

*<sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;** yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.*

*1 Peter 3:15-16*



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On this Confirmation Sunday may we be filled with the Spirit of God as we see Ben Andrews, Molly Harman, and Izzy Wildauer confirm what happened at their Baptism and confess their faith in our God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May we as a congregation remember our confirmation vows, be renewed in the Word, and work together to grow in our faith and fellowship. May God bless our confirmands. We welcome everyone to God's House!

***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. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

**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.

**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

**In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."** We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

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

✠ 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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*(Hebrews 10:22)*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:4)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**Introit**

*Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

**P** I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

**C** **to You, O LORD, I will make music.**

**P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**C** **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**

**P** Know that the LORD, He is God!

**C** It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

**P** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

**C** Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**P** For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

**C** and His faithfulness to all generations.

**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** I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

**C** to You, O LORD, I will make music.

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

LSB 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest**

LSB 187

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



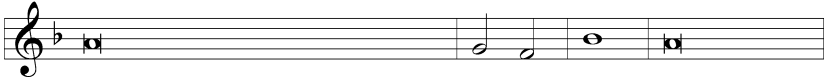
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



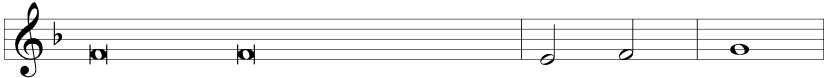
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*(2 Timothy 4:22)*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 37:4-10*

<sup>4</sup>Then He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to

come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

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

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

**Gradual**      *Adapted from: Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 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

*2 Timothy 3:14–17*

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the Sacred Writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

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

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

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 20:21–22*

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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, 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 689** "Let Me Be Thine Forever"

**Sermon Text**

*John 20:21-22; Acts 2:2,4*

**Sermon** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

1. God's breath \_\_\_\_\_.

2. God breathes on me.

a. \_\_\_\_\_.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ .

c. \_\_\_\_\_ .

d. \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Hymn 687 "Thine Forever, God of Love"

### Rite of Confirmation

LSB 272-274

**Benjamin Todd Andrews** *Psalm 55:22*

**Molly Grace Harman** *Psalm 23:1*

**Isabelle Ann Wildauer** *John 10:27-28*

## Hymn 596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

### Prayers

#### Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

#### Benedicamus ~ *Let Us Bless (Psalm 103:1)*

LSB 202

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.





**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## **Recessional Hymn 662** "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

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**Altar flowers are given today** by Wayne & Tara Andrews to the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as we praise Him for the faith He has given to Ben, Molly, and Izzy through the power of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We thank Him for bringing them to this Day of Confirmation and for His continued blessings on them.

**The congregation is invited to celebrate the Confirmation** of Ben Andrews, Molly Harman, and Izzy Wildauer today, with a luncheon and cake reception following the church service. Thank you for the support these children have received both in the church and school. We are excited to see their faith continue to grow and mature!

**The Board of Evangelism will be delivering Welcome Bags** in Bremen tomorrow, May 22nd starting at 5:00 PM with bag assembly in the Jerusalem Room. Once all bags are assembled we will divide the addresses and bags and split into 2 person teams to go deliver! Our Board is requesting donations of bottled water, single water drink mixes, microwave popcorn, cheese and cracker packets, sticky notes, mechanical pencils, knit/crocheted dish clothes or 100% cotton yarn to make the dishcloths. We need approximately 40 of each item each time we deliver. There is a table in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you!! Please join us to pack/deliver these bags on May 22.....meet new people, tell about Jesus, minister to a neighbor! Thank you for your prayers for this project and all other help! Questions? Contact Deb Burcham or Angie Hughes.

**Altar guild will meet** Monday, May 22, 6:30 pm, at the church.

**The new Portals of Prayer** for June - August are in the tract rack.

## Calendar of Events

**TODAY – Confirmation Sunday ..... May 21, 2023**  
Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:30 am  
8th Grade Confirmation Luncheon Reception .....After Service  
Adult Basketball..... 2:00 pm-4:00 pm

### **MON:**

Pack Evangelism Bags-Jerusalem Room .....5:00 pm  
Altar Guild Meeting .....6:30 pm  
Parish Planning Council.....7:00 pm

### **TUES: - Last Day of Preschool**

Preschool Program .....6:00 pm

### **WED: - Last Day for Day School**

Day School Chapel ..... 8:05 am  
Kindergarten & 8th Grade Graduation Service.....7:00 pm

### **THURS:**

### **FRI:**

### **SAT:**

Women Reading GOD’S Word in Community .....11:00 am-12:30 pm

### **NEXT SUNDAY ..... May 28, 2023**

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

**GOD’s Word ~ Read in a Community of Women ~** Women of the congregation and community please join us on Saturday mornings at 11:00 am in the Jerusalem room. If you have a favorite Bible, bring it with you. If you don’t or you forget, please come because we have Bibles available to share. There are no questions to answer and you never have to read or say a word, all you have to do is join us because you are welcome and loved. For more information call Kelly Sienicki 574-361-7728 or email Kelly at [kellysienicki@gmail.com](mailto:kellysienicki@gmail.com).

**Be sure to check out the missions board for updates** on Haiti and our missionaries Micah Wildauer & Jamielynn Flores. Please continue to lift them all up in prayer and thanksgiving as the Lord is working in all things. To Christ be all the glory!

**LWML VBS Worknight!** Please join us on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> in the Bethany room to help prepare for VBS. This could be cutting, gluing, painting, or helping with any projects the VBS leaders need. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for an evening of fun and service.

***Special Concerns:* That Ben, Molly, Izzy and all the members of St. Paul's** continue to grow in their faith. May we worship and work together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

**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.

**For grace and healing** to all Christians suffering the trials of this world.

**God's Living Water** VBS is just around the corner. Make plans to join us June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30 am. The key theme is **Covered in Jesus' Grace**. The lessons each day feature how God uses water to shower His Grace on His people. 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.

**The Board of Church Properties** will have work done on the parking lot this summer. We are asking that anyone who wishes to give a special offering to offset the cost of the work to please use an envelope marked "Parking Lot". Thank you.

**Don't forget** that 1st Thursday Bible Study is June 1st at 6:00 pm, in the Bethany Room. This month's parable is The Prodigal Son. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

**"On Monday evening, June 5th, a Special Voter's Election** meeting will be held to vote on Officers and Board members for the next 2 year cycle beginning July 1, 2023. Please see the enclosed preliminary Slate for reference. This is for your information but additional nominations are still under prayerful consideration. If you have interest in serving, please contact the Board Chair, Kevin Furman or Pastor Wonnacott."

**Do you know about Lutheran Hour Ministries?** They do Christian outreach like The Lutheran Hour for TV, printed Christian Material, internet and music in association with LCMS and LWML. You can listen to The Lutheran hour! Find your local station at [lhm.org/lutheranhour](http://lhm.org/lutheranhour). National outlets include SiriusXM Sundays at 10 AM ET(Family Talk Channel 131), iHeartRadio/Spotify/Apple/Google (Podcast on demand) and Classic Broadcasts at [lhm.org/sentradio](http://lhm.org/sentradio). Share this info with all your family, friends and neighbors.

**A Thomas Kincaid book** was found in the parking lot. If it is yours, please come to the church office to claim it. Thanks

## **YOUTH NEWS**

**Confirmation:** May God continue to bless and watch over our 3 Confirmands - Ben Andrews, Molly Harman, and Izzy Wildauer. He has so richly blessed you with a growing faith and we pray that you would continue to lean on the Lord as you not only publicly confirm your belief in Him today but will undoubtedly face challenges to that faith in the years ahead. Be confident in our Lord's promise that "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

**Jr. High Youth Rally:** Camp Lutherhaven is offering an early registration discount for those Youth (entering Grades 6-8 in the 2023-24 school year) interested in attending the Jr. High Youth Rally on September 16-17th. If your son / daughter is interested in attending, please have them sign up on the Youth bulletin board at church before May 25th. **No funds are due at this time.** More information will be provided in the months ahead as we approach the dates of the Rally.

**Fireman's Festival Table:** Once again our Youth Board will be sponsoring a drink table at the Bremen Fireman's Festival, June 13-16th. We can use the congregation's help in two ways: 1) Youth (incoming Grades 6 through High School) and Adult volunteers are needed for coverage - we will have a meeting prior to the Festival to coordinate and 2) Donations of soda (preferably Coke, Mtn. Dew, Pepsi, and Dr. Pepper) and bottled water, to be stored in the church narthex for the next few weeks. Alternatively, you are welcome to make a cash donation for ice and/or soda to be purchased by the Youth Board. If you can assist, please contact Andy Wildauer.

## SCHOOL CORNER

**Today we celebrate** with our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students and their families! We are excited to see them continue to mature in faith.

**This is our last week of school!** Preschool's closing program is Tuesday night and the Elementary School's last day is Wednesday. We will celebrate our last day with a hot dog lunch and fun activities (possibly water balloons!) hosted by PTL.

**Please watch for our first St. Paul's School TV ad on Channel 46!**

The ad will run all summer. Thank you to the donors who have helped fund this opportunity.

**All are invited to our Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation service** on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm. A cake and punch reception will follow.

**Thank you, St. Paul's congregation, for supporting St. Paul's Preschool and Elementary Schools!** Our mission is to provide a Biblically based education, and as we enroll future students and complete our end-of-the-year activities, we are grateful and blessed to continue the work set before us. Now with Choice Scholarships and many other scholarship options, we can make our school more affordable! **If you know anyone looking for a Christian-based education for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, please encourage them to contact us.** *YOU are our best advertisements! Online enrollment is available through the church website (school side).*


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**Please remember to give to the SGO!**

We will continue to use SGO scholarships to assist with tuition, so **please continue to give, and remember you will receive a tax credit and deduction for your donations!**

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at [www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate](http://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.** 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.**



*But now, thus says  
the LORD,  
who created you,  
O Jacob,  
And He who formed you,  
O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have  
redeemed you;  
I have called you  
by your name;  
You are Mine.*

*Isaiah 43:1*