



Praise
the LORD!

*Blessed be the name
of the LORD
from this time forth
and
forevermore!*

Psalm 113: 1a & 2

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One finds in our text God's gracious irony at work. God is celebrated not as One who exalts Himself at the expense of others but as the One who humbles Himself that others might be exalted. God's grace raises that which is low and enriches that which is poor. Ultimately, this gracious contrast is made known most fully to us on the cross. At the death of Jesus, what is an abomination before people and God the crucified Christ is exalted by God for the people. Jesus is Lord and by his death accomplishes our salvation. For this, we join the psalmist in a song of eternal praise.

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 557 "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

✠ 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.

Adult Choir "In Thee Is Gladness"

1. In Thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, Sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, our bonds Thou breakest,
Who trusts Thee surely, has built securely,
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see Thy shining,
Dying or living to Thee are cleaving.
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2. If He is ours, we fear no powers,
 Not of earth nor sin nor death.
 He sees and blesses in worst distresses,
 He can change them with a breath.
 Wherefore the story tell of His glory,
 With heart and voices, all heav'n rejoices
 In Him forever: Alleluia!
 We shout for gladness, triumph or sadness,
 Love Him and praise Him, and still shall raise Him
 Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!
 In Thee is gladness amid all sadness,
 Jesus, Sunshine of my heart.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 119:137-140, 142; antiphon v. 144

- P** Your testimonies are righteous forever;
C **give me understanding that I may live.**
P Righteous are You, O LORD,
C **and right are Your just decrees.**
P You have appointed Your testimonies in righteousness
C **and in all faithfulness.**
P My zeal consumes me,
C **because my foes forget Your words.**
P Your promise is well tried,
C **and Your servant loves it.**
P Your righteousness is righteous forever,
C **and Your law is true.**

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** Your testimonies are righteous forever;
C **give me understanding that I may live.**

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

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 ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29) 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.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 113

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!

²Blessèd be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!
³From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!
⁴The LORD is high above all nations,
and His glory above the heavens!
⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
Who is seated on high,
⁶Who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?
⁷He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
⁸to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of His people.
⁹He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother
of children. Praise the LORD!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 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

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should

and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own?

¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

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 797 "Praise the Almighty"

Sermon Text

Psalm 113

Sermon “A Song of Praise”

1. Celebrating God’s Gracious Work: This psalm teaches us to celebrate _____ .
2. Serving in God’s Kingdom: This psalm guides our work in _____ .

Hymn 794 “The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

LSB 162

☐ 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.

Benediction (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

LSB 166

☐ 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.

Closing Hymn 857 “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

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Calendar of Events

TODAY:.....September 18, 2022

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:30 am
7th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation After Church
Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal..... 6:00 pm

MON:

Parish Fellowship Meeting..... 10:00 am
Board Meetings 7:00 pm

TUES:

WED:

Men's Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 am
Day School Chapel 8:05 am
LifeLight 9:30-10:45 am
LifeLight 6:45-8:15 pm
Youth Night 4th Grade - High School 7:00-8:00 pm

THURS:

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm

FRI:

Virtual Day No School or Preschool.....
Octoberfest..... 4:00-8:00 pm

SAT:

Octoberfest..... 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY:September 25, 2022

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
7th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation After Church
No Bell or Adult Choir Rehearsal.....

Note from the church secretary ; I will be out of the office on Thursday, September 22nd. I normally print the bulletins on Thursday. If you have anything for the September 25th bulletin, please get it to me by 9:30 am, Wednesday, September 21st so that I can have it ready to run before I leave. Thank you for your help and understanding.
“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you” Philipians 1:3

Welcome All Seniors! You are invited as Pastor Wonnacott leads a time of devotions at the Whitlock on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next time is September 27th at 10:30 am. Come one, come all!

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: 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.

LifeLight Participants: (Wednesday morning Participants only)

Please pick up your study guide from the table in the Narthex. Please work through the first lesson and have it ready for Wed. morning's class.

The Evangelism and Parish Fellowship Boards are teaming up for Oktoberfest on September 23rd & 24th. We need your help! For our table we need cookies or other desserts packaged in resealable bags. We will be collecting a free-will offering with all proceeds going to Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. We also need people to manage the table. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Budget info: Operating budget fund balance as of September 15, 2022 is \$67,500. This amount represents over 4 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

LWML South Bend Zone Fall Rally is Sunday, October 2nd at Prince of Peace, Goshen, beginning at 2:00 pm. The speaker is from RETA, a pregnancy support center in Elkhart. A light supper will follow (free will donation). There will also be an ingathering for the center. Urgent needs are boys and girls new fall and winter clothing size 0-6x. We will pool rides at the church and leave at 1:00 pm. Registration opens at 1:30 pm. All ladies are invited to attend.

Special Concerns:

That God's people give all praise to Him as they serve in His kingdom.

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 Jesus would shine in the hearts of the people of Ukraine as they continue to face the struggles of war and for all Christians who are being persecuted around the world as they stand up for their risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

October 3, 7:00 pm, LWML will host Pastor Jim Keller, of Ft. Wayne New Life Lutheran Church, about the ministry of L.A.M.B., and its outreach to the large Burmese, mostly Muslim refugee population in/around Ft. Wayne. Open to the congregation. Refreshments will follow.

YOUTH NEWS

ALL YOUTH Grades 4 through HS: We will not be holding Youth Night on Wednesday, September 21st due to the Grades 4-8 field trip to Camp Lutherhaven. However, HS Youth have an opportunity to participate in a local service project at the old St. Paul's Church on that evening from approximately 7-8 pm. If available, please contact Andy Wildauer .

We will meet again as a larger group for our last Youth Night of the month on Wednesday, September 28th (7-8 pm).

SCHOOL CORNER

Thank you to all who donated and helped with the Rummage Sale! The PTL appreciates you!

We have a couple field trips coming up this fall- 4th-8th Grades are staying overnight at Camp Lutherhaven on Weds, the 21st. Kindergarten through 3rd Grade will be joining them for a fun camp day on Thursday, the 22nd. Kindergarten through 3rd Grade will also be visiting Kercher's Apple Orchard on Oct. 12th. What great opportunities to enjoy God's

creation! The entire school enjoyed visiting the newly remodeled Bremen Public Library last Wednesday.

We are also planning Grandparents'/Special Guests Day for October 13th. We will have chapel, pizza for lunch, and games and special activities. If you have a grandchild in the preschool or day school, reserve the date.

Don't forget to see the announcement about the school and church picnic September 30th!

This year we have a great need for scholarships. Please continue to make donations to the Lutheran SGO. You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheransgo.org. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, or credit card. Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. We have provided scholarships for 19 students and anticipate more. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please donate today!

Servants for Today's Worship September 18, 2022

Rev. Neil Wonnacott
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Larry Winterboer & Tyler Schmeltz
Acolyte: Abby Wildauer
Elder: Terry Miller
Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship September 25, 2022

Rev. Neil Wonnacott
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Paul Wonnacott & Larry Britt
Acolyte: Gavin Hundt
Elder: Lewis Haug
Communion Assistant: Mike Gumz
Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz

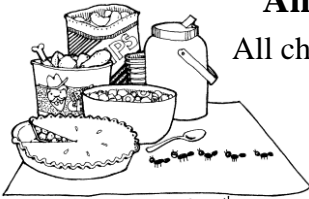


PTL Fundraising opportunity

Visit La Parilla Caliente Mexican Restaurant
119 W. Plymouth St., Bremen

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, all day!

Carmen will be donating 30% of her sales this day to St. Paul's.



It's PicNIC time!!

Annual Church and School Picnic

All church members and school families are invited
to the church and school picnic

September 30th, 6:00-8:00pm.

Please bring chairs, blankets, roasting sticks,
and a dessert or side dish to share.

Parish Fellowship will provide hot dogs, condiments, and drinks.

There will also be Bingo (bring a white elephant gift to play!),
kickball, and other entertainment for the children.