

Nehemiah 8

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Third Sunday after Epiphany.....January 23, 2022

This morning like every morning the question is, “Where do we begin?” Just like every worship service we begin with the Word of God. The prayer for this service is that we go from repentance to joy by hearing the Word. We welcome everyone who is here today!

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.

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 102:13, 18-22

P You will arise and have pity on Zion;

C **it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.**

P Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

***C* so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:**

P that he looked down from his holy height;

***C* from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,**

P to hear the groans of the prisoners,

***C* to set free those who were doomed to die,**

P that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,

***C* and in Jerusalem his praise,**

P when peoples gather together,

***C* and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.**

**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 You will arise and have pity on Zion;

C it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Epiphany 3

P The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

¹ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood.

⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C **Extol him, all peoples!**

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C **bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more representable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are

all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

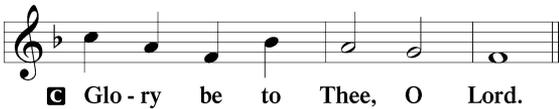
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Holy Gospel

Luke 4:16–30

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



¹⁶Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."

²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

Sermon Text

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Sermon

“Gathered, Hearing, Praising”

I. The Word of God powerfully gathers _____.

II. The Word of God powerfully opens _____.

III. The Word of God powerfully moves hearers to respond in

_____.

582 God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

All: 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

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Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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Musical notation for 'Agnus Dei'. It consists of five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men. The piece ends with a double bar line.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

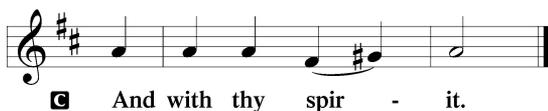
631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

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

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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 unto you.

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



409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Liturgical Corner

Worship Component: Sanctus

Scriptural Basis: Isaiah 6:3, Matt. 21:9

Meaning: *Sanctus* means *holy*. The body and blood of our Lord are present in this Sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal.

Application for Daily Living: The intense reverence for God’s holiness in this song should carry over into our daily lives.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the back table in the Narthex for you to pick up until the end of January. After, that please come to the church office to get them.

Calendar of Events

TODAY: **January 23, 2022**
Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
8th Grade Confirmation after Church
6th Grade Confirmation..... 12:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice..... 5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice..... 6:00 pm
MON:
Voters’ Meeting..... 7:00 pm
TUES:
Pastor Wonnacott at the Whitlock..... 1:30 pm

Board of Lay Ministry/Call Meeting..... 6:30 pm
Prayer Circle..... 7:00 pm

WEDS:

Men’s Bible Study..... 6:30 am
Day School Chapel..... 11:00 am

THURS:

Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 am
7th-8th Grade Basketball @ Trinity, Elkhart..... 4:30/5:30 pm

SAT: 7th/8th Grade Basketball Tourney @ Montessori, SB..... TBD

NEXT SUNDAY:..... January 30, 2022

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service.....9:30 am
8th Grade Confirmation after Church
6th Grade Confirmation..... 12:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice..... 5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice..... 6:00 pm

Ushers, Please remember, **it is important for you to find a replacement** if you cannot usher on your assigned day.

Budget info:

Operating budget fund balance as of January 20, 2022 - \$117,100
This amount represents over 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

Voters’ Meeting Please plan to attend the Voters’ Meeting tomorrow night, January 24th, at 7:00 p.m.

Altar Guild Meeting Tuesday, January 25, 6:30 pm. Anyone confirmation age up (yes, this includes men), interested in learning the work of the guild, is welcome.

CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 A.M.. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily

challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2022 are as follows:

1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 6/1, 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24, 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16, 11/30, 12/14, 12/28

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxe.

March For Life Jesus loves children of all ages. He welcomes them to Himself, blesses them, and gives them, by His Word and Spirit, entrance into His Kingdom. As His beloved Bride, Christ's Church also loves children; little ones for whom He shed His precious Blood. She stands with Jesus in the public square to defend the lives of the most vulnerable and innocent. Join your family in Christ on Monday, 24 January for the Annual Indianapolis March for Life. Divine Service will be offered at St Peter's Lutheran Church (2525 E. 11st 46201) at 9:30am, the Rev Dr Daniel Brege will be preaching. Afterward we'll carpool downtown to participate in the March and Rally which begins at 12:00 pm from the Indiana Convention Center (126 W. Georgia St) toward the Indiana State Building.

1st Thursday Bible Study will meet at the church on February 3rd at 6:00 p.m. We are ready for Chapter 6: "The Enemy Within".

LWML, February 7, Monday, 7:00 p.m: College student "**Goodie Boxes**" will be filled, after our Bible Study: "*When I am weak, Then He is Strong.*" Anyone wishing to contribute should bring **1 DOZEN INDIVIDUALLY-WRAPPED** items to the church kitchen on Feb. 6. Better yet, bring them along to the Bible study. All ladies are invited; guests (even men) always welcome!
PS: to receive a box, your student's address **must be turned in** to the Church Office!!!! Thank you.

Thank you, thank you, thank you from Patsy Schlemmer for the cards, prayers and calls from those sharing their love for her.

Youth News

YOUTH IN GRADES 4 THROUGH 8: To cap off National Lutheran Schools Week, we will be hosting Pizza and Movie Night on Friday, January 28th at 7:00 pm (rescheduled from November). Movie and location to be determined. Please sign up on the Youth

bulletin board so we can plan accordingly. Contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399 if you have questions.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: Two opportunities to support the Youth attending the National Youth Gathering are just around the corner... On February 5th, we will be hosting a “Non-Sale” Bake Sale (free will offerings accepted) at the St. Paul’s 4th-6th Grades Basketball Tournament. Join us to support our young Eagles for their games and enjoy a snack while doing it.

Also, something SUPER is coming on Sunday, February 13th ... As part of your meal plans for Super Bowl Sunday, consider ordering a sub sandwich prepared by our Youth attending the National Youth Gathering. More information about how to place your order will be provided over the next 2 Sundays (1/30 and 2/6).

School Corner :

As part of our celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week, each year the students choose a charity to help support through a Bowlathon- bowling for donated amounts per pin knocked down or with a general donation. This year the proceeds raised will benefit victims of the tornado that caused wide-spread damage in Bowling Green, Kentucky, on New Year’s Day.

We have connected with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Bowling Green to determine its needs. While the church and school were fortunate to avoid damage, several teachers, students, and church families lost homes, cars, and other possessions. They have set up a fund to help those families.

If you would like to donate, please provide sponsorship to a student for the Bowlathon, or give directly at the school office. Please make out your check to St. Paul’s Lutheran School, with the memo “Bowlathon charity”, and we will see that your donation is forwarded to Holy Trinity.

As He has done for us, may we also do for others.

To God be all the Glory! Mr. Mark Wildauer

Sign up for Email!

Starting in January 2022, the PR Board will begin using email as an additional way to get information out to the congregation. If you are interested in receiving emails from St. Paul's you can sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex or you can email church@stpaulsbremen.org. Please note: this will NOT change or replace anything that we are currently doing. Your email address will remain confidential and not given out to any member or be visible to anyone else receiving emails.

Please prayerfully consider using the gift of song that the Lord has given to you and join Adult Choir. We would love to have you join us as we praise the Lord through song. We have a lot of fun so don't miss out.

Also, if you can count to 4, 6, or 8 then please join Bell Choir. You don't have to be able to read music, only have the ability to joyfully praise the Lord. (There is a reason we are known as the Ding-a-lings.)

Servants for Today's Worship

Pastor: Rev. Neil Wonnacott

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Joe Hughes & Tyler Schmeltz

Acolyte: Isabelle Wildauer

Elder: Bill Rogers

Communion Assistant: Mike Gumz