

*Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of the faithful,*



*and kindle in them
the fire of Your love.*

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In the liturgy of the Divine Service, people receive living water through the Gospel, in Absolution, the reading of Scripture, hearing the preaching, and Holy Communion. As they are refreshed and renewed by this living water, out of their hearts the Holy Spirit will cause to “flow rivers of living water” (Jn 7:38). Worshipers are then sent forth with God’s benediction as they go out into the world. We go out refreshed in the Lord to serve!

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.

Opening Hymn 497 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"

✠ 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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *(Psalm 130:3-4)*
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
- God, be merciful to me, a sinner.** *(Luke 18:13)*
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit *Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
- C** **and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**
- P** O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;

C the earth is full of Your creatures.

P These all look to You,

C to give them their food in due season.

P When You give it to them, they gather it up;

C when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

P When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

C and You renew the face of the ground.

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 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of Your love. **Alleluia.**

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

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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

LSB 204

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



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24–30

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on My male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall
prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent
day.

²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the
name of the Lord shall be saved."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *(John 20:31)*



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 7:37-39

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

³⁸Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again

according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 913 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

Sermon Text

John 7:37-39

Sermon "The True Water of Life"

1. Jesus cries out to us an invitation to quench our spiritual thirst

with the true water of life: _____ .

2. To all who drink of Him, Jesus gives His Holy Spirit, who flows from

our hearts as _____ .

Hymn 500 "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

(Colossians 3:1)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(Psalm 136)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) *LSB 208*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

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.

The Words of Our Lord

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord* *(John 20:19)*

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God* *(John 1:29)*

LSB 210



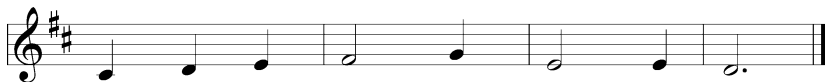
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Hymn 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Hymn 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

Hymn 634 "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

Hymn 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32) LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus ~ Let Us Bless (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

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 Amen.

Closing Hymn 923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

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

Calendar of Events

TODAY – Confirmation Sunday May 28, 2023

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

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

MON: Memorial Day

TUES:

WED:

Men’s Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 am

THURS:

1st Thursday Bible Study 6:00 pm

FRI:

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAY June 4, 2023

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

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

1st Thursday Bible Study will meet this Thursday, 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.

Check It Out! This month we are focusing on Family. Several books include: "God's Gift of Family" shows the glorious gift of spending time with family and embracing all of your family's unique difference; "Connected to Christ" help us to come back to His Community and be together in community to one; "Family Trees and Olive Branches" help families to learn to forgive with each other with the same forgiveness God shows His Creation; "Family Wellness" shows the physically healthy; it's mentally, emotionally and spiritually healthy as well : "Callings for Life" shows God's calling to multiple vocations of all varieties. Broaden your view of the vocations God has called you to in.

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 2023 are as follows: 5/31, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/27

If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.

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!

God's Living Water VBS is just around the corner. Make plans to join us June 12th-16th 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.

Special Concerns:

That, having our spiritual thirst quenched by Jesus, we will go forth to be rivers of living water.

For remembrance of the men and women who gave their lives defending our country.

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 who suffer the trials of this world as they shine the light of their risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

LWML VBS Worknight! Please join us on Monday, June 5th 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.

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

The Evangelism Board would like to thank all who contributed to the Welcome Bag delivery this month! Teams delivered 38 bags May 22 and prepared extra bags that are now in the Narthex for you to deliver if you know of someone new or we have a visitor in church. We will be delivering bags again in August. Watch for ways to help later this summer!

YOUTH NEWS

Firemen'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 brief meeting for volunteers prior to the Festival to coordinate and 2) Donations of soda (preferably Coke, Mtn. Dew, Pepsi, Root Beer, 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

Congratulations to our Kindergarten and 8th Grade graduates! We are proud of you and will continue to keep you in our prayers as your education progresses.

School is out for the summer! Enjoy your vacations students, families, and teachers! We will see you when school resumes on August 14th.

School office hours in the summer will be Monday through Thursday, 9:00-12:00, through the month of June, and will resume the beginning of August.

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.

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 8th Grade, please encourage them to contact us.** *YOU are our best advertisements! Online enrollment is available through the church website (school side).*

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. 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.