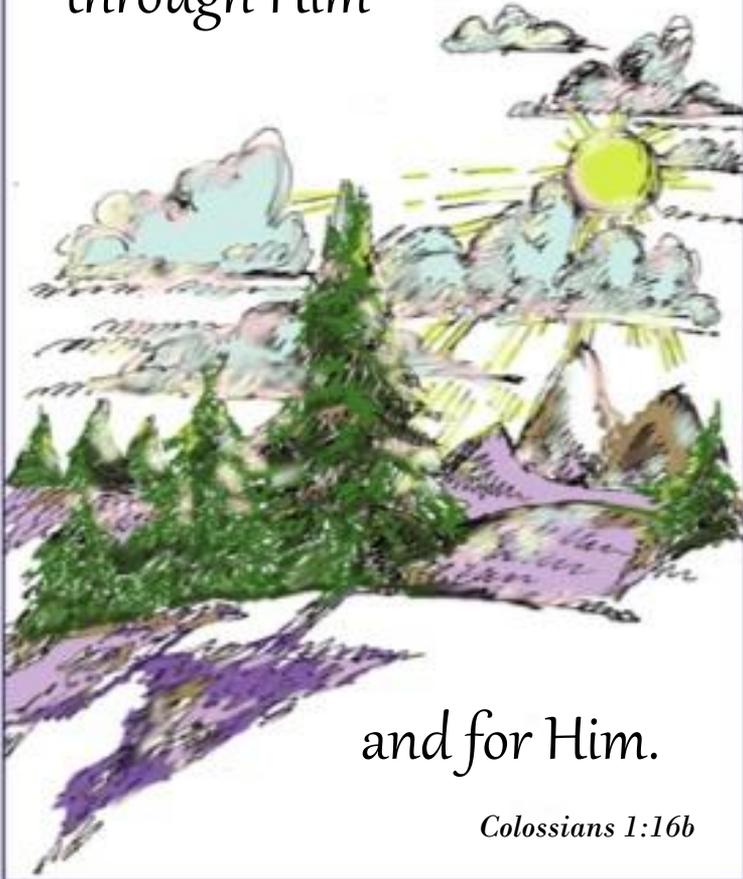


All things were created
through Him



and for Him.

Colossians 1:16b

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The Last Sunday of the Church year is a day of awe and glory. When the wood is finally dry (*Gospel*, Lk 23:31), the distinction between the unrepentant thief reviling Christ (23:39) and the penitent thief seeking Christ's mercy (23:42) shall be made known throughout the earth as the distinction between "the righteous and the wicked."

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.

Bell Choir "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Opening Hymn 534 "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

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

C Amen.

Adult Choir "With a Voice of Singing"

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Declare ye this, declare ye this,
declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia.

The Lord hath delivered His people,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

O be joyful to God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Declare ye this, declare ye this,
declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Alleluia. Declare ye this, and let it be heard,
Alleluia.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8

P Let all the earth fear the LORD;

C **let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!**

P Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

C **who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**

P Lift up your hands to the holy place

C **and bless the LORD!**

P May the LORD bless you from Zion,

C **He who made heaven and earth!**

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 Let all the earth fear the LORD;

C **let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!**

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* LSB 154
(*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*)

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.
 Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading *Malachi 3:13-18*

¹³Your words have been hard against Me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against You?' ¹⁴You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?' ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed His name. ¹⁷They shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a

man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,

C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Epistle

Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

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 23:27–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁷And there followed Jesus a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 159

☒ 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 732 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

Sermon Text

Colossians 1:13-20

Sermon "Who Are You Because of Jesus?"

Your Life and Identity are Determined by Jesus—Who He Is and What He's Done.

1. You are _____ Christ.
2. You are _____ Christ.
3. You are _____ Christ's blood.

Hymn 758 "The Will of God Is Always Best"

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

- 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.



Closing Hymn 761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS: It is that time of the year once again! Those of you who get the *Lutheran Witness* need to contact the church secretary about your subscription. To continue getting your magazines, we will need cash or a check dropped off in the office, mailed to the church or placed in the secretary's mailbox for \$19.00. Checks may be made out to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church". If you would like to receive the *Lutheran Witness* as a monthly subscription, please let Janet know and she will sign you up to start receiving the magazine in January 2022. ***Please complete your payment by today, November 20th.***

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service is this Wed. November 23rd at 7:00 pm. Let us come together to give thanks to the Lord for all He has given us and continues to give us!

You are invited to our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 24th at noon. If you and your family or someone you know will be alone on Thanksgiving Day, please come to the Fellowship Hall at noon for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Also, we can deliver to those who are homebound. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the Thanksgiving Table or call the church office at 574-546-2332. We will need to know your name, number of people, dine-in or delivery, and your phone number. **The deadline to sign up is November 16th.** May we always give thanks to the Lord!

Calendar of Events

TODAY November 20, 2022

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
7 th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation	After Church
Adult Basketball in the Gym.....	2:00-4:00 pm
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:

Day School Chapel	8:05 am
Pastor Wonnacott at Whitlock	10:30 am
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting	6:30 pm

WED: No School

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service.....	7:00 pm
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THURS: Thanksgiving Day – No School

Community Thanksgiving Dinner-Bethany Room	12:00 Noon
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FRI: No School

NEXT SUNDAY November 27, 2022

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
Bell Choir Rehearsal	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	6:00 pm

Epiphany Lutheran Church an LCMS sister congregation in

Jackson, MS was completely destroyed by an arsonist on November 8th. They lost the building and everything in it. If you would like to make a donation, there will be a box in the narthex next to the offering box for the next few weeks or you can send a check to Southern District LCMS, 100 Mission Drive, Slidell, LA 70460. 100% of the donations will go to help Epiphany rebuild. In all things, God WILL BE glorified!

We have cleaned quite a few single vases out of the Altar Guild room and set them below the flower chart in the Narthex. If you see a vase that belongs to you please pick it up. Any vases still there next Sunday may be picked up by anyone who wants one.

Annual clothing drive for Hope Ministries – November is the month we collect clothing for our neighbors to the north. Any gently used clothing is needed (children, men’s, and women’s). We will have a table in the Narthex with Hope Ministry Clothing Drive signs. Please place your items on the table and on November 29th we will deliver them to Hope! May we as God’s people share with those in need. This event is sponsored by the Board Stewardship. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wonnacott.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner is November 24th at noon. The following is needed:

1. Pumpkin Pies (20)
2. Greeters (3)
3. Servers (6)
4. Drivers to Deliver Meals (5)
5. Clean-up Crew (5)

There will be a sign-up list on the Thanksgiving Table. The Whitlock is supplying the mashed potatoes and gravy. We also have a Thrivent Action Team box with a \$250 debit card to use toward the cost of the turkeys, dressing, tossed salad, rolls and butter. We are in need of additional funds for the meal. If you feel so moved to help, please place your donation in the offering box marked “Thanksgiving Dinner”. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve the community and our members. The Boards of Public Relations and Parish Fellowship are sponsoring this event.

All are invited to the 38th Annual “Weihnachts Vesper” (a Christmas Service in the German Language) which will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 27th, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 51490 Laurel Road, (corner of Auto and Laurel Roads) in South Bend. A time of fellowship will follow the service. Contact the church office at (574)-271-1050 for more information.

St. Paul’s will be collecting peanut butter (16 oz jars or larger) for the Bremen Bags (a Project HELP program) throughout November. Please place your donations on the table at the back of the Narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering box in an envelope marked “Peanut Butter”. This event is sponsored by the Board of Stewardship. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Wonnacott. Thanks for your help!

SCHOOL CORNER

Happy Thanksgiving from the staff and students of the school!

We enjoyed good food and good company at the Pilgrim Meal last Thursday! Thank you to all who helped prepare for the meal and clean up after. Thank you also to all the students who provided singing, artwork, and centerpieces for the tables.

We were able to pack over 30 boxes for Operation Christmas Child! Thank you, families and students, for providing items and packing boxes. The 8th Grade students helped Mrs. Harman deliver them at the drop-off location- Crossroads Church, Plymouth - on Friday.

If you are interested in serving the school and interacting with the students as a substitute teacher, please see Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman. A substitute teaching license (easily obtained from the state) and a background check are required. We also love to have volunteers who read with and assist the students!

We are blessed! We are blessed with a supportive church, with people ready and happy to serve, with dedicated teachers and staff, with being able to provide a Christian education, and through generous giving in all areas, not just financially. Praise be to God for all He has given us, not just this Thanksgiving, but always!

Please don't forget to donate to the SGO!

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. **We have provided scholarships for 26 students!** These scholarships make a big difference for our families.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

YOUTH NEWS

ATTENTION YOUTH IN GRADES 4-8: The Youth Board is gauging availability of our Youth for participation in the Christmas Eve Service (12/24 at 7 pm). If available and interested, please contact Andy Wildauer so we can plan accordingly. We will have practices on Sundays in December following the church service beginning 12/4.

PTL is sponsoring a popcorn fundraiser through the Dutch Kernel in Nappanee. Cost for 16 oz bags is \$10.00 and specialty bags are \$15.00. There is also a 2 gallon special Coppes Tin for \$45.00. We will be collecting orders until Monday, November 28th. For more information or to place an order, please see the flyer on the "Check It Out" board or call Eric Thornton.



On Sunday, December 11, LWML will fill "Cheer Boxes" for St. Paul's home-bound members. If you would like to donate baked goods, please bring 1 1/2 to 2 dozen individually wrapped items to the Church kitchen on Sunday, Dec. 11. Thank you.

Proposed 2023 Church and School Budget for Review

In advance of the Monday, Nov. 28th voters meeting, copies of the proposed 2023 Church and School budget can be found on the table in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy to review at home.

The 42nd Annual

Bremen Holy Walk

*Take a journey of love back to
Bethlehem—back to the very first
Christmas...*



Friday, December 9, 6-9PM
Saturday, December 10, 5-9PM

Children's Hour - 5-6PM on Saturday

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