



Choose Life

Deuteronomy 30:19

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“Choose life!” This text requires understanding that the Gospel motivates our obedience to the Law. For example, Christian fathers and mothers raise their children to choose what is good and right and to avoid what is evil in the model of Psalm 1. They teach what good choices are. And they move their children to make those good choices by loving them, caring for their needs, and forgiving and continuing to love them when they sin. So also our heavenly Father would have us choose good things, and He blesses us for doing so.

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 556 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION ✠

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

C **Amen.** *(Matthew 28:19b)*

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.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

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.** *(John 20:19-23)*

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 119:28-32; antiphon: v. 27

P Make me understand the way of Your precepts,

C **and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.**

P My soul melts away for sorrow;

C **strengthen me according to Your word!**

P Put false ways far from me

C **and graciously teach me Your law!**

P I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

C **I set Your just decrees before me.**

P I cling to Your testimonies, O LORD;

C **let me not be put to shame!**

P I will run in the way of Your commandments

C **when You enlarge my heart!**

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 Make me understand the way of Your precepts,

C **and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.**

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)

LSB 156



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (*John 6:68*)

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 14:25–35

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied Jesus, and He turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple.

³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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 698 "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

Sermon Text

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Sermon "Choose Life!"

I. Through Moses, God called Israel and us to choose well, _____

_____ .

II. Choosing foolishly—to disobey God—brings _____, while

choosing well brings _____.

III. We choose well—choose life—because God has _____

_____ .

Hymn 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake"

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.

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 707 “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

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Altar Flowers are given today by Joe & Cheryl Ervin with thanksgiving and praise to the Lord in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Calendar of Events

TODAY:.....September 4, 2022

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

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Scrip Day

MON: Labor Day

No School or Preschool.....

TUES:

PTL Meeting 7:00 pm

WED:

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 am

Day School Chapel 8:05 am

THURS:

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am

FRI:

Prechool Chapel 9:30 am

NEXT SUNDAY:September 11, 2022

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

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

7th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation After Church

Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal..... 6:00 pm

Special Concerns:

That we see God working beautifully in His Church’s choosing life.

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.

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 remaining dates we will meet in 2022 are as follows: 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.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study begins this Thursday, Sept. 8th, at 9:30 am in the Jerusalem Room. Barb Middaugh will be leading the group again this year. Please join us as we grow in God's Word.

Adult Choir and Bell choir will be starting up again next Sunday, September 11th (5:00 pm for bells and 6:00 pm for choir). We would love to grow our choirs so **PLEASE consider joining us**. We have lots of fun as we praise our amazing Savior once again through music and song! Please let Ellen Augustine know if you are planning to join bells so that she can mark music for you.

Life Light begins Wednesday, September 14th (Please see insert). You may put your completed forms in the small box on the table in the Narthex or the Church Secretary box near the front door. Please circle which class you plan to attend. Thank you.

Mother/Daughter Fun Night is September 15th at 7:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Come enjoy Bingo and a sing-along with family and friends. We will also provide delicious refreshments! There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex so that we can plan accordingly.

Euchre Party is Friday, September 16th from 7:00-9:00ish pm in the Bethany Room. Anyone 16 and older can join us for fun and fellowship. Please bring a snack to share and a friend to join the fun!

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Monday, August 22 regular Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email the church office at church@stpaulsbremen.org

The Evangelism and Parish Fellowship Boards are teaming up for Octoberfest 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.

Flat-screen monitors and HP (Windows 10) computers available.

There are a number of flat-screen computer monitors and HP "all-in-one" computers 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. An "appropriate donation" would be appreciated. Donations will be going to the technology fund.

YOUTH NEWS

ALL YOUTH Grades 4 through HS: Wednesday, September 7th marks the return of Youth Nights! Join us for a fun outdoor or gym activity each Wednesday evening throughout the month from 7-8 pm. Bring a friend. We'll end each evening with a snack and devotion.

ATTENTION YOUTH in Grades 6 through 8: The annual Indiana District Jr. High Youth Rally at Camp Lutherhaven is on October 15-16th. This is an opportunity for our Youth to engage with other Youth in the District in Christian fellowship, Bible Study, various activities, and more. While these dates coincide with Fall Break for St. Paul's Day School and BMS, we need to gauge interest in any Youth attending. Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board or speak with Andy Wildauer soon as the **deadline is September 15th**. Cost is \$25/attendee with the Youth Board offsetting the remaining registration fee.

SCHOOL CORNER

Another busy week at St. Paul's school! We finished NWEA testing, held our first Lego/Pokemon Club meeting, and celebrated College Colors Day by dressing in our favorite college spirit wear. (Go Boilers!



) We also welcomed Mr. Micah Wildauer from Belize on Friday. Mr. Wildauer talked about his missionary work and how we are all missionaries of Jesus's sacrifice, in keeping with our school theme, "Making Disciples". Please note special bulletin announcements on other upcoming events.

If you have items you wish to donate to the **Fall Rummage Sale**, please place them on the gym stage. For bigger items, contact Jennifer Harman. We will need lots of help setting up and cleaning after the event. The Rummage Sale will be in the gym, **Sept. 17th, 8:00am-4:00pm.**

PTL is always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer Harman, 574-210-2103, for more details.

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 disbursed almost \$21,000 in scholarships last school year and it makes a big difference for our families.

Please donate today!

Help Needed:

Positions: Pre-School Teacher or Aide

Job Descriptions: Assist in Preschool

Time Commitments: Can vary depending on need and your schedule

Requirements: Personal background check

Reply to: Principal Nathan Miller
Phone: 414-698-8928
Email: nmiller@stpaulsbremen.org

Sunday School Fall Quarter Offerings

Pre-K -Grade 2 Nazareth Room

This class will study the life and times of Jesus and its application for daily living. The class will meet in Mrs. Thornton's Preschool classroom and be taught by Wendy Coxe. 8:30-9:15 am.

Grades 3-5 School Classroom

We will pick up on our "Life in Christ" series as we study Old Testament History – the fall of Adam and Eve through the early years of Joseph – noting the plans and promises God has for His people. This class will be taught by Heidi Wildauer and will meet in the Day School. 8:30-9:15 am.



Middle School grades 6-8:

Early Christians read God's Word aloud together in community. Bring your Bibles and come ready to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest. Gather in gym Mezzanine. 8:30 am.-

9:15 am.

High School Jerusalem Room

Bill Rogers will continue with a video series discussing situations that effect today's teens and how Christians should respond according to God's Word. The class will meet in the Jerusalem Room. 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class

Terry Miller will continue leading the Bible study and discussion on the book of Daniel . . . meets in the Bethany Room, 8:30 am.-9:15 am.



Men's Bible Study: Men (ages 18+) meet at the Bremen Community Hospital cafeteria to enjoy breakfast and fellowship while studying God's Word and various topics. The group meets every other Wednesday, 6:30 am.-7:30 am.

We look forward to seeing you

The Board of Christian Education Thanks all of the teachers that have given of themselves to teach this last quarter.



Time for the PTL Rummage Sale!

**St. Paul's PTL will be hosting a Rummage Sale
September 17th, 8am -4pm.**

- * If you have gently used clothing, furniture, household items, etc. to donate, you may bring them to the school gym stage any time during or right after school.
- * We also need volunteers to help set up Thursday after school through Friday(Sept. 15-16), and volunteers to help supervise the event.
Contact Jennifer Harman for details
- * All sales are free-will donations and the proceeds will support PTL activities.

Please come and support your PTL!

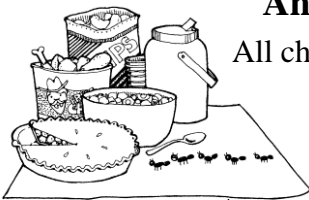


PTL Fundraising opportunity

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.



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.