



Abraham Believed  
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as righteousness.



*Genesis 15:6*

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The Pentecost season is long and focused on spiritual growth. This Sunday in particular pictures the Christian life of faith—both strong faith and weak faith. Abraham is always held up as a model of great faith, from, among other texts, our words this week, “he believed the Lord, and the Lord counted it to him as righteousness” (Gen 15:6). Praise God for every one of you who are here this morning for worship!

**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.

**Opening Hymn 798** "The God of Abraham Praise"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

**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 147:7-11*

**P** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

**C** **make melody to our God on the lyre!**

**P** He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth;

**C** **He makes grass grow on the hills.**

**P** He gives to the beasts their food,

**C** **and to the young ravens that cry.**

- P** His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
- C** **nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,**
- P** but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
- C** **in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

**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** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
- C** **make melody to our God on the lyre!**

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

- 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

LSB 154

**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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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

*Genesis 15:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, You have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then He said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalms 34:9, 19*

**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

*Hebrews 11:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending

him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

**C** 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

Luke 12:22–34

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to His disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**G** 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 666** "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

**Sermon Text**

*Genesis 15:1-6*

**Sermon** "The Father Has Left Us an Inheritance"

I. You have the place of a son \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

II. You have a certain and bright future \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

III. Yours and mine is an enduring, eternal heritage.

A. At life's end, old men reflect on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

B. The inheritance Abram has to give is folded in with

\_\_\_\_\_.

C. The Father in heaven gives Abram His own Son, one greater

than Isaac, \_\_\_\_\_.

D. The inheritance the Father gives us in His Son endures in

the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Hymn 504 "Father Most Holy"

### 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 Nathan Miller as Teacher / Principal*

### *The Giving of Bibles to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students*

#### 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 ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn 411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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**Altar Flowers are given today** by Janet & Jim Kaiser in praise and celebration for their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Flat-screen monitors available.** There are a number of flat-screen computer monitors of varying sizes available to St. Paul's members. They are from our school and are no longer being used. Presently they are in the Fellowship Hall. If you want one please contact Ken Eichinger.

## Calendar of Events

**TODAY:.....August 7, 2022**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

**MON:**

**Pastor & Christie on Vacation.....**

**TUES:**

**Pastor & Christie on Vacation.....**

Altar Guild Meeting..... 6:30 pm

**WED:**

Men's Breakfast Bible Study..... 6:30 am

LWML Executive Board Meeting..... 6:30 pm

**SAT:**

Naomi Ladies Luncheon..... 11:30 am-1:15 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY: .....August 14 2022**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

**Altar Guild will meet Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m., at the church.  
Anyone interested in the work of the guild may attend.

### **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:

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 Coxy.*

**LWML Executive Board** will meet Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 pm

**Naomi Ladies** : The date of the Naomi Luncheon is August 13, 2022 from 11:30-1:15. 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 your RSVP card is returned by August 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**If your board, club, or organization has anything stored** in the Bethany room closet, please sort out and reorganize what you have in there. It is full of things that may not be necessary now. Please try to have this done by August 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Calling all singers and ringers!** Adult Choir and Bell choir will be starting up again on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We would love to grow our choirs so PLEASE consider joining us (we have lots of fun). It will be here before we know it so warm up those voices and get into the ringing spirit so that we can praise our amazing Savior once again through music and song!

### **School Corner**

St. Paul's is excited to welcome Mr. Nathan Miller as the new Principal and 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for this school year! Mr. Miller is joining us from Whiting, IN, and has taught in a public middle school for the last nine years. He also has a degree in Administration. He is married to Beth and has three young children, Evelyn (5), Josephine (3), and Andrew (3 mo.). He is also the son of Terry and Janet Miller, grew up at St. Paul's, and attended the school.

Mr. Wildauer will continue his duties as a teacher.

Besides hiring a new principal, there are other new things going on at the school. The gym floor has been resurfaced, the roof is being repaired, and the walls are literally moving! We are moving the classroom partitions into a new layout to open up the space. There is a lot going on and a lot to do before school starts on August 15<sup>th</sup>. **Please don't forget to pray for the staff, students, and their families as we prepare.**

**There is still time to register for new students! Please call the office, 574-546-2790, for more details.**

**The Lutheran SGO has a new face!** Go to [www.lutheransgo.org](http://www.lutheransgo.org) and discover several (easy) ways to donate funds and provide much needed scholarships to St. Paul's students! Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, or credit card. Benefits to you are a 50% tax credit for your donation, and eligibility for a tax deduction. We disbursed almost \$21,000 in scholarships last school year and it makes a big difference for our school families. Please donate today!

## **Help Needed:**

- Positions:** Pre-School  
Extended Care  
Day School – Help with Transportation
- Job Descriptions:** Preschool Teacher or Assistant  
Help in Extended Care (before and/or after school)  
Transport to public school (for band)
- Time Commitments:** Can vary depending on need and your schedule
- Requirements:** Personal background check
- Reply to:** Principal Mark Wildauer  
Phone: 414-698-8928  
Email: mwildauer@stpaulsbremen.org

## **Youth News**

**August 14<sup>th</sup> / Beach Day:** For all Youth of High School age, we will be going to the Beach (Silver Beach area in Michigan) on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> following the church service. The Youth Board will provide some snacks and drinks to take along and cover costs for parking – Youth just need to plan to have fun and bring a HS aged friend if you'd like. Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board so we can plan accordingly. We will return to Bremen by late afternoon.

### **Servants for Today's Worship August 7, 2022**

Rev. Neil Wonnacott  
Organist: Anita Eichinger  
Ushers: Kurt Nielsen & Wayne Spicher  
Acolyte: Kamden Guse  
Elder: Jon Rettinger  
Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

### **Servants for Next Sunday's Worship August 14, 2022**

Rev. Neil Wonnacott  
Organist: Anita Eichinger  
Ushers: Eric Thornton & Joe Hughes  
Acolyte: Karli Miller  
Elder: Lewis Haug  
Communion Assistant: Jon Rettinger  
Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

**Tyler Schmeltz** - I really liked the concert, meeting other youth around the country and making new friends, and seeing Carl again was great!

**Ethan Tjernagel** - I liked acting with the CPH storytelling and the music during mass events, and I enjoyed having the freedom to swim and explore the Galleria.

**Maddy Raskow** - I loved the concert, singing Priceless and God Only Knows were my favorites, and singing at the mass events and swimming together with our group was fun.

**Noah Wildauer** - I enjoyed singing praise to God with other Christians with 20-30 minutes of Christian Songs and Hymns...singing "There is Nothing Better Than You" with thousands of Christians holding lights in the park was a favorite! I may want to serve as a YAV or at Camp Lutherhaven in the future.

**Autumn Napper** - I enjoyed watching youth come from all around the ballpark with candlelit lanterns and bring them to the front stage where they were placed to make a huge cross for the entire gathering. I enjoyed the concert...all of it. I'll never forget this experience!

**Jack Wildauer** - Flying to Houston together and the fireworks display were a favorite, along with the concert and music at the mass events.



## Highlights from the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston TX:

**Heidi Wildauer (Chaperone):** I thoroughly enjoyed praising God in all things with so many Christian youth and leaders, attending the large Bible studies where we dove into scripture. I enjoyed watching the youth experience faith building and praising God in a ballpark underneath the Houston downtown lights and God's masterpiece of stars during a fireworks display above us! And much more....

**Kurt Nielsen (Chaperone):** I really enjoyed singing "Amazing Grace" in the companionship of 30,000 people and the teambuilding that occurred during this gathering. I appreciated the hymns sung at the Mass Events.

**Rick Napper (Chaperone):** I enjoyed the experiences to share faith with others, and the teamwork that was shown in our group, and around the country with other Christians. I like how the guest speakers are using apologetics to speak to real topics our teens are challenged with daily in our world and teaching our youth how to respond to others.