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This is 8th Grade Confirmation Sunday here at St. Paul's, a very special day for our six 8th graders who have been examined by the Elders of the congregation. They now will have an opportunity in the service to confess their faith in God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They will make promises to be faithful to God and His Word, even unto death. The Elders and Pastor Wonnacott ask that you pray for the six confirmands to see Confirmation Sunday as the continuation of the life with Jesus that was begun at their baptism, and that they will have a lifetime to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. We welcome everyone to God's house 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.

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.

Confirmation Sunday

Processional Hymn 672 "Jerusalem the Golden"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION ✠

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

C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 98:1-6

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

P The LORD has made known His salvation;

C He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

P He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

P Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

C with the lyre and the sound of melody!

P With trumpets and the sound of the horn

C make a joyful noise before the King, 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 Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

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 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 A - men.

First Reading

Acts 11:1–18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I

remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalms 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C **He has put all things under His feet.**

Epistle

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

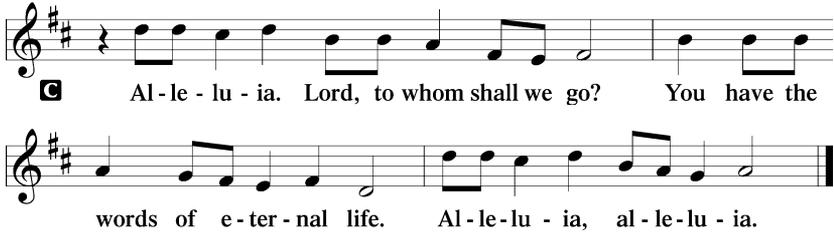
⁵And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son."

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

John 16:12–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹²Jesus said: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶"A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me." ¹⁷So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

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 everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Sermon Text

Revelation 21:1-7

Sermon "A Match Made In Heaven"

1. By this fruit of the first wedding reception, do thee

_____.

2. The angel announces the wedding of Jesus and His Church of

_____.

3. This time the wedding banquet is a foretaste of the

_____.

Hymn 822 “Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

Prayers

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.

Hymn 411 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

The Rite of Confirmation

Hunter Eldon Cannon

Psalm 46:1

Keegan Joshua Guse

Jeremiah 29:11

Giovanni Antonio Mejia-Quesenberry

Revelation 2:10

Autumn Faye Napper

John 14:2

Sara Giselle Sahlhoff

Psalm 27:1

Jack Timothy Wildauer

Joshua 1:9

Hymn 689 “Let Me Be Thine Forever”

Benediction

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☩ 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.



☩ A - men.

Recessional Hymn 685 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

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Calendar of Events

TODAY: Confirmation Sunday	May 15, 2022
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
MON:	
Board Meetings.....	7:00 pm
TUES:	
Northern Indiana Pastor's Conference.....	All Day
WED:	
Northern Indiana Pastor's Conference.....	All Day
Men's Bible Study.....	6:30 am
Day School Chapel.....	11:00 am
THURS:	
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study.....	9:30 am
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting.....	6:30 pm
FRI:	
Preschool Chapel.....	9:30 am
NEXT SUNDAY:	May 22, 2022
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am

Altar Flowers are given today by Cliff and Sandy Schooler for their 24th Anniversary. All praise be to our risen Savior for the many years He has blessed their marriage.

The Congregation is invited to an open house on Saturday, June 4th from 3:00-5:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Please join us in celebrating Tyler Schmeltz's high school graduation.

Euchre Party is this Friday, May 20th from 7 to 9(ish) pm. Join us in the Bethany Room and bring a friend and a snack to share! Be prepared to have FUN!!!!

The church is in need of names of our seniors in high school or college who are graduating this spring. On June 5th, we will recognize our graduating seniors in the worship service. We don't want to miss anyone so please help us.

Altar guild will meet Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in the work of the guild may attend.

Special Concerns:

That we always remember the match made in heaven, Christ and His Bride the Church.

For Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

For our country and her leaders.

For the Lord's guidance in calling a new Administrative Pastor.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

That the Lord would be with the people of Ukraine and that they would know His salvation, seek His guidance, see His love, and feel His comfort during this time of war in their country.

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 Coxey.

Tuesday night Prayer Circle is being discontinued until further notice.

LWML, Monday, June 6, 7:00 p.m. Work night for VBS. All are welcome to come lend a helping hand.

LWML: Indiana District Convention, June 17-19, Ft. Wayne Concordia Lutheran High School. Registration now open online. If you'd like a paper copy, ask Elaine. Three-day fee is \$50 (meals not included). An Ingathering will be collected throughout May. A list will be in the May Epistle, and a box in the entryway. Thank you in advance.

The Board of Christian Education THANKS you for the contributions given to the "Pew Bible Fund." We are pleased to announce that our goal has been reached. What a blessing it is to have this opportunity to again place the Word of God in the hands of His people!

Make plans to be a part of **God's Wonder Lab**. The key theme is **Jesus Does the Impossible!** This creative VBS program features the miracles of Jesus and ties in fun science activities. VBS will be held June 20th-24th from 9-11:30 AM. All children age 3 through those who are just completing Grade 5 are encouraged to attend. This is a community event sponsored by our congregation. Pre-register your children today! Ask your grandchildren and neighbors about joining us and pick up a registration form(s) for them to complete and return. Registration forms may be found on the table in the narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet for adult and youth volunteers. If you have already been asked to help, it is not necessary to add your name to the list. We need people to help with registration, decorating, crafts, snacks and serve as group leaders.

Evangelism-In March volunteers delivered 24 welcome bags to new households in Bremen. These bags included information about St. Paul's Church and School, snacks, and small gifts. We will do this again in June. With that in mind we are asking for your help! First, please pray that we touch lives for Jesus. Second, we are seeking donations of 100% cotton yarn and/or knit or crocheted dish cloths to use as a gift in these bags. A basket will be in the Narthex by the mail slots for your donations.

Meals on Wheels Door offering on May 29th, 2022 We would like to keep our prices low so that meals can be affordable for all seniors. If you are interested in helping, we will have a door offering on May 29th after the worship service. Checks can be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church with **Meals on Wheels** noted in the memo section.

Youth News

Calling All Plant Lovers!

The Youth Board will be sponsoring a plant table in the narthex during the month of May to raise funds for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in July. Those interested in giving a plant a home may give a free-will offering to the Youth. If you would like to contribute a plant or plants please leave them on the table marked "Plants" in the narthex. Thank you for helping our Youth achieve their goal!

School Corner

Enrollment is open for preschool through 8th grade, for the 2022-23 school year! Please “advertise” the Preschool and Elementary Schools to your friends and family and ask them to investigate what we have to offer! We offer an affordable, Christ-centered education with a dedicated and caring staff. **Preschool enrollment fills up fast!** More information is available at www.stpaulsbremen.church.

Thank you always for your support!

To God be all the glory!