cost. Those who can't stand are welcome to bring a chair. Signs can be picked up at the St. Michael's School playground beginning at 1:30 pm on October 3. For more information, go to: www.ncilife.org.

THANK YOU to all who baked treats for the Octoberfest Table. We were able to send \$475 to Riley Children's Hospital. We also gave out Bibles and many Bible story books for children. Thanks also to those who helped set up, take down, and sat at the table.

DO YOU WANT AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE? The current Lifelight book goes into great detail about God's Word. If you'd like a book, the cost is \$9.00 and the due date is October 15th. You don't have to go to class to buy the book. Contact the church office to arrange order and payment. Thanks!

Servants for Today's Worship

Pastor: Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Usher: Wayne Spicher & Jim Mitchell

Acolyte: Heaven Hicks

Greeter: Youth

Elder: Dennis Scienicki

Crucifer: Jack Wildauer